



The Gate Post

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2010 School of the Longhunter Planned for April 8 to 11

The Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation invites you to attend a weekend encampment with seminars on longhunter skills designed for the 18th century interpreter, re-enactor, or history enthusiast April 8 to 11, 2010. As usual, participants will participate in informational sessions, demonstrations, activities, a fort feast, benefit auction, contests, music and more.



This year's program includes speakers Mark Baker, Bob Plott, Charlie Brown, Joe Scott, Greg Bray, Albert Roberts, Ehrin Ehlert, Steve Gengelbach, Bill Schneider, Mike Miller and Travis Crowder. Some specific topics to be covered include Games, Bark Tanning, the History of the Plott Bear Hound, Knives and Accoutrements, 18th c. Surgery and more. The 2010 School of the Longhunter will be held in conjunction

with a mini Contemporary Longrifle Association Show. For more info about this portion of the weekend, contact Joe Scott (304) 463-4397.

School of the Longhunter is limited to the first 100 registrants. Fees are \$54 for PFMF members, \$60 for non-members, \$20 for campers, and \$10 for visitors. (Fees at the door \$65) Please call (304) 363-3030 for more information or see www.prickettsfort.org.

Thomas Library Fund Goal Reached

The Thomas Library was named by Rosemary Thomas in tribute to her parents the late Adna Irl Thomas who served as chair of the Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation from 1979 to 1987 and Mary Jo Thomas who served on the board in 1981 and from 1983 to 1987. In 2006 for the foundation's 30th anniversary and opening of the new Visitor Center, Rosemary pledged annual gifts with a goal of completing the pledge by 2015. With additional gifts this pledge was paid in full in 2009.

Additional naming opportunities exist for the Visitor Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Gallery, Gift Shop, Education Annex and Amphitheater. Contact the foundation office for more information.

Board of Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

The 2009 Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, November 8th in the Visitor Center. Board Chair Elect Kevin Rogers welcomed guests. James Coleman gave the invocation before dinner and a meal was catered and served by Cracker Barrel.

After dinner Nominating Committee Chair Kevin Rogers presented the slate of officers for election. These included six incumbent members presented for re-election to another three year term. Joseph Brock, Vince Collins, Nancy Corrothers, Junie Mayle, Larry Rector, and Royal Watts will serve from 2010 – 2012. Additionally, Sam Cava, who lives in Bridgeport and works for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services, joined the board for a two year term. He was elected to fill a vacancy created by Barbara Bean's resignation. A resolution was read and presented to her by Dixie Yann.

Following the election, Executive Director Melissa May presented the 2009 Annual Report, giving updates on Programming, Education, Finance, Fundraising Membership, Visitation, Staffing and describing changes in these areas. At the end of the evening two awards were given. Marianne Moran, Director of the Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau accepted a Partner of the Year award. Volunteer Katie Welch received the Volunteer of the Year award for her work as an interpreter in the Job Prickett House.



Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation Membership Application

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Make checks payable to PFMF

Name _____

Address _____

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General Levels

- Individual - \$25
- Family - \$35
- Sustaining - \$75

Associate - \$125

Founder - \$250

Benefactor - \$500

Patron - \$1000

Corporate Levels

Red - \$200

White - \$600

Blue - \$1000

Welcome New and Renewing Members

Memberships support important work throughout the year. As a thank you, members receive free admission to the historic attractions, an invitation to the annual membership dinner, mailings of the Foundation's quarterly publication *The Gate Post*, and a discount in the museum shop. In addition, guest privileges are offered at varying levels. Corporate memberships are also available for businesses who want to support the work of the Foundation. Thank you to all active members for your support of the programs, preservation and outreach yet to be accomplished this coming year. If you have not sent your renewal, there is still time to take advantage of all of the benefits of membership. The following individuals and businesses have joined or renewed their memberships for 2010 before December 1, 2009.

