

2016 Fort Union Days Event Schedule

8:00AM-4:00PM Kids Tent Area Conducted activities for children and parents. Activities to include Santa Fe Trail Game, Corn Husk Dolls, Whirly Gigs, Sun Dials, and more.

Exhibitors Area- Tables for FOUN partners to engage the public and to provide information about their resource to the visiting public.

Living History Encampment- An all-day encampment filled with Living History demonstrators and re-enactors conducting talks and programs throughout the day. These participants will be representing various time periods including the Civil War era, and Post-Civil War.



Fort Union Days Saturday, June 18 Schedule

8:00AM- FOUN opens to public

8:00AM-4:00PM Exhibitors Tent Area Opens: Includes Kids Table/Area, Exhibitors Table, Living History Encampment, Vendor

9:30AM- Daily Fort Tour – A 1.25 mile, Ranger led tour through the adobe remnants of what was once the military installation west of the Mississippi River. The tour will also feature a Raising of the Colors to kick off the day’s activities.

10:00AM – Raising of the Colors (Black Powder) – The official start of the day’s activities and events, accompanied by cannon fire.

10:30AM – 11:00AM **19th Century Artillery and Small Arms Black Powder Demonstration** - We invite you to join the Artillery Company of New Mexico and the 3rd New Mexico Volunteer Infantry living history as they demonstrate the historic use of military tactics and weaponry utilized throughout Fort Union’s history.

11:30 - 12:15 – **“The French in Northern New Mexico”** -Discover the unique history of French fur trapping in Northern New Mexico and its influence on the Santa Fe Trail as speaker Francois-Marie Patorni gives us a glimpse into the legacy left by French descendants on the western frontier.

12:45- 1:15 – **“German Volunteers”** -Learn the history behind the St. Louis German-American Volunteers of Company B, Missouri Light Artillery Volunteer Battalion, commanded by Captain Woldemar Fischer and composed of European-born German language speakers and their experience during the Mexican-American War. By Timothy Kimball

1:30 – 2:15 **“The Mormon Battalion”** -Searching for a home west along the Rockies, volunteers from the Mormon community would enlist to support the United States’ war against Mexico to annex what would become the American Southwest. Learn of their stories, struggles, and connection to the Santa Fe as Blain Bachman shares their story.

2:30 – 3:30 **“What They Carried: Food and Supply on the Santa Fe Trail.”** -As the primary depot of military supply in the southwest, Fort Union would keep over 40 forts throughout six different states supplied with ammunition, food, and materials. Join park staff and get a glimpse at the work it took to keep an army fed.

4:30 Lowering the Colors (Living History Encampment closes)

5:00pm Park closes

Fort Union Days Sunday, June 19 Schedule

8:00AM- FOUN opens to public

8:00AM-4:00PM Exhibitors Tent Area Opens: Includes Kids Table/Area, Exhibitors Table, Living History Encampment, Vendor

9:30AM –Daily Fort Tour

10:00AM – Raising of the Colors (Black Powder) – The official start of the day’s activities and events, accompanied by cannon fire.

11:15AM – 12:00 - **19th Century Artillery and Small Arms Black Powder Demonstration** -We invite you to join the Artillery Company of New Mexico and the 3rd New Mexico Volunteer Infantry living history as they demonstrate the historic use of military tactics and weaponry utilized throughout Fort Union’s history.

12:30 - 1:15 – **“Music from the Ranch and the Open Range”** -Cowboy music has evolved from the open range and ranch employees who worked and rode after cattle during the late 19th century. These include songs written by ranch hands about horses, cattle and lost love. Others add death and the devil to the story. Join Steve Cormier as he performs these songs and reflects on the open range.

1:30- 2:15 – **“Women of the Santa Fe Trail”** -Exhilarating for some and grueling for others, the Santa Fe Trail could offer the women who travelled along its route many opportunities of freedom, adversity, or peril. Join Dr. Sara Richter for this special and intimate look at the Santa Fe Trail and the women who added to its rich and unique history.

2:30 – 3:15 - **19th Century Small Arms Black Powder Demonstration**

4:30 Lowering the Colors

5:00 Park Closes