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## An ending and a beginning

The [Voyageur Rendezvous at Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park](#) in Lake County near Hebron, Indiana, celebrated its 40th and final rendezvous last weekend. At top right, participants posed for a photo.



But the [Wild Haggis Rendezvous](#) on grounds of Rock Run Long Rifles near Rockford, Illinois, celebrated its inaugural event. At bottom right is a shot from the event's Facebook page.

**Events List:**  
**Memorial Day weekend  
and beyond**

**May 20-25, 2026 - Uncompahgre  
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Rendezvous, near Gunnison,  
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[Facebook page](#). Fishing, blanket shoot, hawk & knife, archery, potluck Sunday. Donations requested to cover expenses.

**May 21-25, 2026 - Blue Ridge Rifles Memorial Day Rendezvous and Shoot 50th anniversary**, Schuylkill Haven, **Pennsylvania**. Contact [BRRifles@gmail.com](mailto:BRRifles@gmail.com), [Facebook page](#). Gate opens at noon Thursday. Primitive and modern camping (no hookups). Camo fee \$20 per person ages 18 and older. Registration fee \$5 per shooter. Black powder matches, archery, hawk & knife. Use of a firearm with instruction available for novice shooters. Visitors welcome for \$5 per person ages 18 and older, or \$20 per vehicle.

**May 21-25, 2026 - Cannon River Rendezvous 50th Anniversary**, Dennison, **Minnesota**. Contact [tcmlcinc@gmail.com](mailto:tcmlcinc@gmail.com), [Facebook page](#). Hosted by Twin Cities Muzzle Loading Club. Shoots, hawk & knife, archery, traders row. Public hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

**May 22-24, 2026 - Feast of the Flowering Moon**, Yoctangee Park, Chillicothe, **Ohio**. Contact Angie Trego, [angietrego@yahoo.com](mailto:angietrego@yahoo.com), [info@feastofthefloweringmoon.org](mailto:info@feastofthefloweringmoon.org), [Facebook page](#). Visit [feastofthefloweringmoon.org](http://feastofthefloweringmoon.org) for registration information. Native American festival in downtown Chillicothe with mountain man encampment. Festival atmosphere with Native American music and dancing, crafters, exhibitors, working craftsmen and demonstrations, entertainment. Set up Thursday. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

**May 22-25, 2026 - Mad River Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous**, in conjunction with Logan Hills Festival, Hall-Fawcett Park, 4595 CR 153, Zanesfield,



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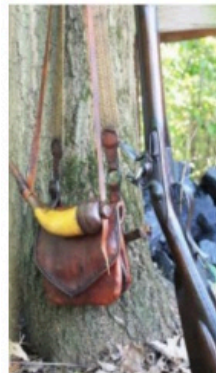
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**Ohio.** Contact [Facebook page](#). Includes annual Taloga Outdoor Drama, which depicts local history. Set up Thursday and Friday. Early setup available. Camp fee. Vendor fee. Lizard pull, archery, hawk & knife. Festival also includes Logan Hills Native Woodland Gathering powwow.

**May 22-25, 2026 - Sons of Liberty Spring Rendezvous**, Canters Cave 4-H Camp, 1362 Caves Road, Jackson, **Ohio**. Contact Norman Garringer, 740-773-3891, [normanga@roadrunner.com](mailto:normanga@roadrunner.com), [Facebook page](#). Pre-1840 rendezvous with black powder shoot, hawk and knife and primitive archery competitions. Potluck dinner Saturday night for paid campers only. Friendly event and newbies welcome.

**May 22-25, 2026 - Appalachian Rangers Rendezvous**, 1999 Lamberts Run Road, Clarksburg, **West Virginia** 26301. Contact Ron Shuster, 304-624-8891, [ronshuster925@gmail.com](mailto:ronshuster925@gmail.com), [Facebook page](#). Pre-registration requested by May 11. Camp fee \$15 per person ages 16 and older; \$18 at the gate. Ages 15 and younger free. No sutler fees; prize donations welcome. Early setup Thursday. Rendezvous rules in place at 8 a.m. Friday. Walk-in shooters \$15 and blanket prize, and must be dressed in primitive garb. Woodswalk blanket shoot, hawk & knife, archery. Open to visitors 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. No pets.

