Arkansas Post

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Arkansas Post National Memorial
Gillet, AR

Calendar of Events 2013

Photo by Anthony D. Glover, Grand Champion of the 2012 Digital Photography Contest

The Battle of Arkansas Post Sesquicentennial
January 19 – 20

Join park staff and volunteers in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Arkansas Post. On Saturday, the park will host guest speakers from 10 am to 1 pm The morning was also include interpretive programs and an open Confederate camp . A special Memorial Ceremony is at 4 pm near the park gate. On Sunday, the Confederate camp will be open from 10 am to Noon. Arkansas Post State Park Museum and reenacting groups will host simultaneous events near the park. Parking will be at select locations in the town of Gillett with free shuttle service to the activities and back to your vehicle.

The 6th Annual Digital Photography Contest

The contest has been expanded to an almost year round event. To be eligible, photos must be taken within the park boundaries between October 1, 2012 and September 2, 2013 (Labor Day). There are six categories in both the youth and adult divisions. Entry forms and a complete list of rules are available at the Visitor Center and the Photos and Multimedia link at www.nps.gov/arpo

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Spring Bayou Floats
March 2 and 9

See Arkansas Post as the Indians, explorers and settlers did – from the bow of a canoe. This float will travel from Moore's Bayou to Post Bayou. If you cannot bring your own canoe or kayak, some seats may be available. The program is free, but registration is required. Call Joe Herron (870-548-2207) to register.

National Park Week

April 20 - Colonial Encampment / 230th Anniversary of Colbert's Raid – Join park staff and volunteers from 10 am to 3 pm to learn about the French and Spanish Colonial period in Arkansas. Members of the Early Arkansaw Reenactors and the Arkansas Post Spanish Cannon Crew will be on hand. Musket and Cannon Demonstrations will be conducted periodically.

April 27 – Science Saturday – Join park staff between 10 am – 2 pm for a series of science based programs for all ages. Topics covered include climate change, water ecology, identifying exotic plants, and more.

2nd Annual Arkansas Post Biodiversity Fair
June 1

Join park staff, volunteers, and professional scientists from 10 am to 4 pm for a fun filled day of biodiversity discovery. Family activities include live animal demonstrations, unofficial antler scoring, guided nature walks, furs and pelts, children's crafts and much more! Registration is not necessary

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Youth Fishing Derby
June 15

Park Lake will be stocked by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission with 250 channel catfish for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish landed. Competition is open to youth 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

Family Fun Days

Family fun days are a series of "hands on" programs that provide learning in cultural heritage and natural resources. Although geared towards kids, they are enjoyable for the whole family. Each day's programs are offered from 9 am to 1 pm as mini day camps. We suggest wearing comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and packing a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult. These programs are free, but registration the week of the event is required (870-548-2207)

June 22 – Birds and Mammals The first Europeans to settle Arkansas sought the furs of small mammals and deer. Today Arkansas Post draws birders from across the region. Join us for a bird hike and talks on mammal tracks and identification.

July 6 – Civil War Kid's Day We will start the day's program with a hike to the rifle pits to discuss the Battle of Arkansas Post. Activities and crafts will help kids learn about young people in 1860s Arkansas.

July 20 Junior Archaeologist / National Park Traveler Parents and kids are welcome to learn about the field of Archeology and how it is practiced in National Parks. What are their tools and how is it different from the movies? The other part of the day's programs will show ways to get the most out of your visit to the National Park? We will discuss how to plan your trip to America's best kept secrets and how to get the most educational experience out of the places you visit.

June 29 - Reptiles and Amphibians Learn about the slippery and scaly inhabitants of Arkansas Post. Special programs on snakes, turtles, and alligators and a hike around Park Lake are just part of the fun.

July 13 – Colonial Kid's Day What kind of chores and games would a kid done during 1700s Arkansas? Join Rangers and volunteers to learn about the early days of Arkansas History. Musket and Cannon demonstrations will be conducted.

July 27 Digital Photography Workshop Participants will learn basic techniques for taking outdoor digital photographs and will capture nature in action at Arkansas Post. Participants will create a frame for their picture and at the end of the day , they will also receive a copy of their best photograph to take home. You may bring your own digital camera or you can reserve one of the parks digital cameras when you call to register.

Public Lands Day September 28

The park will host a cleanup of Post Bayou Trail, the Nature Trail, and the Civil War Rifle Pits for Public Lands Day. The cleanup is from 8 am– Noon. Register your family or civic group with Park Ranger Joe Herron by calling 870-548-2207.

The 19th Annual Ghosts of the Past October 13

The 19th Annual Ghosts of the Past - Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert's Raid, and the Civil War. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and will last approximately one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Photo by Chloe Belle Grantham, First Place Historical (Youth) 2012 Digital Photography Contest