

2021 Fort Sisseton Historical Festival Schedule

Friday, June 4th

1 p.m.

Gong Shoot Black Powder Shoot, *Shooting Range*

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

2 p.m.

Far Shot Shoot, *Shooting Range*

3 p.m.

JL Challenge Shoot, *Shooting Range*

4 p.m.

Partner Shoot, *Shooting Range*

5 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

*****SPECIAL EXHIBIT! ***** “The Boys in Blue: The Grand Army of the Republic,” *North Barracks Mess Hall*

6 p.m Chuckwagon Sponsor Dinner. *Living History Area*. Sponsorships are available for purchase which includes tickets, tickets to melodrama and other benefits. Please contact the Fort for information.

7:30 p.m.

- **Festival Grand Opening-** includes rollout of new mobile app thanks to the generous donation by the SD Humanities Council, Fort Sisseton Awards and Sponsors.
- **Melodrama to follow,** *South Barracks. Cost is \$2 per person with money supporting the local Community Theater*

9 p.m.

Movie under the Big Tent, “**The Shakiest Gun in the West**” starring Don Knotts. *Coteau Tent*

Saturday, June 5th

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- *****SPECIAL EXHIBIT! ***** “The Boys in Blue: The Grand Army of the Republic,” *North Barracks Mess Hall*
- Period Military Encampment, *located between the Hospital and Doctor’s Residence*
Wander through our military camp and experience reenactors portraying camp life.
- Gift Shop & Museum Open, *North Barracks*
- Author Table, *Library Schoolhouse*. Times may vary but the speakers from the Coteau Tent will be answering questions, selling and signing their books.

- Art Exhibit, *Library Schoolhouse*. Harry Moshier local artist – display new paintings and finished series.
- Historical Buildings Open for Touring. *Officer's Quarters, Hospital, Commanding Officer's Quarters, Dr.'s Residence*
- Blacksmith Demonstrations, *Blacksmith's Shop*
- Carpenter Demonstrations, *Carpenter's Shop*
- Chuck Wagons, *Living History Area*
- Cowboyography, *Living History Area*
- Strolling Minstrel, *Various Locations*. Catch our talented musician wandering the grounds for an impromptu concert
- Wagon Rides, *Pick-up/Drop-off at East end of the Barn*

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Arts and Crafts Booths, *located north of the berm, by the Food Booths.*

Enjoy the many talents of artists and crafters from all over the Midwest! From pottery, to jewelry, to wood work and much more, there is something for everyone in the arts and crafts booth location.

Special Events:

9 a.m.

- Feather Shoot and Turtle Shoot, *Shooting Range*

9:15 a.m.

- Flag Raising Ceremony, *Parade Ground*

10 a.m.

- Cavalry Drill, *Parade Ground*
- Dutch Oven Demo *Living History Area*
- Paper Shoot, *Shooting Range*
- Children's Scavenger Hunt, *Period Military Encampment*
- Melodrama, *South Barracks*. Cost is \$2 per person with money supporting the local Community Theater
- WORKSHOP: "Learning Photograph from the Pros." *Picnic Shelter*, join us as South Dakota's famous photographer Chad Coppess gives a workshop on the history of photograph and how to take a good photo to an amazing photo. Bring your camera or cell phone and join us for this hands-on workshop.

10:30 a.m.

- Laundress Demonstration, *Period Military Encampment*

11 a.m

- History of Chuck Wagon *Living History Area*

- Jug Shoot, *Shooting Range*

11:15 a.m.

- Saber and Watermelon Demonstration, *Parade Ground*

11:30 p.m

- Period Dance Instruction, *South Barracks*. From the Virginia Reel to a classic waltz learn the steps to know for the evening ball – public welcome.

12 p.m.

- Chuck Wagon Cooking Demo *Living History Area*
- Team Shoot (Timed), *Shooting Range*

1 p.m.

- “Ghost Adventures at Fort Sisseton” by Frozen Lakes Paranormal of South St. Paul, *South Barracks*
- Side Saddle Demonstration, *Parade Ground*
- Dutch Oven Demo *Living History Area*
- Shotgun Shoot, *Shooting Range*
- Ranch Rodeo, *Arena*

2 p.m.

- Infantry Drill, *Parade Ground*
- History of Chuck Wagon *Living History Area*

2:30 p.m.

- Melodrama, *South Barracks*. Cost is \$2 per person with money supporting the local Community Theater
- 1800’s Baseball Game. *North of the Barn*, Join us as the Fort Sisseton Soldier’s taken on the Colorado Territory All Stars.

