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Here's the latest list of 2026 events

Hello all! The list in this newsletter goes through April 2026. To see the rest, please visit the **blog** (because they won't all fit here).

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.

This list mainly includes events from Ohio and surrounding states because those are the events I've been collecting and publishing for 16 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. For your convenience, I linked to the websites and email addresses so you can contact them straight from here.

Of special focus right now are events through April, but all are welcome and will be added to the list.

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

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 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

another list.

Happy planning!!
Vicki

2026 events

Jan. 14-25, 2026 - Alafia River Rendezvous, 1000 Old Fort Meade Road, Homeland, Florida. Visit www.alafiariverrendezvous.org or contact Sherri Cox, 321-536-2438, registrar@alafiariverrendezvous.org, [Facebook page](#). Early registration deadline is past. At the gate, registration is \$80 per person and \$55 for traders. 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 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

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 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 Ronnie Willis, 336-521-5461, ronald_willis@hotmail.com, www.nrlhf.org. 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.

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. 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.

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.

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. Juried event: 1750-1790. Pre-registration and jury applications required. For application, visit website. 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.

April 22-26, 2026 - Amarugia Spring Rendezvous, London Mills, Illinois 61544. Contact Larry Schatz, 309-370-1174, larryws@frontiernet.net, [Facebook page](#). Pre-1830 event on private property. Period dress Friday-Sunday. Bow shoot, hawk & knife.

April 25-26, 2026 - Ashville Ohio Reenactment Timeline/Grove of Heroes, 165 Walnut St., Ashville, Ohio 43103. Contact Roger Bechtel, 614-214-0827, vikingfestival@gmail.com, <https://ashvilleohvikingfestival.com/Reenact-or-Application.html>, [Facebook page](#). Takes place in conjunction with the Ashville Viking Festival and includes all eras. In the Grove of Heroes visitors can learn how weapons developed and what maneuvers carry forward to today's soldiers. Also, information on foods, medicine, clothing development and recreation. Encampment is adjacent to the Saxon Market shopping, food and entertainment.

April 25-26, 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.
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.

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

Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.
Members admitted at 8 a.m. Admission \$8.

April 30-May 3, 2026 - Root River Riflemen Rendezvous, Chatfield, Minnesota. Contact Chuck, 507-867-3093, or Tim, 507-421-7373, rootriverriflemen@mchsi.com. Camp fee \$35 per family (max two tents, parents and kids younger than 16). Traders welcome same camp fee (two tents). Setup starts Thursday morning and must leave grounds by 4:30 Sunday. Public day Saturday. Hawk & knife, primitive archery, archery golf. Pets must be leashed.

If you would like to call extra attention to your event by advertising, please email me at

Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com for more information. Thanks!

2026 events continue here

Photo archives: Alafia River Rendezvous 2016





As we prepare for the 2026 **Alafia River Rendezvous**, I searched my archives for photos from 10 years ago. In the photos are Travis Chapin and Jen Beatty (top left), Paul Garrison (Doc Mongo) and Dulcimer Dave McNew (top right), Karen Dochterman and the late Wandering John (bottom left) and a group of revelers enjoying an Alafia afternoon (bottom right). The 2026 Alafia is Jan. 14-26 in Homeland, Florida.

If you have old photos of any reenactments or rendezvous you would like to share, please **email** them. Include the name and year of the event. 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.

And, of course, if you have photos of recent events I'd love to see those too.

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News & Notes

Donald Gurzynski, parks manager for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Watercraft, sent a note about an America 250 event planned at Independence Dam State Park, Defiance, Ohio, Aug. 8-9, 2026.

He is organizing the event, which is supported by Friends of Independence Dam.

"We have multiple groups and individual re-enactors already committed but are still in need of more," Gurzynski said in an email. "Period vendors, native Americans, and 1812 Militia/Military are needed to list a few."

Contact him at
Donald.Gurzynski@dnr.ohio.gov or 419-266-4617.

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