

56th Annual June Rendezvous at Fort de Chartres Schedule of Events

June 6 & 7, 2026

Scheduled Events Both Days

- 10:00 AM Opening Ceremony and Posting of Colours, w/Malcolm Duncan, Drum Major
- 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Primitive Archery Competition
- 12:00 PM-2:00 PM Knife and Hawk Throw Competition
- 11:30 AM Great River Fife and Drum Corps, Godfrey, IL (Entertainment Field)
- 12:00 PM River Valley Colonials Fife and Drum Corps, Janesville, WI (Parade Ground)
- 12:30 PM Tippecanoe Ancient Fife and Drum Corps, Lafayette, IN (Parade Ground)
- 1:00 PM 42nd Royal Highlanders Band of Pipes, Fifes, & Drums, Lafayette, IN
(Parade Ground – Saturday, Entertainment Field - Sunday)
- 2:00 PM Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps, St. Charles, MO (Entertainment Field)

Scheduled Events on Saturday and Sunday Only

Saturday, June 6th

- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Dance Discovery (Stage)
- 10:30 AM-2:30 PM Rifle and Smoothbore Competition (Shooting Range)
- 2:30 PM French Marine Drill (Parade Ground)
- 3:00 PM-4:00 PM Booneslick Strings (Stage)
- 5:00 PM Retreat Ceremony w/Malcolm Duncan, Drum Major
- 8:00 PM-10:00 PM A dance for all participants and visitors will be held inside the Fort.
Music provided by Booneslick Strings and dance calling by Deborah Hyland

Sunday, June 7th

- 8:00 AM Catholic Mass (Stage) Protestant Service (Food Court)
- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Fashions of the 18th Century (Fashion Show) (Stage)
- 12:00 PM Mock Battle (Shooting Range)
- 1:00 PM-1:30 PM Prairie du Rocher La Guiannee (Stage)
- 1:30 PM-2:30 PM Dennis Stroughmatt et l'Esprit Creole (Stage)
- 3:00 PM Retreat Ceremony w/Malcolm Duncan, Drum Major

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The Peacocks Band and The Camp Followers Band will perform at various times during the day. Cannon firing demonstrations will also occur at various times throughout the event near the Shooting Range. The Fort's master gardener will interpret the site's historic kitchen garden, the Fort's Priest Interpreter will be in the Chapel and Priest's Room and the Fort de Chartres French Marines will be stationed in the Guard's Room located inside the Fort.

The Rendezvous is hosted by Les Coureurs de Bois de Fort de Chartres and sponsored by Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, with additional event site support by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The event is open and free to the general public with special event parking for this event just \$10 a car or \$20 for a bus. Donations welcomed!

For information about the event, contact Les Amis du Fort de Chartres at lesamisdufortdechartres@gmail.com. You can also visit our website, www.fortdechartres.net, for information about this event, future events and the organizations associated with the fort. If you would like more site information, please call Fort de Chartres State Historic Site at 618-284-7230.

Fort de Chartres is located at 1350 IL Route 155, 4 miles west of Prairie du Rocher. It is open Thursday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take Route 3 to Route 155 and follow the Rendezvous signs. There are no modern camping facilities.

The site is operated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Historic Preservation Division. IDNR protects the state's historic resources, which contribute to education, culture and the economy. IDNR sites include ancient burial mounds, forts and buildings erected by settlers, and homes connected to famous Illinoisans.