

Press Release



Join us as we relive the 18th Century in the city of Bardstown, Kentucky

Fourth Annual Event Open to the Public-----April 11- 13, 2014



BARDSTOWN, KY.....FEBRUARY 17, 2014 -- Historic Bardstown, Kentucky will come alive on April 11-13, 2014, when 18th century re-enactors from across the region participate in the Fourth Annual Colonial Days Event. Bardstown will come alive with a market fair featuring authentic arts and crafts from a world long ago. The Old Bardstown Village will come to life with men, women, and children dressed in period correct attire while they entertain and educate both the young and old alike. The public is welcome for the fun filled weekend on: Friday, April 11th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (School Days), Saturday, April 12th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 13 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Bardstown Colonial Days is coordinated and executed by a team of 18th century re-enactors from around the region. According to event chairperson and Colonial Days founder, Dennis Medley, "Bardstown is of historical significant to Kentucky and the rest of the nation. The town is perfect for this 18th century event. Everyone is invited to step back in time and discover aspects of life as experienced by the early settlers of Kentucky". "It is our goal to create a weekend full of fun and excitement for the entire Community. Colonial Days will be helping tourism in Bardstown. The event will provide local merchants with significant economic stimulus during an otherwise slow period. We hope to also increase interest in other ongoing activities in Bardstown and promote the rich history and romanticism of the city and Kentucky", states Medley.

The Colonial Days event is held in conjunction with the city of Bardstown Tourism Department and the historic Wickland Estate. "Step back in time and discover life as experienced by the early settlers of Kentucky," says Dennis Medley.

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With its rustic Old Bardstown Village, the historical re-enactors, artisans and characters like Boone, George Rodgers Clark and Native chiefs will look perfectly at home milling about the Wheel Wright Shop and Still House and other circa 1790s log cabins. Eighteenth century wares will be shown and sold at the Market Fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday by craftspeople and vendors, silversmiths, knife makers, blacksmiths, seamstresses, woodworkers, toymakers and others.

The (Toma)Hawk Throw and Eastern Native American Demonstrations will also take place on both Saturday and Sunday in the Old Bardstown Village. Additional vendors and other events will take place at the circa 1820s Wickland Estate, where both the 18th century military and civilian re-enactors will be encamped. Just outside of town, a Rifle Frolic, the 18th century's version of a sport shooting competition, will take place on Saturday from 1:00-3:00pm with a Rifle Demonstration on Sunday from noon-2:00pm. Registration for participation in the Rifle frolic can be done at the event.

Event goers are also invited to two special Colonial Days events. Tavern Night, which will be held from 4 p.m. until closing on Friday and Saturday evenings at Old Talbott Tavern, the oldest western stagecoach stop in American, dating to 1779. While intended for the re-enactors, those dining at the historic restaurant will see the costumed colonials coming and going from the Old Pub and interacting with diners.

Return to the 18th century in Bardstown during Colonial Days.

Admission is \$6/adults and teens; \$3/children 12 - 6; children 5 and under free. Stay in the past, sleeping in one of Bardstown's historic bed and breakfast inns, including The Homestead, a late 1700s restored log home, and the 1820s-era Red Rose Inn, among others. Period and modern camping is also available. Visit www.bardstowncolonialdays.com to plan your visit.

Interested Participants & Event goers:

If interested in participation as a vendor, speaker, performer or re-enactor please view the detailed schedule of events, forms and instructions to be posted at: www.bardstowncolonialdays.com Period and Modern Camping will be available to all vendors and participants. Hotel accommodations are also available.

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