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Another update on 2026 events

Hello all! This printed list covers everything I have through the end of March, but the [blog post](#) continues April through the rest of the year. This is the total list of events I have so far for 2026.

This list includes events that are more than one day long - reenactments, rendezvous, trade shows, weekend schools, etc.

If you don't see your event on the list, please email the dates and information to Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com. If you email, I'm sure to get them. Otherwise, it's random. I might run across the information and be able to verify it, but I might not. It's much faster to email.

Many events on this list are located in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and nearby states. These are the ones I've been collecting and publishing for 17 years. However, I'm **expanding the event listings** to all states and the Great Lakes portion of Canada. Please pass the word along to event coordinators.

You can also email one-day events aimed mainly at the public, but those go on another list.

The next update will be in February or March.

Feb. 7-8, 2026 - 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 \$8.

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 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,

2026 events

Jan. 14-25, 2026 - Alafia River Rendezvous, 1000 Old Fort Meade Road, Homeland, **Florida**. Early registration deadline is past. At the gate, registration is \$80 per person and \$55 for traders. Visit www.alafiariverrendezvous.org or contact Sherri Cox, 321-536-2438, registrar@alafiariverrendezvous.org, [Facebook page](#). Early registration fee is \$70 per person. No pets. Competitions include shoots, hawk & knife, archery. Also seminars, games and entertainment.

Jan. 17-18, 2026 - Sons of Liberty Indoor Trade Fair, Canters Cave 4-H Camp, 1362 Caves Road, Jackson, **Ohio**. For dealer information, contact Norman Garringer, 740-773-3891, [Facebook page](#). Period vendors selling pre-1890 wares. Vendors must be in period dress. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. \$30 per table space for vendors. Setup is 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, or if necessary, 7-9 a.m. Saturday. Public admission is \$4 per person.

Jan. 23-25, 2026 - Frostbite Rendezvous, Ball & Arrow Primitive Weapons Club, 5190 Days Lane, New Philadelphia, **Ohio**. Contact Glenn, 740-381-8548, or Troy, 330-432-8939, [Facebook page](#). Camp fee \$10, which includes one shoot fee. Additional shooters are \$10 each and \$15 blanket prize required. Potluck Saturday night; meat provided. Provide your own drinking water.

Jan. 23-25, 2026 - The Wintering, Tonquish Muzzleloaders, Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth, **Michigan** 48170. Contact Jeff Davis, jwdavis26@ymail.com, [Facebook page](#). Saturday at noon is the annual winter shoot. This is a casual

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.

March 7-8, 2026 - Old Town Trade Fair, Assembly Hall, Greene County Fairgrounds, 120 Fairground Road, Xenia, **Ohio**. 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 be 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, robbinridgell@yahoo.com, [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,

event, but period-correct attire is appreciated.

Jan. 24-25, 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.

Jan. 24-25, 2026 - Nouvelle Annee, Old Fort Wayne, 1201 Spy Run Ave., Fort Wayne, **Indiana**. Contact 260-437-2836, [Facebook page](#). Juried; reenactor, sutler, demonstrator applications at oldfortwayne.org/get-involved/reenactor-registration. The year dawns anew at Post Miami, a French colonial outpost situated beside the great Native American Village of Kekionga of the Myaamia Nation. The Old Fort will host French Colonial reenactors with displays of domestic life, the economics of the fur trade, and military life. Public hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

Feb. 6-7, 2026 - 18th Century Artisan Show, Carlisle Expo Center, Carlisle, **Pennsylvania**. Contact Eric Fleisher at 717-275-2667 or [here](#). Juried event with about 150 tables of 1750-1850 artisans. Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Admission \$10.

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.

If you would like to call extra attention to your event, please email me at Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com for more information. Thanks!

Event list continues here

Photo archives: A few from 'memory lane' 2025



As we enter the new year, I took a trip down memory lane and randomly selected a few photos to share. I'm not going to add names because I don't remember some of them, but the events are: Gathering at Garst, Greenville, Ohio (top left); NRLHF Corps of Discovery, McDonald, PA (bottom left); and (right from top) Tiffin-Seneca Heritage Festival, Tiffin, Ohio; Fort Rowdy Gathering, Covington, Ohio; Pathways



Women's Gathering, Bellville, Ohio; and Gathering at Garst, Greenville, Ohio.

Please email your photos so I can share them. Winter event photos are welcome – indoor or outdoor. Vintage photos would be great as well.

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Include the name and year of the event, if known. If you know the names of the people and other information, please include those too. I can't use prints. Please scan them and email.

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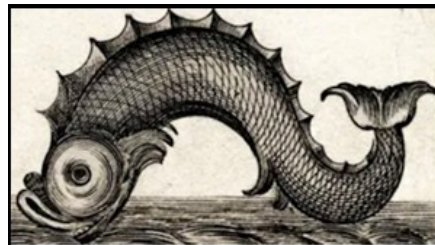
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As this newsletter arrives in your inbox I'm probably setting up my camp to spend 10 days at Alafia River Rendezvous in Homeland, Florida. My mid-winter break will extend to the end of the month so I'm skipping the Jan. 28 issue. See you in February!

In my email I received a request for reenactors from a Garfield Middle School teacher in Hamilton, Ohio, north of Cincinnati. History teacher Matt Wilson is planning an America 250 celebration at the school in late May and would like some reenactors to participate. Contact him at mwilson@hcsdoh.org. The school's website is www.hamiltoncityschools.com.

Elsewhere online ...

Photos: Reenactors brave snow and cold to commemorate the Battle of Trenton ... [link](#)

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