

Explore the Camps!

Take time to explore the various camps scattered throughout the grounds and learn about life during the Civil War from different perspectives. The camp categories you will see here include:



CAMPAIGN

Soldiers on the move would have little energy at the end of a long, hot march through choking dust. At most, the soldier would set up his shelter tent with his partner, boil some coffee, eat something and fall asleep. If he was too tired or lacked a tent, he would simply roll up in his blanket and poncho and sleep under the stars. Company grade officers – captains and lieutenants – shared the plight of their men. General, field and staff officers usually slept in wall tents, which had been erected by others, or occupied houses.



GARRISON

These camps remained in fixed locations for several weeks. They were set up for training purposes and during wintertime. Garrison camps are recognizable by their wedge or A-Frame tents, which slept 4 – 6, and their Sibleys, styled after teepees, that slept 14 – 18. In several winter encampments, soldiers built small log cabins. The static nature of these camps led to the accumulation of many extra items such as tables, chairs, barrels, boxes, etc. Garrison soldiers were quite adept at making comfort from whatever was at hand.



1863 SUMMER FAIR

A recreation of a 19th century agricultural fair, the 1863 Summer Fair features a variety of period attractions, including exhibitors, vendors and entertainers. The fair showcases civilian skills in the home, on the farm and in the garden and flowerbed! Amongst the many participants, you'll meet proud farmers, eager vendors, curious townsfolk, busy peddlers and eclectic entertainers. Visit the fair to experience an authentic slice of 19th century civilian life.



CIVILIANS & MILITARY DEPENDENTS

Although not as numerous as seen here, civilians, sutlers, sanitary and Christian commissions, aid societies, etc. did follow the armies. They generally had access to wagons and could be found with large tents in which to display their wares or perform their acts of benevolence. Refugees, displaced by the ravages of war, also were found in the wake of the armies. These persons were lucky to have any of their possessions and relied on the army for sustenance.

Interested in reenacting?

Talk to any of the reenactors to learn how to get started.
Many units are now recruiting!

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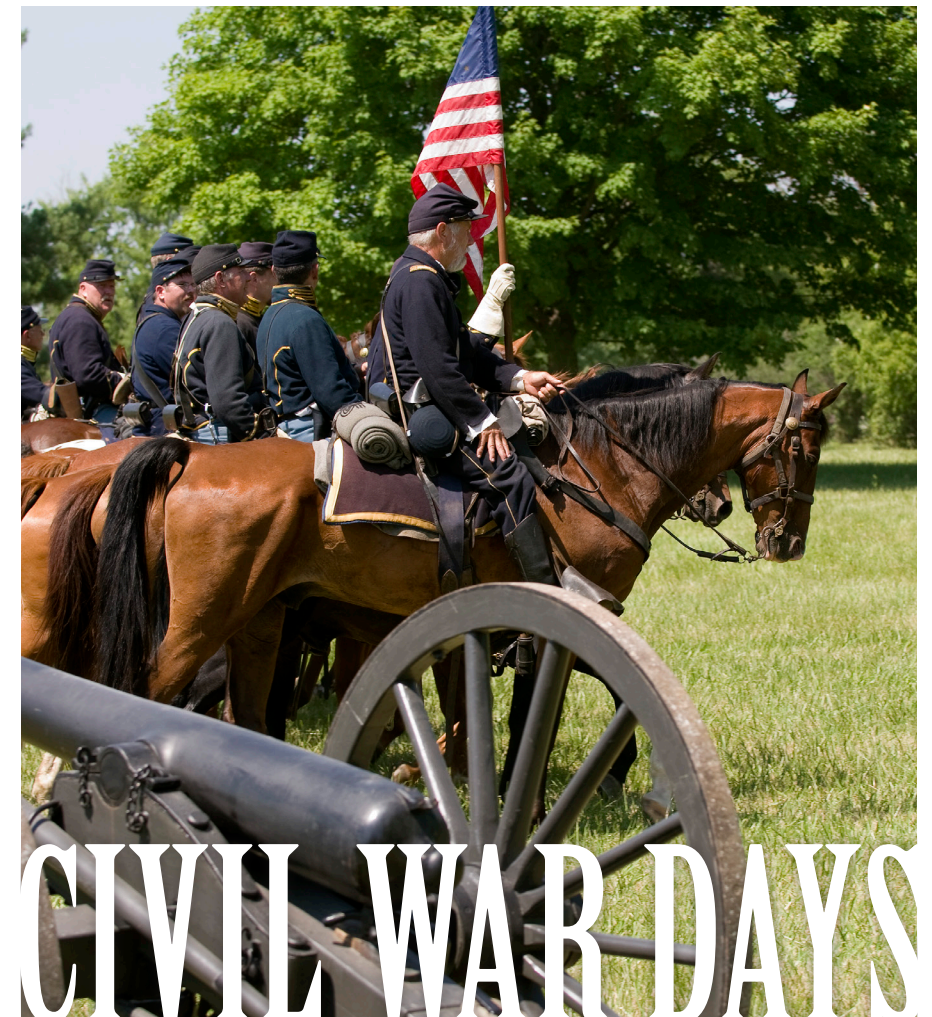
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24th ANNUAL



