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Garrison Life at Fort Holmes

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Mackinac State Historic Parks staff and reenactors from around the Great Lakes will gather on Mackinac Island to recreate the early years of peace following the War of 1812, and to garrison Fort Holmes. Activities will focus on the brief period (1815-1817) during which Fort Holmes served as an active and important part of Mackinac Island's defenses. Most of the activities will take place at Fort Holmes on Saturday, July 6, with limited activities at Fort Mackinac on July 7. Events at Fort Holmes are free and are designed to enhance your visit to Fort Mackinac. Activities at Fort Mackinac require normal Fort Mackinac admission.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, July 6

9:45 a.m. Reenactors arrive to Fort Holmes

10:00 a.m. Morning colors and guard mount

10:30 a.m. Close Order Drill

11:00 a.m. Company Exercise and Firing, followed by Fort Holmes Walking Tour

12:00 p.m. War at Mackinac Tour

1:00 p.m. Rifle Drill, followed by Fort Holmes Walking Tour

2:00 p.m. War at Mackinac Tour

3:00 p.m. Company Exercise and Firing, followed by Fort Holmes Walking Tour

4:00 p.m. Design a Fort Engineering Activity

4:30 p.m. Company Exercise and Firing

5:00 p.m. Retreat and march back to Fort Mackinac camp

Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m. Reenactors arrive to Fort Mackinac

10:00 a.m. Musket Firing Demonstration

11:30 a.m. Musket Firing

More information can be found at mackinacparks.com. Pictures are available upon request.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, Historic Downtown Mackinac, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or on the web at www.mackinacparks.com.

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