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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8 Historic Arkansas Museum

The Historic Arkansas Museum Annual Christmas Frolic is Sunday, December 8th from 1-4 pm. We have the barn, small house, and immediate grounds to play with. Plans are to eat as a group when we finish. I plan to see the regular folks, Father Christmas, and hope to see some new EARA folks there.

December 14 Cadron Settlement Christmas Open House (2nd Saturday) 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Annual Cadron Settlement Christmas Open House will be held on Saturday, December 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will be open to the public. Come join us for food, fun and frolic (maybe not necessarily in that order). The blockhouse will be decorated and there will be gingerbread and apple cider.

December 27th – 30th Annual Ouachita River Float Trip

Our annual Ouachita River float will be December 27th thru the 30th. We will either float 30 miles from Nix Ferry bridge to Camden, Arkansas, or 60 miles from Camden to Moro Bay State Park. It is only a 9 foot channel to Camden. North of Camden the Ouachita is pretty much what Mother Nature has left. So far, myself, Tom Bristow, and Bill Runyan have signed up to go. Let me know if you plan on going on the December float. Ed Williams (501-944-0736)

Early Arkansas Hunter, Trader, and Trapper Encampment March 14 – 15, 2014

In March of 2014, (specifically Friday, March 14th – School Day Programs and Saturday, March 15th – Public Access Day), plans have been made for an "open encampment" for period re-enactors representing the 1820's frontier in Arkansas. Please see the following proposal for EARA as it was earlier discussed with friends and fellow re-enactors Steve Dunlap and Neil Curry: We would like to have approximately 20 camps set up this first year and if available, the period Keelboat docked at our fishing pier. (FYI: We have a joint agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the use of Cook's Lake with restrictions on its use).

Details:

- 13th – Re-enactors start arriving to set up camps. A meeting will be held with all 're-enactors', volunteers, and staff so will be on the same page with what is expected at the event and PCEC property.
- 14th – School Day: Camp opens from 10 am-3pm. Schools arrive and rotate through the camps/interpretive stations for programs, (approximately .20 minutes each), until they are finished. (If the Keel Boat is available, it could be docked at our fishing pier-easy access for the school groups to 'safely' stand inside our floating fishing pier and have re-enactors interpret the Keel Boat.
- 15th – Public Day: Camp opens from 9 am-4pm. The public will arrive throughout the day for programming and general walk-throughs. However, we can 'plan' for formal programs that are stair-stepped so that anybody can be at a 'camp location' .15-20 minutes apart and enjoy a variety of 'period-specific' topics: hunting, trading, trapping, cooking, story-telling, frontier games, firing demonstrations, hawk-throwing, etc. We certainly want the Keel Boat to have planned programs on 'both' days due to safety

situations at the floating fishing pier. We cannot overload our capacity for that structure—a staff member will be posted their to ensure compliance.

- 16th – Re-enactors tear-down, pack-out, and leave for home.

Logistics:

- The White River Friends Group will be asked to set-up their cooker and vendor tent to provide burgers, hot dogs, chips, and sodas. The money raised will benefit their fund-raising mission.
- Restrooms – Several Porta-Potties will be set-up.
- Access – Entrance gate will be closed each night after hours of operation/when the public leaves on Saturday. (Those needing to enter/re-enter will be asked to close the gate behind them).
- Parking – AGFC Wildlife Officers will oversee parking/crowd control.
- Trash – A number of 55 gallon containers will be placed throughout the programming area and at the fishing pier.
- Wood – PCEC will have wood cut for the camps, however, if re-enactors want to bring some extra—that is fine.
- Length of Stay – Re-enactors will be allowed to stay 'overnight' Thursday through Saturday and can plan to leave the property on Sunday, March 16th.

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THOUGHTS AND BEST WISHES

As many of you have seen from the list serve, Alan Ashley has been very ill, but is doing better. Please keep him and Cassie (and the rest of their family) in your thoughts and prayers.

BOARD ELECTIONS

There are three board positions open and the following have been nominated for the board: Cory Edge, Keith Armbrust, David Howlett and Andrew Hooper. Ballots will be mailed out the first week in December. Your ballot must be received **no later than December 31** or it will not be counted. Please vote as soon as possible. The ballots will be tallied by January 5th, and announcements will be made at Twelfth Night, after the Board Meeting.

THE SHINNIN' TIMES

If anyone would be interested in taking over the responsibility of printing and mailing The Shinnin' Times please contact Michael Bethea, Treasurer, for more information.

Additionally, with an eye towards saving some money, it has been suggested that we make a slight change in the distribution process. It has been suggested that we offer members an option as to how they receive their Times. You could continue to receive a paper (mailed) copy, or you could provide us with a current email address and you would receive it electronically. And of course, you are still welcome to access The Shinnin Times via the website. Please think over these options and we will have a discussion about it at Twelfth Night.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to Renee at bubbamoore1208@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 2013

2 – Voo at Natchez, MS

9 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Dr. Tamara Walkingstick, Native Arkansas Plants and Their Uses for Medicine and Foods

9 – Candlelight Gala @ HAMM. Contact HAMM for more details

11/28–12/01 – Petit Jean Voo, Petit Jean State Park

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8 – HAMM Christmas

13–15 – Fort St. Jean Baptist, 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Natchitoches, LA. Contact: Rhonda Gauthier (888–677–7853)

14 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Cadron Christmas Open House (10 am – 2 pm)

26–29 – Keelboat Float Trip on the Ouachita River. Contact Ed Williams (501–944–0736 or e-mail ed_laurine@juno.com)

JANUARY 2014

4 – Twelfth Night, Cadron Settlement Park

11 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

FEBRUARY 2014

8 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

MARCH 2014

8 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

14-15 – Early Arkansas Hunter, Trader, & Trapper Encampment
_____ - Southwest Regional Rendezvous

APRIL 2014

12 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

_____ – Wooley Hollow Rendezvous, Wooley Hollow State Park

MAY 2014

10 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

JUNE 2014

14 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

JULY 2014

12 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

AUGUST 2014

9 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

SEPTEMBER 2014

13 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time

OCTOBER 2014

11 – 2nd Saturday at Cadron. Undetermined event at this time
_____ – 3rd Annual Leslie Rendezvous, Leslie, AR

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