

FORT SISSETON HISTORICAL FESTIVAL

MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 31

10 A.M.-6 P.M.

FORT SISSETON VISITOR CENTER OPEN, NORTH BARRACKS

Enjoy the exhibits in the North Barracks and grab a souvenir from the gift shop.

1 P.M.

GONG SHOOT BLACK POWDER, SHOOTING RANGE

Competition is open to the public; period shirt and hat are required to participate.

2 P.M.

GAR SHOT SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

3 P.M.

JL CHALLENGE SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

4 P.M.

PARNTER SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

6:30 P.M.

CHUCKWAGON PLATE FUNDRAISER, LIVING HISTORY AREA, Purchase a cowboy tin plate, fillable at the chuckwagons, and enjoy some live entertainment and a campfire. All funds raise go to the Fort Sisseton Commission supporting programs, projects, and events at Fort Sisseton. SEATING IS LIMITED, PURCHASE AHEAD OF TIME.

8:30 PM

MELODRAMA "A PENNY SAVED OR THE WIDOW ROOTSTCK FULLY LOADED," SOUTH BARRACKS

Cost is \$3 per person ages 5 and up.

9:30 PM

MOVIE UNDER THE BIG TENT, COTEAU TENT

Grab some popcorn and your warm blanket and join us under the big tent for a family friendly movies.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9 A.M.

FEATHER SHOOT AND TURTLE SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

9:15 A.M.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, PARADE GROUND

10 A.M.

CALVARY DEMO, PARADE GROUND

DUTCH OVEN DEMO, LIVING HISTORY AREA

PAPER SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

MELODRAMA, SOUTH BARRACKS

Cost is \$3 per person ages 5 and up.

PRESIDENT TEDDY ROOSEVELT, COTEAU

TENT, Teddy Roosevelt, the president who was a politician, statesman, conservationist, naturalist, and writer, comes alive to tell his adventures and stories.

10 A.M.- NOON

KID'S SCAVENGER HUNT, PERIOD MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

10 A.M.-5 P.M.

THE WADSWORTH TRAIL GAME, HANDS ON HISTORY TENT

Can you make it from St. Cloud, MN to Fort Sisseton on the Wadsworth Trail?

"MEASURING SOUTH DAKOTA," HANDS ON HISTORY TENT

SLUICE, HANDS ON HISTORY TENT

Buy a scoop of dirt and pan for treasure! \$1 per scoop.

10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

SISSETON ROCKS GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT, Beautiful painted rocks have been hidden around the park. If you find a rock, bring it to the Library/Schoolhouse for a prize.

MILITARY PERIOD ENCAMPMENT, LOCATED BETWEEN THE DR. RESIDENCE AND COQ

Wander through our military camp and experience reenactors portraying camp life.

GIFT SHOP AND MUSEUM, NORTH BARRACKS

ART EXHIBIT AND AUTHOR TABLE, LIBRARY/SCHOOLHOUSE

TOURING OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

BLACKSMITH AND CARPENTER DEMONSTRATIONS

COWBOYOGRAPHY, LIVING HISTORY AREA

CHUCKWAGONS, LIVING HISTORY AREA

WAGON RIDES, PICKUP/DROP OFF AT EAST END OF THE BARN

ARTS AND CRAFTS BOOTHS, LOCATED NORTH OF THE BERM BY FOOD VENDORS Enjoy the many talents of artists and crafters from all over. From pottery, to jewelry, to woodwork, and more!

F.A.R.E FALCONARY, OFFICER'S QUARTER MIDDLE APARTMENT

10:30 A.M.

LAUNDRESS DEMONSTRATIONS, MILITARY PERIOD ENCAMPMENT

11 A.M.

HISTORY OF CHUCKWAGON, LIVING HISTORY AREA

JUG SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

JEOPARDY, HANDS-ON-HISTORY TENT

"APRONS, CAN THEY TALK?" COTEAU TENT, Kirkpatrick discusses what an apron can tell us about the person who owned it. She will examine ways to date an apron and facilitate a group discussion on apron memories.

11:15 A.M.

SABER AND WATERMELON DEMONSTRATION, PARADE GROUND

11:30 A.M.

PERIOD DANCE INSTRUCTION, SOUTH BARRACKS, From the Virginia Reel to a classic waltz, learn the steps to know for the military ball. Public is welcome to the class and to the military ball.

NOON

CHUCK WAGON COOKING DEMONSTRATION, LIVING HISTORY AREA

TIMED TEAM SHOOTING, SHOOTING RANGE

"OUR HERRITAGE IN SONG," COTEAU TENT, The duo makes history come alive with their seamless harmonies and period instruments, including banjo, celeste, fold harp, mandocello, harmonica, and guitar.

"ROMANY HISORY AND FORTUNE TELLING WAYS," NORTH BARRACKS Join our gypsy as she tells the history of her people and how fortune telling became a thing.

1 P.M.

"GHOSTS OF FORT SISSETON"- FROZEN RIVERS PARANOMAL, SOUTH BARRACKS

SIDE SADDLE DEMONSTRATIONS, PARADE GROUND

DUTCH OVEN DEMONSTRATIONS, LIVING HISTORY AREA

SHOTGUN SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

SOUTH DAKOTA FIDDLERS, COTEAU TENT Enjoy some old time fiddle music from South Dakota Fiddlers. The Fiddlers of South Dakota work to preserve and present old time fiddle music.