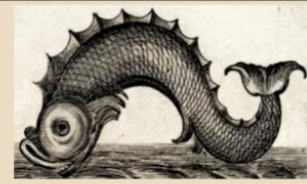
**May 23-24, 2026 - Revolution on The Tuscarawas**, Fort Laurens Museum, 11067 Fort Laurens Rd NW Bolivar, **Ohio** 44612. Contact 330-874-2059, [fortlaurens@gmail.com](mailto:fortlaurens@gmail.com), [www.fortlaurensmuseum.org](http://www.fortlaurensmuseum.org), [Facebook page](#). Juried event: Revolutionary War with 18th-century demonstrations, music, artillery, cooking, medicine, British and American soldiers. Public admission \$10 ages 13 and older.

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## **An invitation to the Old Northwest at Friendship, Ind., in late June**

*By Jeff Colwell  
ONWTPR Delegate*

We at the **[National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation](#)** are excited to be joining up with the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association this year to bring the 40th annual Old Northwest Territory Primitive Rendezvous to Friendship, Indiana, from June 26-July 3. It will be one for the record books for sure! Lots of activities are planned to keep our campers busy! All of our usual events will be held – think muzzleloader shooting, hawk and knife and archery – of course. But for this event we are adding a few new activities. An atlatl competition, a "pastry toss," fireworks and a water balloon fight are just some of the things we have in store for you. Kathy Huey will be hosting kid games as usual, and Kim "Hawk" Trytten will be hosting the Highland Games. There's a creek for kids of all ages to cool down in, and we will have real restrooms and showers. But don't worry, we've ordered a few hooters as well, so you

Proceeds go toward preservation and educational efforts of Fort Laurens. Open to public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

**May 23-24, 2026 - 1812 Grand Tactical**, Fort Meigs, 29100 W. River Road, Perrysburg, **Ohio**. Contact 419-874-4121, [www.fortmeigs.org/events](http://www.fortmeigs.org/events), [Facebook page](#). Juried event: War of 1812. Reenactors from across the U.S. and Canada to commemorate the War of 1812. Military camps, musket and cannon demonstrations, battle reenactments, hands-on activities. Registration required. Public hours 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission range \$10-\$15.

**May 23-24, 2026 - Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous**, George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, 401 S. 2nd St., Vincennes, **Indiana** 47591. For reenactor information, [click here](#), 800-886-6443, [Facebook page](#). 18th-century event with juried merchants and craftsmen. Period music on stage, craftsmen, food. Battle reenactments at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Public hours 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Public admission for one day or two-day pass \$12 adults pre-sale and \$15 at the gate; \$2 children 6-12.

**May 23-24, 2026 - Fort Ligonier 18th-Century Military Encampment Weekend**, Fort Ligonier, 200 S Market St, Ligonier, **Pennsylvania** 15658. Contact 724-238-9701, [office@fortligonier.org](mailto:office@fortligonier.org), [www.fortligonier.org](http://www.fortligonier.org), [Facebook page](#). Portrays soldiers who fought in the Seven Years' War and the American Revolution and looks at why the Seven Years' War is considered to be the first world war, and how it directly led to the American Revolution.

won't have to miss out on that fun experience! (Keeping the lid closed really does allow the vent to work properly and reduces the smell, by the way.)

Seminars will include a broom-making course, brought to you by our seminar captain, Randy Dilday.

Also, Jan Lowe with Sunshine Prairie Homestead will be hosting a strawberry pin cushion seminar. She also will be holding a block printed scarf seminar, so don't miss out. There will be a small charge for these seminars to cover the cost of materials (\$8-\$10 each), so plan ahead. Dates and times will be announced at the camp meetings. Feel free to contact Booshway Chris Peterson, aka Panda, at 937-407-4284 with any questions.

