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Reenactments – Rendezvous – Shows

Below are the final camp or show events on my list for 2025.

Please **email** your dates and event information for the holiday season (special tours, dinners, etc.) AND your 2026 events. The updated 2026 event list can be found **here**.

Nov. 6-9, 2025 - Pathways Women's Gathering, Fort La Buse, Bellville, Ohio.
Women only. Beginners welcome. Contact **Facebook group**. Plenty of space for tents. Camp fee is \$35 at the gate. Setup Thursday; no early arrivals. Seminars and workshops. Shoot, archery, hawk & knife, history quiz. Raffle donations requested.

Nov. 8, 2025 - Antique Arms Show, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St., Hilliard, Ohio. Contact Mark Barnhill for table



Fort de Chartres Winter Rendezvous Nov. 1-2

information, mb-1955@hotmail.com. Sponsored by the Association of Ohio Longrifle Collectors, www.AOLRC.com. Kentucky rifles and accoutrements; weapons built before 1898, Indian artifacts, Civil War weapons, special display of Pennsylvania rifles by Greg Williams. Free parking. Food available. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission \$5 per person ages 13 and older. Ages 12 and younger free.

Nov. 29-30, 2025 - Michigan Antique Arms Collectors Inc., Madison Place Events Center, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071. Contact Greg Zemsta, 248-556-6590, mauserman98@hotmail.com, www.michiganantiquearms.com. Guns and accoutrements, Native artifacts, knives, relics and similar items. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Members admitted at 8 a.m. Admission fee \$8.

Find more events [here](#).

The Fort de Chartres Winter Rendezvous featured 18th- and early 19th-century camp life and a woods walk among the weekend fun Nov. 1-2.

A few miles from Prairie du Rocher, Illinois, the site marks the location of the last of four successive French forts named "de Chartres," according to the fort's [website](#).

Built in 1753 by the French during the 18th-century colonization of the Illinois Country, the stone fort was preceded by three wooden forts. The first was erected in 1720. Fort de Chartres served as the French seat of government and its chief military headquarters in Upper Louisiana from 1753 until 1765 when it was occupied by the British.

In addition to the November event, the fort hosts a Colonial Market Fair in April, an annual rendezvous in early June and other other events.

At top, Dave Horne, Bill Loyd, Jeff Hohnbaum and Mike Pierpoint pose for a photo amid the activities at the Fort de Chartres Winter Rendezvous.

Below, a group stays warm playing cards on a cool evening. From center to right around the table are Jeff Hohnbaum, Jason Duensing, Jennifer Duensing, Albert Ponciroli (standing) and Becky Mooneyhan (standing) Ken Kopriva, (three people whose names are not known to the photographer) and Sarah Duensing. Not pictured are Jena Oakley Kopriva and Darrell Duensing.

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