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Ice Cream Social and Movie in the Fort August 26

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — Does it get much better than ice cream, games, and a movie? What about if it was all on the Parade Ground of Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island? And what if it was all free?

That’s exactly what is happening at Fort Mackinac on Saturday, August 26, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Mackinac Associates and Doud’s Market, guests are welcome to enter Fort Mackinac at the Avenue of Flags (rear entrance) to join in for an ice cream social, games on the parade ground (with costumed interpreters from the fort!), and, as the sun sets, a showing of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* under the stars.

“We thank Mackinac Associates and Doud’s Market for sponsoring this ‘sweet’ event at Fort Mackinac,” said Dominick Miller, Mackinac State Historic Parks’ Chief of Marketing. “We’re excited to be a part of the Mackinac Island Fudge Festival and are looking forward to a fun evening of family fun.”

Gates will open at 8:00 p.m. Games will take place on the Parade Ground and will have a traditional 1880s flair – foot races, relay races, catch, and tug of war. The movie will begin at dusk, which should be around 9:00 p.m.

A downloadable version of this release can be found [here](#). Additional photos available upon request. More information on Colonial Michilimackinac and all of the other sites operated by Mackinac State Historic Parks can be found [here](#).

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, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State 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 online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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