July 11th & 12th, 2015

Co-Host Units:

8th Illinois Cavalry
13th Tennessee Infantry
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Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 10 AM - 5 PM

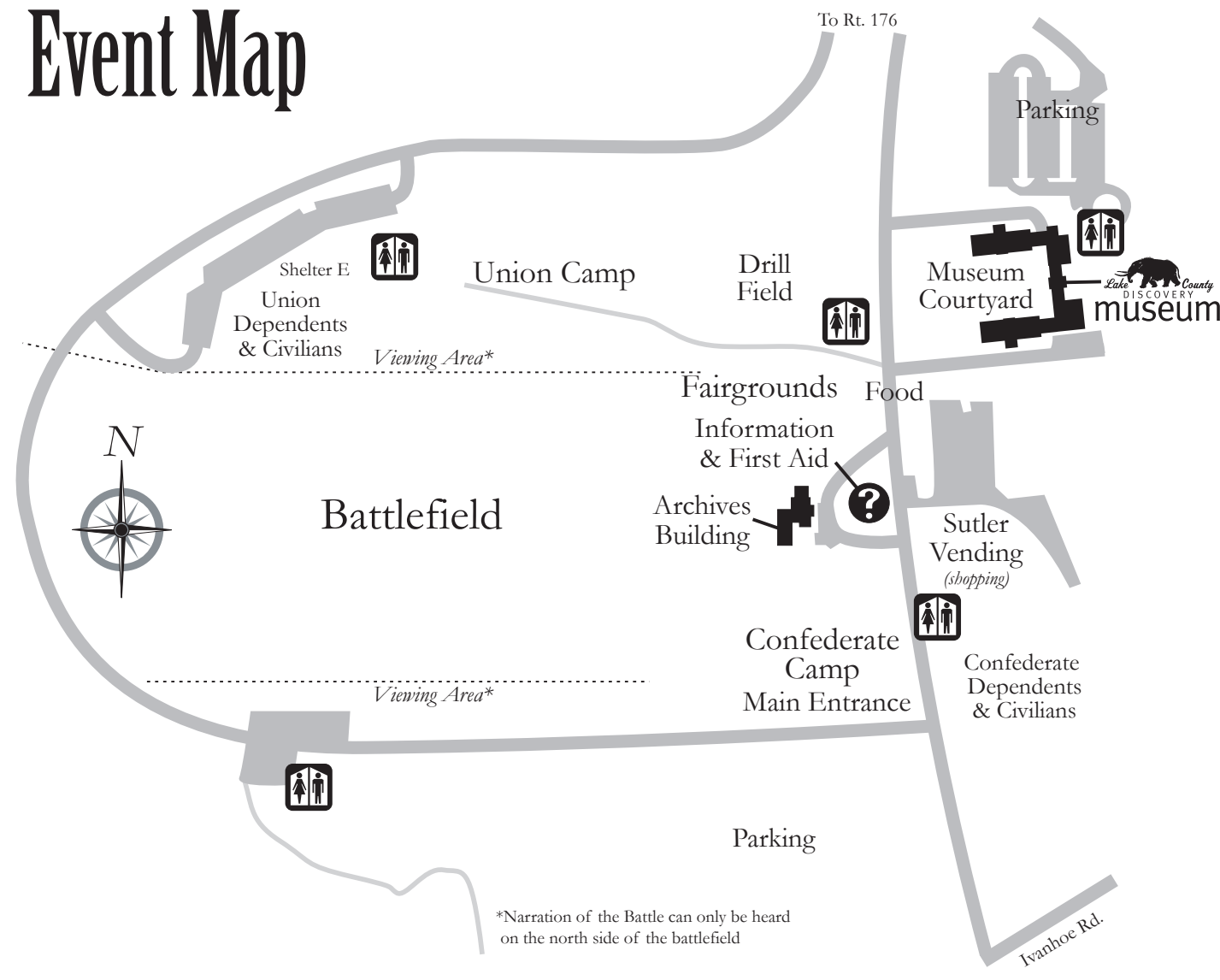
All Day	Military Camps Explore the camps and talk to soldiers, officers, and medical staff about military life in the 1860s.	<i>Union & Confederate Camps</i>
	1863 Summer Fair A recreated agricultural fair with craftsmen, demonstrations, entertainment, animals and more.	<i>Fairgrounds</i>
11 am - 5 pm	Kids' Crafts & Games	<i>Museum Courtyard</i>
10:00 am	Dress Parade	<i>Military Camps</i>
10:15 am	Drill	<i>Battlefield, North Side</i>
11:00 am	Cavalry Challenge	<i>Battlefield, North Side</i>
	Period Magic Show	<i>Archives Building</i>
	Skillet Toss Competition	<i>Drill Field</i>
11:30 am	1860s Camp Cooking Tour	<i>Meet at Information Tent</i>
12:00 pm	Address by President Lincoln	<i>Archives Building</i>
12:45 pm	The Generals' Reflections on the Civil War	<i>Archives Building</i>
1:00 pm	Period Magic Show	<i>Fairgrounds</i>
1:45 pm	Harriet Tubman	<i>Archives Building</i>
2:30 pm	Pre-battle Activities & Safety Inspection	<i>Military Camps</i>
3-3:45 pm	Narrated Battle*	<i>Battlefield</i>
3:45 pm	Post-Battle Ceremonies & Address by President Lincoln	<i>Battlefield</i>
4:00 pm	Period Magic Show	<i>Archives Building</i>

