

## Fort Massac State Park Living History Schedule 2016

**January 2** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**January 9** 10-4:00 Garrison for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian war period living historians will present displays and interpretive programs on the daily life of the French Marines.

**February 6** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**February 13** 10-4:00 Garrison for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian war period living historians will present displays and interpretive programs on the daily life of the French Marines.

**February 20** Andre's Company of US Rangers is a War of 1812 living history unit that presents the life of a US Ranger and territorial militiaman stationed on the frontier.

**March 5** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**March 12** 10-4:00 Garrison for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian war period living historians will present displays and interpretive programs on the daily life of the French Marines

**April 2** 10-4:00 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**April 9** 10-4:00 Garrisons for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian war period living historians will prepare the herb garden and talk about the soldiers' herb and vegetable gardens.

**April 23 & 24** 10-4:00 The 81st Illinois Volunteers will present a living history program.

**May 7** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**May 14** 10-4:00 The Massiac Marines will host a weekend for French and Indian War period living historians from all over the nation to begin the campaign season. As in the 1750's these modern day warriors wait until the weather is right to begin battling. There will be mock battles and tactical operations.

**June 4** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**June 11** 10-4:00 The Massiac Marines, French and Indian War period re-enactors, will present displays, interpretive programs and play games of the French, American and American Indians from the 18th century.

**July 2** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**July 9** 10-4:00 Garrison for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian War period living historians will present displays and interpretive programs on the daily life of the French Marines.

**August 6** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**August 13** 10-4:00 Garrison for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian War period living historians will present displays and interpretive programs on mending, cleaning and the fixing of 18th century items. Come and see how muskets were cleaned and maintained, clothes mended and things were fixed or used in a new way.

**August 27** Andre's Company of US Rangers is a War of 1812 living history unit that presents the life of a US Ranger and territorial militiaman stationed on the frontier.

**September 3** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**September 10** 10-4:00 Garrison for the Massiac Marines, the French and Indian War period living historians, will present displays and interpretive programs on the 18th century "Tavern Life" and brewing. Many homes would have had their own brewing house. Also you will learn about how taverns were the center of news and entertainment.

**September 17** The 17th Illinois Territorial Rangers, 1800-1814 re-enactors present living history program.

**October 1** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**October 15 & 16** Fort Massac Grand Encampment - Saturday 10-5:00pm, Sunday 10-4:30pm Annual Fort Massac Encampment celebrates the history of Fort Massac from the early French period until 1814. Military units, Colonists, Settlers and Native Americans portray the history of the fort with crafts, military drills, music, children's games and a mock battle.

**November 5** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**November 12** 10-4:00 The Massiac Marines, French and Indian War period re-enactors, will present displays and interpretive programs on celebrating the harvest. At this time of plenty, you will learn about the foods of the period and the spices they used.

**December 3** 10-3:30 Southern Illinois Spinners and Weavers Guild in the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park. Spinners and Weavers are welcome to participate.

**December 11** 1-4:00 The Massiac Marines will be a part of "The Olde Tyme Christmas" at the visitors center. They will show how a traditional Christmas might have been for the French soldier or villager in 1759. There will be music, refreshments and decorations at the visitors center.