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Redbud Trail Rendezvous April 24-25, 2021

Forget the rain and snow flurries that stalled spring in Indiana this year. The Redbud Trail Rendezvous will bring frontier fun right on schedule April 24-25 at the Fulton County Historical Society. The location is four miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31 and 375 N. Tents will be set up south of the barn and Living History Village.

Saturday hours are 10-5 and Sunday hours are 10-4. Admission is \$3 for adults, and free for children age 11 and under. For more information, contact FCHS at 574-223-4436 or fchs@rtcol.com, www.fultoncountyhistory.org. **Rain or Shine the festival will go on.**

Since 1991, the Redbud Trail Rendezvous has brought fun history to northern Indiana. Often the first living history event of the spring, it portrays Indiana history from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, making this a pre-1865 event. Tents will be set up and lived in for the weekend by re-enactors and traditional craftsmen who will demonstrate and talk to the public about frontier history and camping.

People dressed in authentic pre-1865 outfits demonstrate many traditional crafts. Crafts include flint knapping, beadwork, spinning and weaving, leather, watercolor painting, pewter casting, wood carving, blacksmith, scrimshaw, fingerweaving, and much more.

Foods cooked over wood fires will include ham and beans, vegetable stew, buffalo burgers, sassafras tea, and breakfast of biscuits and sausage gravy - Fulton County Historical Society booth.

Because activities at the museum Sat. morning, the north gate to the rendezvous will be by the round barn. Also at the south gate, located off Meridian Road, admission will be collected before they park. The Fulton County Museum, Round Barn Museum and some buildings in the Living History Village will be open for people to view.

Volunteers can earn free admission to the Redbud Trail Rendezvous by working half a day. To volunteer, call the museum at 574-223-4436. Free parking is provided on FCHS grounds. The grounds are handicapped accessible.

Dale and Patty Pace, Rochester, will be in the William Polke house/stagecoach inn with flint knapping, wood working, water color paintings and fiber arts.

Again this year is a program tent with benches for the music and history presentations. On the schedule are Kim Hoover of Hoots & Howls with birds of prey – Sunday only, Marsha Hedger Glassburn with Cherokee stories, Mark and Liza Woolever with music and sing-along, Paul Mitchell with music on Melodeon; James Wilson and group from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will share some history.

Robin Ozenbaugh and Garry Kelsner will demonstrate loading and firing a muzzleloader, using powder but no lead, at their camp. During the Trail of Courage they use the shooting range but the Redbud Trail Rendezvous stays at the north end of the 35 acre FCHS grounds.

Fred Oden and Tim Pearson, Lakeville, will demonstrate iron working in the blacksmith shop.

Traditional crafts include Tina Welty, Goshen – leather and dreamcatchers; Bruce Eltzroth, Lagro, and Dana Farmer, Wabash – toys and games; Linda Fife, Delphi – spinning wheel; Steven Kirkpatrick, Edwardsburg – hand carved wood; Garry LaBere, Walkerton – rocks & mineral soap; Craig Leitch, Ligonier – pioneer jewelry, walking sticks and knives; Michele Riggle, Kokomo – clothing, jewelry, blankets, toys; David Thomas, Goshen – bags, knives, bowls, moccasins, tin war; and Mark Thomas – MT Forge blacksmithing; Dan Cox, Elkhart, Ind. with beads, silver, dreamcatchers, etc.

Redbud Trail Rendezvous Schedule Apr. 24-25, 2021
In Living History Village by the Round Barn – Sat. & Sun.
Schedule for both days unless otherwise stated: Subject to change.

Programs in Program Tent by picnic tables:

10:30-11:00 Marsha Glassburn – Native American Indian Storyteller

11:00 – 11:30 Mark & Liza Woolever – Music

11:30-12:00 Paul Mitchell – music on Melodeon

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12:30-1:00 Shirley Willard, Rochester – Trail of Death Caravan

1:00 – 1:30 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

1:30-2:30 Kim Hoover – Birds of Prey – **Sunday only**

1:30 – 2:00 Paul Mitchell – music on Melodeon – **Sat. only**

2:00-2:30 Mark & Liza Woolever – Music sing-along with children of all ages **Sat. only**

2:30-3:00 Marsha Glassburn – Native American Indian Storyteller

Mark & Liza Woolever , Plymouth – strolling musicians

Traditional Crafts demonstrated and sold by:

Bruce Eltzroth, Lagro, & Dana Farmer, Wabash – children's games & toys

Linda Fife, Delphi – Spinning in Doctor's Office next to green building

Steve Kirkpatrick, Edwardsburg, MI – wood carver

Dale Pace, Rochester – flint knapping, watercolor painting in Polke House (white)

Fred Oden & various blacksmiths in Blacksmith shop – red building

Jim Wilson, Granger and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War –

Bill Willard, Rochester in jail building – weaving Indian sashes

Foods cooked over wood fires
in the Living History Village south of Round Barn.

Fulton Co. Hist. Soc. – buffalo burgers, ham & beans, cornbread, vegetable stew, lemonade, coffee, sassafras tea.

Breakfast: biscuits and sausage gravy.

Funding from this event helps to keep the museum open and preserve history. Have a great day at the Redbud!

Photos available upon request.

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