Pre-register by Friday, June 5, online or by mail. Applications are available at [NRLHF.org](http://NRLHF.org). People also may register at the gate.

We will be camping in NMLRA's Living History area, with shaded and open spaces available on a first-come first-served basis, as usual.

You can see a site map at the [NMLRA.org/camping](http://NMLRA.org/camping).

That is also the place to register if you wish to stay in a "tin tipi." The campground is right outside the gate for those who want full hookups. You must register on the NMLRA website and pay their camping fees in addition to registering with the NRLHF.

Boondocking is available in the parking area. But be warned, the area is grass, and no hookups are available.

I can think of no better way to celebrate our great country's 250th anniversary that to join us the ONWTPR. Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and competitions. Friday, July 3, is tear-down day so you'll be home to enjoy Fourth of July celebrations in your hometown. You get the best of both worlds!

Looking forward to seeing you around the campfire!

## Elsewhere online ...

Historical DNA connects 1.3 million living relatives to 17th-century Maryland settlers ... [link](#)

7 Things You Forgot Happened During the Revolutionary War ... [link](#)

**May 23-24, 2026 - Soldiers Through the Ages**, Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, **New York**, 14174. Contact

info@oldfortniagara.org, 716-745-7611, [www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org), [Facebook page](#). Timeline of military history traces the development of uniforms, weaponry, rations and camp life from medieval times through the present.

**May 29-June 5, 2026 - Burr Oak Rendezvous**, Burr Oak State Park Group Campground, Glouster, **Ohio** 45732. Contact Roy Unger, 740-803-5030, or Mim Truex, 740-246-5831, [Facebook page](#). Pre-registration required by May 1. Camp fee \$40 per person ages 18 and older. Get registration mailer by calling Roy Unger. Activities include black powder shoots, archery, hawk and knife, auction (donations appreciated), pastry toss (with donation of store-bought pastry) and children and adult games. Camp feast potluck Tuesday. Public days 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**May 30-31, 2026 - Living History Days**, Crawford Park District, Lowe Volk Park, 2401 SR 598, Crestline, **Ohio**. Contact Julie Rossington, [Rossingtonjulie65@gmail.com](mailto:Rossingtonjulie65@gmail.com), 419-569-4454. Juried event focusing on the capture and death of Col. William Crawford in June 1782. Native, Patriot and British forces welcome. Live demonstrations. Public days 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free admission.

[Click here for more details and the entire event list](#)

### Send your news and events!

- Does your club or organization have news to share?
- Is your museum planning a timely exhibit fitting the 1700-1840 time period?

Reenactors portray life in the Royal Irish Artillery—in the middle of Wellesley ... [link](#)

Crawford Park District to host Living History Days at Lowe Volk Park ... [link](#)

Colonial adventure returns for 49th Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous ... [link](#)

Valley Forge National Historical Park will celebrate America's 250th with a three-day event ... [link](#)

Celebrate America's 250th: Shaped by history, Williamsburg, Virginia hosts patriotic events year round ... [link](#)

From Sea to Shining Sea: The Ultimate Guide to Celebrating America's 250 ... [link](#)

How Has Life Expectancy Changed Over the Centuries? ... [link](#)

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250 Years of Freedom: Made Possible by America's Veterans ... [link](#)

The Long Blue Line: Coast Guard Atlantic Area—235 years of history! ... [link](#)

When Did Early Americans Stop Sounding British? ... [link](#) (scroll down to second story)

New York State Heats Up This Summer With Landmark Events, New Openings and Unforgettable Experiences ... [link](#)

Beneath an Ohio Golf Course, a Young Explorer Makes a Rare Archaeological Discovery ... [link](#)

Daniel Lady Farm highlights 250 years of American military history ... [link](#)

Girl Scouts help preserve Ohio's history in the Revolutionary War ... [link](#)

• Does your event have information to distribute quickly such as a location change or date change?

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