



THE BATTLE OF WESTPORT

150th Anniversary Exhibition & Reenactment

October 23-26, 2014 ♦ 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64132

Schedule of Events

Thursday, 23 October 2014

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Curtis vs Shelby Tour of Battle of Westport sites** in the Loose Park area. Convene with guide Bjorn Skaptason at Rose Garden Pavilion in Loose Park for one hour walking tour. **Tour is repeated on Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 - 4:00 PM.**

Location: 5200 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO.

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Commemoration ceremony of the Battle of Westport** conducted by members of the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans at artillery emplacement at the south end of Loose Park, under the direction of James Beckner, Westport SUV unit.

Location: South end of Loose Park, 55th Street at Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO.

Friday, 24 October 2014

EDUCATION DAY

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Education Day Programs on the grounds of the Battle of Westport** in Swope Park surrounding the Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center. Programming specially designed for primary and secondary school students, including hands-on activities and demonstrations by skilled period presenters at 20 different stations, including:

- Living history demonstrations
- 19th century medical presentation and demonstrations with extensive collection of medical devices and tools, artillery demonstrations
- Exploration of various aspects of life in the nineteenth century and the Civil War on the western border.

Registration: Participants register for event at the desk at the Visitor Center Museum. **Programs conclude at 2 PM. Education Day Campus closes at 3 PM.**

Location: 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.

- 11:00 AM - Noon** Special guided tour of the Big Blue/Byram's Ford Battlefield for Education Day participants, commencing at the Visitor Center Museum. Bus transportation provided from museum.
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** Special guided tour of the Big Blue/Byram's Ford Battlefield for Education Day participants commencing at the Visitor Center Museum. Bus transportation provided from museum.
- 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM** ***City of Memories Tour of Battle of Westport sites and persons associated with Forest Hill Cemetery.*** Convene with guide Bjorn Skaptason at the mausoleum of Forest Hill Cemetery at entrance.
Location: 6901 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO.
- 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM** **Reenactors portray skirmish on site of the Big Blue Battlefield.**
Location: 6000 Colorado, Kansas City, MO.
- 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM** **Dinner on the Battlefield.** Members of public with pre-paid \$15.00 ticket attend evening barbeque meal served on the site of the Big Blue Battlefield. Diners will mingle and interact with military and civilian reenactors and enjoy entertainment presented by period performers. **Tickets must be purchased in advance. There are no ticket sales on site.**
Location: 6000 Colorado, Kansas City, MO.

Saturday, 25 October 2014 MAIN EVENT DAY

- 9:00 - 9:45 AM** **Opening ceremony** including color guard ceremonies, introduction of descendants, dignitaries, benefactors, and introductory remarks.
Location: Veranda on east facade of Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- 10:00 AM** **Exhibition opens to public at Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center at 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.**
- **Cavalry unit living history demonstration** by Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard from Fort Riley.
 - **Children's area** open with variety of hands-on activities with living historians exploring life during the Civil War on the western border.
 - **Visitor Center Museum** open to public with new exhibit featuring special collection of artifacts from the Battle of Westport recovered from the Byram's Ford Battlefield site and special exhibit of extensive collection of Civil War era medical devices and tools.
 - **Medical exhibition** with field hospital living history demonstrations open to public until 2:00 PM.
 - **Presentation of Civil War** medical practices and procedures by national authority, Mr. George C. Wunderlich, Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland.
- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** **Food truck vendors open to public.**
Location: Area adjacent to Band Pavilion in Swope Park.

- 10:00 - 10:30 AM** **Civil war era entertainment and variety show** by Professor Farquar and Polecat Annie. **Repeat performance at 3:00 – 3:30 PM.**
Location: Band Pavilion in Swope Park.
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM** **Doc Howard and Friends** present a historic music talk and performance. **Repeat performance at 3:00 – 3:30 PM.**
Location: Veranda on east facade of Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM** ***An Altar Reaching to the Moon* reader's theatre production** by Colleen Enna about the haunted border between Missouri and Kansas from 1854 to 1864 ending with the Battle of Westport. **Repeat performance at 3:30 – 4:30PM**
Location: Veranda on east facade of Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center at 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** **First person portrayals throughout the park.** Persons portrayed include: Gen. Robert E. Lee, Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, Gen. Joseph O. Shelby, Lieutenant Patrick Henry Minor (first commissioned black officer to have commanded black troops of Douglas' Battery in combat at the Battle of Westport), Margaret Watts Hays (widow of Col. Upton Hays) and Jesse James.
- 10:00 - 10:45 AM** **Camps of reenacting units open to public on the grounds of Swope Park** north of the Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center. **The camps are also open from 3:00 – 4:30 PM.**
Location: 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- 11:00 AM - Noon** **Reenactors portray engagement of Gen. Shelby's and Gen. Blunt's forces on 23 October 1864 at the Battle of Westport.**
Location: Northwest bowl of Swope Park, staging area adjacent to Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- Noon - 2:00 PM** **Chautauqua style presentations and story telling by Civil War era personalities throughout the day.**
Location: Veranda on east facade of Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center, 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- Noon - 12:30 PM** **Musical performance by renowned performers Dave Para and Cathy Barton**, who will play an extensive repertoire of traditional and Civil War songs from the region. Dave's great six and 12-string guitar work, Cathy's banjo, dulcimer, and autoharp, and their fine singing make the pair's performance a listening treasure. **Repeat performance at 4:00 – 4:30 PM.**
Location: Band Pavilion in Swope Park.

- 12:30 - 1:30 PM** ***Saving Kansas City's Battlefield* one-hour walking tour of the Battle of Westport sites at Big Blue/Byram's Ford Battlefield** with guides Daniel Smith and Bjorn Skaptason. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.
Location: Convene on the battlefield at 5951 Manchester Trffwy, Kansas City, MO.
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM** **Reenactors portray engagement by Gen. Pleasonton's Federal cavalry at Byram's Ford with Gen. Marmaduke's Confederate troops on 23 October 1864 during the Battle of Westport.**
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- 4:30 - 4:45 PM** **Closing ceremony and artillery salute** on the grounds of Swope Park.
Location: Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center at 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.
- 7:30 - 9:30 PM** **Civil War Ball** conducted by participating reenactors.
Location: Band Pavilion in Swope Park.

Sunday, 26 October 2014

CONCLUDING EVENTS

- 9:00 AM - Noon** ***Geography and the Battle of Westport.*** Enjoy an in-depth 3-hour walking tour of the Battle of Westport sites in the Loose Park - Brush Creek area. Convene with guide Bjorn Skaptason at Rose Garden Pavilion in Loose Park for extended walking tour. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Location: 5200 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO.

10:00 - 10:45 AM **Camps of reenacting units open to public.** Experience living history demonstrations of soldiers' life and drill on the grounds of Swope Park north of the Battle of Westport Museum and Visitor Center.

Location: 6601 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO.

11:00 - 11:45 AM **Civil War era church services.**

Location: Band Pavilion adjacent to the reenactor camps in Swope Park.

1:00 - 2:00 PM **Reenactors portray engagement associated with Battle of Westport.**

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