

# Cook Forest French & Indian War Encampment 2009



Cook Forest State Park will host a series of living history events depicting life during the French & Indian War. Highlights of this full two-day encampment sponsored by the *Sawmill Center for the Arts* include woodland natives, cannon and musket firing, cooking, primitive skills, 18th century surgical techniques, clothing demonstrations, flintknapping, blacksmithing, pottery, woodworking, sheep shearing, sutler camp, live tactical engagements, renown living historians and French & Indian War Era artists. Take a walk back in time along the Black Bear Trail by the Sawmill Center for the Arts during open camp hours, to view over 100 British, Colonial, French, and Native American re-enactors as they portray lifestyles of the 18th century.

## Saturday, June 13

- 1000am-600pm *Event Open*
- 1015am-1115am *Blacksmithing Demonstration* - by Dennis Murray, story-teller (liar) and blacksmith, across from the old Sawmill Classroom
- 1015am-1145am *Powderhorn, Quill Pen & Turkey Wingbone Call Fabrication, and Kid's Games for trinkets & prizes* - by Paul Stillman, renowned living historian from 'Historically Speaking' at the Sawmill Center Pottery Shed (\$10 for materials)
- 1130am-1215pm *Peril in the Forest*—tactical engagement in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from the old Sawmill Classroom
- 1200pm-300pm *18th Century Surgical Techniques* - by Jack Mathay, Company LeBeouf surgeon, at the NEW Sawmill Classroom
- 100pm-200pm *Nasty Ned the Frontiersmen: 18th century teller of tales & historical fact, featuring the famous story of the 'Bear's Nose'* - by Paul Stillman, renowned living historian from *History Speaking*, at the Sawmill Theater
- 215pm-245pm *Cannon Firing Demonstration* – by Jim Ruth, Company LeBeouf artilleryman, located in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from the Old Sawmill Classroom
- 315pm-400pm *Peril in the Forest*—tactical engagement in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from old Sawmill Classroom
- 415pm-445pm *Musket Firing Demonstration* - beside the water tower in the main encampment site along Black Bear Trail
- 415pm-515pm *French & Indian War Era Art & Demonstrators* - meet with distinguished painters, artists, and demonstrators such as Larry Smail, Michael Flaherty, Barb Bockwrath, William Robertson, and 'Stray Wolf' in the Sawmill Center's old Craft Market room
- 415pm-545pm *Blacksmithing Demonstration* - by Dennis Murray, story-teller (liar) and blacksmith, across from the old Sawmill Classroom
- 415pm-600pm *Brain Tanning* - by Paul Stillman, renowned living historian from *Historically Speaking*, at the Sawmill Center Pottery Shed
- 500pm-530pm *Cannon Firing Demonstration* – by Jim Ruth, Company LeBeouf artilleryman, located in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from the Old Sawmill Classroom
- 800pm-900pm *Ben Franklin special guest appearance*—by Paul Stillman, renowned living historian from *Historically Speaking* at the Ridge Camp Park Amphitheater
- 900pm-1000pm *French Perspectives on Western Pennsylvania During the French & Indian War* - by Father Denys Baron, chaplain of Ft. Duquesne, at the Ridge Camp Park Amphitheater

## Sunday, June 14

- 900am-400pm *Event Open*
- 900am-915am *18th Century Sunday Service*, by the 42nd Highland Regiment, located in the main encampment site along Black Bear Trail
- 930am-1100am *Blacksmithing Demonstration*—by Dennis Murray, story-teller (liar) and blacksmith, across from the old Sawmill Classroom
- 930am-1100am *Brain Tanning* - by Paul Stillman, renowned living historian from *Historically Speaking*, at the Sawmill Center Pottery Shed
- 1130am-1215pm *Peril in the Forest*—tactical engagement in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from old Sawmill Classroom
- 1230pm-200pm *18th Century Surgical Techniques* - by Jack Mathay, Company LeBeouf surgeon, at the NEW Sawmill Classroom
- 1230pm-200pm *Blacksmithing Demonstration*—by Dennis Murray, story-teller (liar) and blacksmith, across from the old Sawmill Classroom
- 1230pm-200pm *Powderhorn, Quill Pen & Turkey Wingbone Call Fabrication, and Kid's Games for trinkets & prizes* - by Paul Stillman, renowned living historian from *Historically Speaking* at the Sawmill Center Pottery Shed (\$10 for materials)
- 1230pm-200pm *French & Indian War Era Art & Demonstrators*—meet with distinguished painters, artists, and demonstrators such as Larry Smail, Michael Flaherty, Barb Bockwrath, William Robertson, and 'Stray Wolf' in the Sawmill Center's old Craft Market room
- 200pm-230pm *Cannon Firing Demonstration* by Jim Ruth, Company LeBeouf artilleryman, in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from the Old Sawmill Classroom
- 230pm-300pm *Peril in the Forest*—tactical engagement in the woods along Black Bear Trail across from old Sawmill Classroom

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