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Denise Chaparro smiles while she serves empanadas during this year's Alafia River Rendezvous in Homeland, Florida. She and her husband were segundo of this year's event and move into the the booshway position for the 2027 Alafia.

Photos by Vicki Johnson



These two wonderful people rode their "horses" into camp every day, drawing lots of attention from their creativity.

See more Alafia photos at the bottom of the newsletter.

Lots of new events added to the list

Here are the events coming up February through early April. The list doesn't fit in the newsletter so please read the [Reenactor Chronicles blog post](#) for the list updated to Feb. 11 or visit the [Rendezvous Ohio list](#) for the entire list (which is updated often.)

Feb 21-22, 2026 - Living History Trade Fair & Antique Arms Show, Conner Longrifles, Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville, **Indiana**, Hamilton County. Contact Mike Bird, 317-902-3710, [Facebook page](#). Hand-crafted

More websites where you can find events, info

Editor's note: The event list is expanding and I'm keeping up as best I can with the additions. The sheer number of reenactments, rendezvous

items, antique arms, blacksmith creations, horn carvings, pottery, black powder supplies, jewelry, Native American collectables and other items from 1700-1899. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 on Saturday and \$7 on Sunday.

Feb. 27-28, 2026 - Pricketts Fort 18th-Century Firearms and Accoutrements Show, Pricketts Fort Visitor Center, 88 State Park Road, Fairmont, **West Virginia** 26554, www.prickettsfort.org/events.html. Show for contemporary craftsmen of 18th-century firearms and accoutrements in West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. Admission is \$3 at the door. Open noon-6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

(rescheduled due to weather) Feb. 28-March 1, 2026 - Linton Trade Fair, Roy Clark Community Building, Linton City Park, 1351 A St NE, Linton, **Indiana** 47441. Hosted by Buck Creek Muzzleloaders. Contact Tim Goldman, 812-887-4497, or Mark Nicklasch, 812-249-0916, [Facebook page](#). Time period 1750-1840. Featured authors Eddie Price, David Wright and Jeff Jaeger. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$5; children 15 and younger free with adult.

Feb. 28-March 1, 2026 - Fort Ligonier Winter Garrison: Trent's Company, Fort Ligonier, 200 S Market St, Ligonier, **Pennsylvania** 15658. Contact 724-238-9701, office@fortligonier.org, www.fortligonier.org, [Facebook page](#). Outside activities include marching and drilling, campfires, and inside activities include gallery talks and a showing of the new George Washington's Friendly Fire Incident video.

March 7-8, 2026 - Old Town Trade Fair, Assembly Hall, Greene County Fairgrounds, 120 Fairground Road, Xenia, **Ohio**. Details to follow. Contact Michael Horton, mhorton@grcha.org, or [Facebook page](#). Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$4 per person; children 11 and younger free. Food available on site. Reenactors, dealers, collectors, educators, craftsmen and history buffs welcome. Wares must 1700-1890 originals or reproductions.

March 13-21, 2026 - Southwestern Regional Rendezvous, Prescott, **Arkansas**. Contact Billy "Tinker" Koch, 501-351-0561, tinker_koch@hotmail.com, or Paul Ridgell, 870-703-1408, robbridgell@yahoo.com,

and other living history events to choose from can be a bit overwhelming.

While I would love to share them all directly with you, there's only one of me typing them into my list. So, I'm sharing with you a list of links where you can find more events and information.

Some of the websites below cover our time period and some have information on a variety of eras. Some focus on a specific area of the United States and some are more general. But they all are places where you can find information on living history events in addition to [Reenactor Chronicles](#) and [Rendezvous Ohio](#).

There are more great links out there. If you have blog, website or other links to information about reenacting, please email links to me and I'll add them to the list.

I'll publish these periodically to help support fellow information gatherers, journalists, bloggers and researchers. And to help you, the readers, find a greater variety of information.

Please note! I'm sure the information found on these websites is as accurate as their owners can make it. However, they are not my sites so I can take no responsibility for their contents. **PLEASE** verify an event before you plan to attend. Usually, a phone number or email address

Facebook page. Camp fees if postmarked by Feb. 11 are \$30 ages 13 and older, \$10 ages 12 and younger, \$25 for mug, \$15 per medallion, \$70 for trader. Trader fees include one adult. Add \$10 to adult and trader fees after that date. Early setup March 10-12. Long term and short term camp, modern camp. Public days March 14 and 21. Competitions include shoots, archery, hawk & knife, cooking contest, Highland games, kids' games, seminars.