3:30 p.m.

- Laundress Demonstration, *Period Military Encampment*

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4 p.m.

- Period Dance Instruction, *South Barracks*. *From the Virginia Reel to a classic waltz learn the steps to know for the evening ball – public welcome*
- Gatling Gun/Cannon Demonstration, *Shooting Range*
- Chuck Wagon Cooking Demo *Living History Area*

5 p.m

- Hawk and Knife Throw- \$2.00 (all ages), *Tomahawk and Knife area*

5:30 p.m.

- Melodrama, *South Barracks*. Cost is \$2 per person with money supporting the local Community Theater

6:30 p.m.

- Flag Lowering Ceremony, *Parade Ground*

8:00 p.m.

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

8:30 p.m.

- Mogen's Heroes Concert, *Coteau Tent*. Enjoy having fun with music, blending humor with harmonies to please all ages.

Hands-On History Tent (Near Carpenter's Shop)

Saturday, June 5th

10am-12pm

- Fort Sisseton Bingo, *enjoy the game bingo while winning some prizes*

10am-5pm

- Mining Sluice Operating, *Near Carpenter's Shop. For a \$1 purchase a cup of rough and see if you can strike it rich!*
- "Measuring South Dakota," presented by the SD State Historical Society. *Ever wonder how South Dakota was measured? Enjoy this hands on learning with SDSHS!*
- Fort Sisseton Coloring Contest, *the artist in is able to win some prizes in this coloring contest for all ages*
- Timeline Race. *Compete against your family and friends in a timeline race to see who can put together the history of the Fort the fastest!*
- Victorian Outdoor Games. *Enjoy some of the outdoor games that the soldiers and their families would have enjoyed while living at the Fort.*

1pm-5pm

- Fort Sisseton History told in 10 artifacts. *Enjoy holding some Fort history while learning how artifacts can tell the story of the past.*

2 p.m.-5pm

Brick Making Demonstration, *The Fort is known for its yellow clay bricks. Make your own brick using 19th century techniques.*

Coteau Tent Performances

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10:00 a.m.

- Pete Grady, *President Grant in his Final days*

11:00 a.m.

- Pallansch Family, *Civil War Era Songs*

12:00 p.m.

- Phyllis Cole-Dai, *"The 1862 U.S Dakota War Through Sarah Wakefield's Eyes."* This program was made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities

1:00 p.m.

- Fiddlers of South Dakota, *Classic Folk and Bluegrass Sounds*

3:00 p.m.

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4:00 p.m.

- Dallas Chief Eagle, *Lakota Hoop Dancer*

5:00 p.m.

- Miss "V" The Gypsy Cowbelle, *"The Modern Day Homesteader."* The theme concert utilizes song and story to explore elements of the Homestead experience in the American West. This program was made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

6:00 p.m.

- Richard "Blackhawk" Kapusta, *Rendezvous Singer, "Life's a trip, enjoy the ride."*

7:00 pm

- Wayne Faneburst *"Outlaw Dakota,"* This program reveals the criminal justice system in Dakota Territory as seen through the life and work of Peter C. Shannon, Chief Justice of the territory from 1873 to 1882. . " This program was made possible by the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Sunday, June 6th

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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- **Cowboyography**, *Living History Area*
- Chuck Wagons, *Living History Area*
- Gypsy, *Living History Area*
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- Catholic Worship Service, *South Barracks*
- Non-Denominational Worship Service, *Coteau Tent*
- Cowboy Church
- Buckskinner Worship Service (1800s Church Service), *Rendezvous Camp*

9:15 a.m.

- Flag Raising Ceremony, *Parade Ground*

10:30 a.m.

- Best Grouping Shoot, *Shooting Range*
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- Candy Shoot, *Shooting Range*

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- Cavalry Drill, *Parade Ground*
- Fort Sisseton Kids’ Pie Baking Contest, *Living History Area*
- Military Pie Judging, *Period Military Encampment* (Separate from Kid’s contest listed above)
- Pistol Shoot, *Shooting Range*
- **Hands-on WORKSHOP:** Using Watercolors to paint the Outdoors. *Picnic Shelter*, join us to learn from a local artist some techniques on how to use watercolors to create some beautiful pictures. This hands-on class will end with participants doing their own watercolor painting. Supplies will be provided.

2 p.m.

- Gatling Gun/ Cannon Demonstration, *Shooting Range*
- Award Ceremonies Kids’ Pie Baking Contests, *Living History Area*

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