



## Living History Weekend August 20 - 21, 2016

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### Saturday, August 20th

#### **9:00 am Flag Raising**

**9:30 am Military, Gold Miner's, and Native American Camps** – Living History camps open to the public. Interact and learn from living historians as they discuss the daily lives of soldiers, gold miners, and Native Americans in an authentically recreated encampment.

**10:00 am Historic Weapons Demonstration** – Learn about small arm weapons used during the Indian War period at Fort Laramie.

**10:30 am Native American Weapons Demonstration** – Explore the effectiveness of the various types of weapons used by a Northern Plains Indian Warrior.

**11:30 am Historic Folk Music** – Listen to the lively 19<sup>th</sup> century music that brought joy to many after a long day on the trail. The program will feature well known songs played along the emigrant trails. The Merchant family of Casper, Wyoming, masters of the fiddle, guitar, and banjo, will be performing.

**1:00 pm Native American Women's Program** – Learn about the daily life of a Native American women and their important contributions to individual and communal family life on the Northern Great Plains.

**2:00 pm "Quilting the West"** – Come and learn how quilts were made and the patterns that were used in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Visitors will be given an opportunity at constructing a quilt in this interactive demonstration.

**3:30 pm Historic Weapons Demonstration** – Learn about small arm weapons used during the Indian War period at Fort Laramie.

**4:00 pm Native American Weapons Demonstration** – Explore the effectiveness of the various types of weapons used by a Northern Plains Indian Warrior.

#### **5:00 pm Flag Lowering**

**8:00 pm "A Walk Through Time: Reliving our Past - Preserving the Future"** – For many the highlight of the weekend, the traditional "Moonlight Tour" where visitors will encounter many of the characters associated with the rich history of the Fort. This year's event will focus on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the treaty of 1866. This fateful year saw the poignant burial of Spotted Tail's Daughter, Mni Akuwin, the failed negotiations of the treaty of 1866, and the beginning of "Red Cloud's War."

Visitors will enjoy short vignettes depicting life at Fort Laramie in the 19th century. The evening's entertainment will conclude with a program and concert by Hank Cramer performing songs of the western trails.

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