March 14-15, 2026 - Clothing Conference - Yesteryear's Essentials: Fashion and Accessories in the Time of Jane Austen (For Ladies and Gents), Fort Meigs, 29100 W. River Road, Perrysburg, **Ohio**. Contact 419-874-4121, www.fortmeigs.org/events. Presentations and a Saturday evening soiree. Fee \$85.

March 21-22, 2026 - 50th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show, Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, **Michigan**. Contact Ethan and Paisley Yazel, kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com, www.KalamazooShow.com, [Facebook page](#). Vendors are invited to email kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com for an application. The largest juried show in the Midwest devoted to pre-1890 original or reproduction living history supplies, accoutrements and related crafts. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$9 one day or \$13 for weekend pass.

March 26-29, 2026 - Old Virginia Primitive Rendezvous, Surry, **Virginia**. Contact Steve Sneed, ssneed1840@gmail.com, or Julie Garrett, ovprscribe@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#). Visit www.ovpr2.org for info and registration form. Camp fee for adults ages 18 and older. Early setup starts the weekend before the event with additional fee of \$10 per person. Competitions include woods walk, ladies match, juniors match, pistol match, archery, scribe's match, hawk & knife, smoothbore. Social events include court, ladies social, children's games, potluck dinner, and Friday/Saturday evenings at the Spider Web Inn.

April 9-12, 2026 - School of the Longhunter, Pricketts Fort, 88 State Park Road, Fairmont, **West Virginia** 26554. Contact 304-363-3030 or register at www.prickettsfort.org/register.html. Space is limited and registration is required. Fee (2025) is \$45 for members/\$55 for non-members. Intense weekend of instruction, exploring the role of

is provided as a contact. Often, advanced registration is requested. Nobody wants to drive to an event to find out it's been canceled. We do our best to keep up with schedule changes, but sometimes we don't get the messages.

Happy exploring!
Vicki

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early frontiersmen on the American frontier. Speakers focus on frontier skills of the longhunter.

April 10-17, 2026 - NRLHF Southeastern Primitive Rendezvous, Reavis Family Farm, 297 Reavis Road, Yadkinville, **North Carolina**. Contact Greg Bagshaw, 336-918-7411, vengier@vengier.com. Details to follow.

April 11-12, 2026 - Association of Ohio Long Rifle Collectors 50th Anniversary Show, Lafayette Hotel, 101 Front St., Marietta, **Ohio**. Contact Mark Herman, papamh44@gmail.com, [Facebook page](#). Ohio-made rifles and related items, Kentucky rifles, accoutrements of the 18th and 19th centuries. Leatherworking and engraving demonstrations. Tables are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Public admission \$5 for ages 12 and older. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. (2025 admission info)

(New indoor show) April 11-12, 2026 - Old Northwest Trade Fair, Kuhlman Center, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 Salisbury Road, Richmond, **Indiana**. Contact Steve and Roxann McFarland, mcfamily788@yahoo.com or 337-764-1994. Pre-1840 indoor trade show. Spaces (10x10) available for \$20 per day, or \$40 for both days. Non-refundable deposit of \$40 is required by Jan. 30. Vendors are asked to dress in period clothing. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

April 11-12, 2026 - Fort de Chartres Colonial Market Faire, Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, Prairie du Rocher, **Illinois** 62277. Contact Jason Duensing, lesamisdufortdechartres@gmail.com, www.fortdechartres.us, [Facebook page](#). Juried event: 1750-1790. Pre-registration and jury applications required. For application, visit www.fortdechartres.us/2024-fdc-colonial-faire. Historic interpreters, shooting matches, period games, craftspeople, merchants. Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

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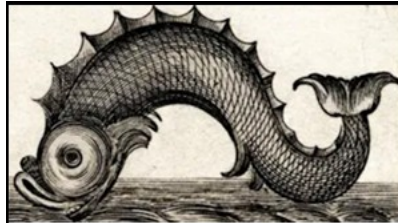
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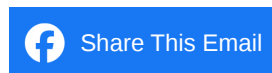
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A message found on Facebook:

"It is with heavy hearts that we share the Bill Moose Muzzleloading Gun Club has officially closed. We are grateful for everyone who supported the club over the years, and we will provide more information as this process is completed.

"If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to message us and we will answer your questions as best we can.

"This process is still ongoing so we will be posting further updates as everything is finalized."



Alafia River Rendezvous January 2026



More than 1,000 reenactors gathered in Homeland, Florida, in mid-January for the annual Alafia River Rendezvous hosted by the Florida Frontiersmen. They enjoyed music, dancing, food, shopping, seminars, a kangaroo court, a ladies tea, Highland games, games for "kids" of all ages, and lots of camaraderie.

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