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“Friend or Froe” Special Event at Ozark Riverways

Van Buren, MO. – Bring your friends and family to Big Spring on May 1, 2010, to observe a replica Civil War Union Army encampment and traditional woodworking instructional event. Demonstrations will represent skills from the time period of that great conflict with emphasis on the tools and methods used in encampments, for repair of equipment, and in preparation for battle.

Volunteers from the Ozark National Scenic Riverways Heritage Workshop and park staff will teach traditional woodworking skills to a Civil War reenactment group from southeastern Missouri. Participants will learn the use of chopping axes, broadaxes, adzes, and crosscut saws. They will also learn about wood splitting in the making of rails, pickets, and shingles. There will be demonstrations of wood shaping with hand axes, broadaxes, chisels, drawknives, and spokeshaves.

The “Friend or Froe” event will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at the Depression Farm site near Big Spring. The public is invited to observe the woodworking demonstrations and tour the replica Civil War encampment.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people. For more information visit, www.nps.gov/ozar

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