2010 Members:		
	Shirley Downs	Joey and Tonya Madia
Adams Office Supply	Edward Dunlap	Ronald Malmgren
Linda Marden and Dennis Cole	Mary Faith Dunnington	Harold and Nancy Markley
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Dr. James Coleman	Harold and Billie Honaker	Maxine Pruitte
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Beverly Davis	Don and Nancy Koppel	Ed Robey
Mary Jett Deam	George and Rita Laishley	Carl and Deborah Rollison
Mrs. J.E. DeLong	Richard Lee	David and Deborah Roth
Wayne and Bobbi Dodd	Jo Ann Lough	Jack and Debbie Rush
Elizabeth Douglass	Bill and Eleanor MacLean	David Shipley

2010 Members continued:

Steve Skidmore
Ed Skiner
Nancy Slaughter
Delena Powell Smith
Larry and Rebecca Starcher
Jack Thompson
Gene Thorn
Earl F. Weygandt
Maureen Wolfe
Dixie Yann
Ernest Zimmerman

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Interested in performing for the 2010 Traditional Music Day? Contact Darlene Fox at (304) 782-1657 or email dulci4276@verizon.net

Historic Interpreter & Volunteer Training Offered

On Saturday, March 13, from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, March 14, from 1 – 5 pm Pricketts Fort will offer basic training for anyone who is presenting historical information to the public. Learn the background information needed to be an effective volunteer at the park or just take it for your own interest and enjoyment.

In the first part of the workshop, participants will learn a variety of means to find historical resources within reach and apply key tests to those resources to help judge their quality. Then students will learn several effective methods for presenting history to diverse, target audiences. Presenters Doug Wood and Dianne Anestis will provide insight into turning gems of research into sensory experiences that audiences will remember.

In the second part of the workshop, a variety of speakers will provide an overview of the history and culture of the 18th c community that is portrayed at Pricketts Fort by our historic interpreters. Topics to be covered include: Local History; 18th c Clothing; Militias and Longhunters; Traders and Trade Goods, American Indians, Job Prickett House, Colonial Children, Use of Plants, and Farming and Agriculture. While some of this information will be specific to Pricketts Fort, much of it can be applied to other historic sites.

This is required training for all new staff and volunteers and is strongly encouraged for all current staff and volunteers. Cost for PFMF members is \$27 and \$30 for non-members. (Free for current PFMF Staff and Volunteers) Fee covers instruction and all materials provided. Bring a brown bag lunch. The workshop will meet in the Visitor Center.

Registration is limited. Call the foundation office (304) 363-3030 or register on line www.prickettsfort.org

Pricketts Fort 2010 Calendar of Events

All programs presented by the Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation

Contact: info@prickettsfort.org (304) 363-3030 www.prickettsfort.org



Open Season April 14 – October 31, Days and Hours of Operation: Monday to Saturday 10 – 4:30, Sunday 12 – 4:30, CLOSED MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AFTER LABOR DAY

January 9 Run to Read Half Marathon

This half marathon race to benefit Literacy Volunteers will take place starting at 12 noon on Saturday on the Marion County Rail Trail starting at Pricketts Fort. Registration will take place in the Visitor Center. For more information contact Jim Wolfitt run2read@yahoo.com.

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April 8–11 School of the Longhunter and Contemporary Longrifle Association Show

An intense weekend of instruction exploring the role of early frontiersmen on the American frontier. Speakers will focus on the frontier skills of the long hunter. Space is limited and registration required. Visitors welcome during daytime hours with no admission charge. In addition to the educational programming, this year there will be sanctioned CLA mini-show and sale. Registration for Longhunter includes admission to both events.

April 23 Jones Imboden Raid Civil War KIDS DAY

School groups are invited to attend a special day of local civil war history commemorating the Jones Imboden Raid of 1863. Civil War re-enactors will provide learning stations for students throughout the day. Regular school tour admission applies.

April 24-25 Jones Imboden Raid Civil War Weekend

In April 1863 Confederate forces invaded Fairmont, Virginia (now West Virginia) in an attempt to gain control of the strategic B&O Railroad and capture Francis Pierpont, Governor of the Re-Organized Virginia. The park will commemorate this event through various re-enactments and demonstrations. Regular park admission applies.

April 17, April 24 and May 1 Annual Spring Bird Walks

Come celebrate the joys of spring with a Saturday morning bird walk. Sue Olcott of the WVDNR will lead the public on the walks and Joey Herron will be on hand to demonstrate bird banding. Programs begin at 8 am. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars if you have them. Free and open to the public.



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