1-3 P.M.

STICK HORSE BARREL RACING, PARADE GROUND, Join the Buckhorn Rodeo in the parade ground and try your hands in barrel racing. This is for kids of all ages. Cost is \$1 with funds going to the Buckhorn Rodeo Association.

1-5 P.M.

BUILD A COVER WAGON, HANDS ON HISTORY TENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 (CONT.)

1-5 P.M.

PACK YOUR COVER WAGON GAME, HANDS ON HISTORY TENT

1:30 P.M.

DREAM ANAYLISIS, NORTH BARRACKS
Join our gypsy as she takes you through the world of dreams.

2 P.M.

INFANTRY DRILL, PARADE GROUND

HISTORY OF CHUCK WAGON, LIVING HISTORY AREA

2 P.M.

PIE JUDGING, MILITARY PERIOD ENCAMPMENT

JEOPARDY, HANDS-ON HISTORY TENT

2:30 P.M.

MELODDRAMA, SOUTH BARARCKS
Cost is \$3 per person ages 5 and up.

3 P.M.

GATLING GUN/CANNON DEMONSTRATION, SHOOTING RANGE

KID'S STICK RODEO, PARADE GROUND

3:30 P.M.

LAUNDRESS DEMONSTRATIONS, PERIOD MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

4 P.M.

PERIOD DANCE INSTRUCTIONS, SOUTH BARRACKS, From the Virginia Reel to a classic waltz learn the steps to know for the evening military ball! Public is welcome at the ball.

FIREARMS DEMONSTRATION, SHOOTING RANGE

CHUCK WAGON COOKING DEMONSTRATION, LIVING HISTORY AREA

5 P.M.

HAWK AND KNIFE THROW, TOMAHAWK AND KNIFE AREA
Cost is \$2, must bring your own item to throw.

5:30 P.M.

MELODDRAMA, SOUTH BARARCKS
Cost is \$3 per person ages 5 and up

6:30 P.M.

FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY, PARADE GROUNDS

8 P.M.

GRAND MARCH, PARADE GROUND

MILITARY BALL, SOUTH BARRACKS
Military Ball is free and open to the public.

8:30 P.M.

OLD INDIAN TRICKS (OIT) CONCERT, COTEAU TENT, Formerly known as Plan B, join OIT under the big tent with some great dancing music.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8 A.M.

1800S CHURCH SERVICE, COTEAU TENT

9:15 A.M.

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY, PARADE GROUND

10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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SLUICE, HANDS ON HISTORY TENT
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BEST GROUPING SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE, Competition is open to the public; period shirt and hat are required to participate. You must provide your own rifle.

11 A.M.

CANDY SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE
"OUR HERRITAGE IN SONG," COTEAU TENT

JEOPARDY, HANDS ON HISTORY TENT
Join us as a team or by yourself and test your knowledge in our annual game of Jeopardy!

11 A.M.- 2 P.M.

19TH CENTURY CRICKET, BASEBALL FIELD
Come be part of the game of Cricket! During the 1880s and 1890s South Dakota had

cricket teams. Learn how cricket is played and be part of an informal game or two.

11:30 A.M.

MELODDRAMA, SOUTH BARARCKS
Cost is \$3 per person ages 5 and up.

NOON

POKER SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE
"APRONS, CAN THEY TALK?" COTEAU TENT

AUTHOR JASON WILLIS, SOUTH BARRACKS

"THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY OF CUSTER," NORTH BARRACKS
Join us for this roundtable discussion with Historian Jeff Hoeffler reference General Custer and what is the true story behind the story of Custer.

NOON- 2 P.M.

GYPSY FORTUNE TELLING, LIVING HISTORY AREA

12:30 P.M.

LAUNDRESS DEMONSTRATIONS, MILITARY PERIOD ENCAMPMENT

1 P.M.

"CAVALRY DRILL, PARADE GROUND

FORT SISSETON KID'S PIE BAKING CONTEST, LIVING HISTORY AREA
Work with one of our Chuckwagon Masters to create a pie for the judges to enjoy. Sign up starts on Friday afternoon and goes until Sunday before event. Sign up is located at the Chuckwagons.

PISTOL SHOOT, SHOOTING RANGE

LAKOTA HOOP DANCER, COTEAU TENT

NEW! MOUNTED SHOOTING COMPETITION, RODEO ARENA
Join cowboys and cowgirls as they shoot targets while riding through a variety of challenging courses using specially loaded blank cartridges fired from Old West style Single action revolvers!

1- 4 P.M.

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AWARD CEREMONY FOR PIE BAKING CONTEST, LIVING HISTORY AREA

PRESIDENT GRANT'S LAST THOUGHTS, COTEAU TENT

2:30 P.M.

MELODDRAMA, SOUTH BARARCKS
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3 P.M.

INFANTRY DRILL, PARADE GROUND

"LIFE IS SHORT ENJOY THE RIDE," COTEAU TENT