

1859 County Fair... Live the Past in the Present

Dear Re-enactor,

The Spotsylvania County Sesquicentennial Committee is organizing the 1859 County Fair... Live the Past in the Present. This event will take place on September 12 – 13, 2009 in the Historic Spotsylvania Courthouse area and will kick off Spotsylvania County's commemoration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Civil War. Event attendees will step back in time for an old fashioned fair with lots of fun for the whole family. There will be carnival games, period music, great food, vintage baseball, agricultural exhibits, animals, a medicine show, contests, crafts and more. Grandparents will be honored with a special ceremony on Sunday and five lucky grandparents will be named the 2009 Spotsylvania Best Grandparents. This event is free to the public and is expected to draw between 2,000 and 5,000 people.

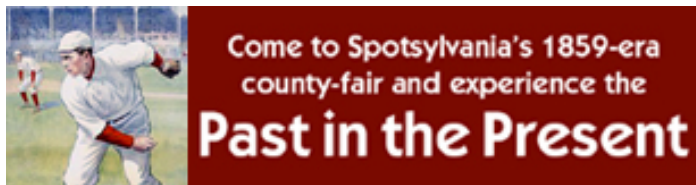
The Sesquicentennial Committee is looking for your help with this community event. Since this event is taking place before the start of the Civil War, we would like to demonstrate the Militia which existed in Virginia. There will be various demonstrations including drills, recruiting and camp life. We will also have a period photographer on site to demonstrate Tin Type Photography.

I know this is a busy time of year for most re-enactors. We are looking to set up a small group of re-enactors and invite you to join us either as a unit or as an individual. This event will be completely free to participate in. Each event participant will receive meal tickets for use in the hospitality tent. Saturday evening participants are welcome to tour the Spotsylvania area at their leisure or partake in some Civil War Dancing on site (this will not be open to the public). Re-enactors are welcome to stay on site Saturday night. A list of local hotels can be found at www.spotsylvania.org/150cw.htm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself at 540-507-7205 or by email at rdelooze@spotsylvania.va.us. The event website is www.spotsylvania.org/150cw.htm

Thank you,

Rachel T. DeLooze
Tourism Marketing Coordinator
Spotsylvania County



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Re-enactor Sign-up Form

FREE REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation (check one):

Artillery

Calvary

Infantry

Medical Corps

Civilian

Will you stay on site overnight? _____ Yes _____ No

Equipment you will bring: _____

Please return to:

Historical County Fair Committee
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