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 9 AM - 3 PM

All Day	Military Camps 1863 Summer Fair	<i>Union & Confederate Camps</i> <i>Fairgrounds</i>
10 am - 3 pm	Kids' Crafts and Games	<i>Museum Courtyard</i>
10:00 am	Dress Parade	<i>Military Camps</i>
10:30 am	Drill Period Magic Show	<i>Battlefield, North Side</i> <i>Archives Building</i>
11:30 am	Address by President Lincoln 19th Century Herbs & Their Uses	<i>Archives Building</i> <i>Fairgrounds</i>
12:00 pm	Infantry Firing Competition New Recruit Call Period Magic Show	<i>Battlefield, North Side</i> <i>Drill Field</i> <i>Fairgrounds</i>
12:15 pm	Sojourner Truth	<i>Archives Building</i>
1:00 pm	Pre-battle Activities & Safety Inspection	<i>Military Camps</i>
1:30 pm	Narrated Battle*	<i>Battlefield</i>
2:15 pm	Post-Battle Ceremonies & Address by President Lincoln	<i>Battlefield</i>
2:30 pm	The Generals- Surrender at Appomattox	<i>Archives Building</i>

* Narration is only available on the north side of the Battlefield.

Event Map



For Everyone's Safety

PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNS & VERBAL REQUESTS

- ★ no smoking in camps and posted areas ★ do not enter the battlefield ★
- ★ keep children with you at all times ★ do not approach horses ★
- ★ be aware of loud explosions ★

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