

2015 Fort Sisseton Historical Festival

Visitor Information

Entrance Fees

\$5 per person, per day (age 12 & up)

Camping Fees

\$25 (plus tax) per night, non-electric site.
Includes entrance fee. Gates open at noon Wednesday.

Camping Locations

All tenting or RV camping is located at south gate.

Parking Locations

General parking is located near the south gate.
All visitors are required to enter at the south gate.

Ambulance/First Aid

Available 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday. See map for location. *Note: Ambulance will move to the Arena during the Ranch Rodeo.*

Friday, June 5

1 - 5 p.m.

Black Powder Shoot, *Shooting Range*
Open to the public. Period shirt and hat required.
See schedule posted at the range for more information.

4 p.m.

Wagon Train Arrives, *North Field*
Watch as an old-fashioned wagon train rolls through
Trader's Row

7 p.m.

Melodrama, *South Barracks*

Saturday, June 6

9:15 a.m.

Flag Raising Ceremony, *Parade Ground*

9:30 a.m.

Civil War Songs, *Pallansch Family, Coteau Tent*

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Period Military Encampment, *North of Parade Ground*
Experience re-enactors portraying camp life.
Gift Shop and Museum Open, *North Barracks*
38-Star Flag Exhibit, *North Barracks*
See the last flag lowered at Fort Sisseton in 1889.
Art Exhibit, *Library/Schoolhouse*
Featuring local artists Harry Moshier and Rosemarie Hanson.

Historical Buildings Open for Touring: *Officer's Quarters, Hospital, Commanding Officer's Quarters, Dr.'s Residence*

Blacksmith Demonstration, *Blacksmith Shop*
Rope-making Demonstration, *Carpenter's Shop*
Mining Sluice Operating, *Near Carpenter's Shop*
Purchase a cup of rough and see if you can strike it rich!
Chuck Wagons, *Living History Area*
Cowboyography, *Living History Area*
Experience a real working pioneer camp.
Wheelwright Demonstration by Hanson Wheel and Wagon, *Living History Area.* *Tim Hoffman explains the craft of wheelwrighting. In-depth demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.*
Strolling Minstrel, *Paul Imholte, various locations*
Horse-Drawn Farming Implement Display, *Fort Garden*
See farming equipment over a century old.
Black Powder Shoot, *Shooting Range*
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Wagon Rides, *various locations*

10 a.m.

Cavalry Drill, *Parade Ground*
Horse-drawn Implement Demonstration, *Fort Garden*

10:15 a.m.

Storytelling of the Dakota, *Joyzelle Gingway Godfrey, Coteau Tent.* *Sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council, in affiliation with the National Endowment for Humanities.*

10:30 a.m.

Melodrama, *South Barracks*
Laundress Demonstration, *Period Military Encampment*

11 a.m.

Brick-making Demonstration, *Adjutant's Office*
Make your own clay brick using 19th century techniques.
Period Dance Instruction, *Officer's Quarters*
Try a variety of dances, from the Virginia Reel to a classic waltz.

11:15 a.m.

Saber and Watermelon Demonstration, *North Field*

12:15 p.m.

38-Star Flag Dedication, *South Barracks*

1 p.m.

Musical Performance, *Richard "Blackhawk" Kapusta, Coteau Tent*
Sidesaddle Demonstration, *North Field*

1:30 p.m.

Horse-Drawn Implement Demonstration, *Fort Garden*

2 p.m.

Fiddlers of South Dakota, *Coteau Tent*
 Tomahawk/Knife Throw, *Shooting Range*
 Brick-making Demonstration, *Adjutant's Office*
Make your own clay brick using 19th century techniques.
 Infantry Drill, *Parade Ground*
 Team Driving Competition, *Arena*

2:30 p.m.

Melodrama, *South Barracks*

3 p.m.

Period Dance Instruction, *Officer's Quarters*
Try a variety of dances, from the Virginia Reel to a classic waltz.

Gatling Gun Demonstration, *Shooting Range*
 Cavalry Drill, *Parade Ground*

3:30 p.m.

Laundress Demonstration, *Period Military Encampment*

4 p.m.

Period Firearms Demonstration, *Shooting Range*

4:30 p.m.

Musical Performance, Richard "Blackhawk" Kapusta,
Coteau Tent
 Melodrama, *South Barracks*

5 p.m.

Chuck Wagons Serving Sponsors, *Living History Area*
Wagons compete for authenticity, hospitality and best cook.

6:30 p.m.

Flag-lowering Ceremony, *Parade Ground*

8:30 p.m.

Grand March, *Parade Ground*
 Military Ball to follow, *South Barracks*

Sunday, June 7

8 a.m.

Catholic Worship Service, *South Barracks*
 Non-Denominational Worship Service, *Coteau Tent*

9 a.m.

Buckskinner Worship Service, *Rendezvous Camp*

9:15 a.m.

Flag-raising Ceremony, *Parade Ground*

9:30 a.m.

Civil War Songs, Pallansch Family, *Coteau Tent*

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 Children's Scavenger Hunt, *Period Military Encampment*

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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 Chuck Wagons, *Living History Area*
 Gypsy, *Living History Area*
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 Cavalry Drill, *Parade Ground*
 Ranch Rodeo, *Arena*
 ACWA Kids' Pie Baking Contest, *Living History Area*

2 p.m.

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 Gatling Gun Demonstration, *Shooting Range*
 Award Ceremonies for Chuck Wagon and Kids' Pie Baking Contests, *Living History Area*

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