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### Ozark Riverways Announces 2012 Special Events

Van Buren MO – Ozark National Scenic Riverways is offering numerous **FREE** special events for the public in 2012. The events, dates, times and descriptions are as follows.

**Junior Ranger and Jacks Fork Watershed Day** **Friday, April 27, 2012**

Alley Spring, Eminence, MO

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., explore nature at the Junior Ranger and Jacks Fork Watershed Day. Using hands on activities, children ages 6 to 16 can discover Missouri's wonderful natural world and the Jacks Fork Watershed. Live animals will be available for viewing.

**Ozark Heritage Days** **Saturday, June 9, 2012**

Big Spring, Van Buren, MO

Journey into the past and experience old time traditional skills and craft demonstrations. Activities begin daily at 10:00 a.m. Spinning, rope making, woodworking, quilting, basketry, johnboat making, fiddle making and lye soap making are just some of the traditional Ozark lifeways demonstrated. Musical entertainment and dance demonstrations will be provided. Food will be available for purchase from local vendors. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair for the musical and dance entertainment.

**Alley Spring Independence Day Celebration** **Saturday, July 7, 2012**

Alley Spring, Eminence, MO

This event commemorates the traditional picnic celebrations that were held at Alley Spring around the turn of the twentieth century when this area was the social gathering place for local families. Children of all ages can enjoy old fashioned games and toys. Musical entertainment and dance demonstrations will be provided. Ice cream and food will be available for purchase from local vendors. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair for the musical and dancing entertainment beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Ozark Dinner Theater****Saturday, July 28, 2012**

Big Spring, Van Buren, MO

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the event highlights traditional Ozark lifeways and culture. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the musical entertainment and dance demonstrations presented. Catfish dinners, freshly baked pies and other food and drink items will be available for purchase from local vendors.

**Haunting in the Hills****Saturday, October 13, 2012**

Alley Spring, Eminence, MO

The Ozark past comes to life with folkway demonstrations, reenactments, music, hands-on activities, food and an evening filled with memorable tales and legends. Events begin at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and then 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Local skilled artisans demonstrate their special crafts. Experience pioneer skills and traditions such as basket weaving, spinning, wood carving, black and tinsmithing, chair canning and the making of household supplies of soap, candles, rope, brooms and apple butter. Learn about the local Ozark history. Musical entertainment will be provided. Hands-on activities for young people will be offered. Food, beverages, and snacks will be available by community vendors on the event grounds.

**Sesquicentennial of "Camp Lincoln" on the Current****Friday and Saturday,****November 2 and 3, 2012**

Big Spring, Van Buren, MO

Encounter the Civil War in the Ozarks during the sesquicentennial commemoration of "Camp Lincoln", a Federal site established on the Current River in December 1862. The camp's creation was part of the Union winter campaign to discourage Confederate raiding and bushwhacking in the Ozarks. The living history event will provide students and the public with first hand insights into the hardships and experiences that the common Civil War soldier endured. Experience reenactors demonstrating artillery and infantry drills, engineering, woodworking, recruiting and loyalty oaths, camp cooking, women in the Civil War and much more. Marching and firing demonstrations will be provided by the volunteer Union reenactment group, the "Turner Brigade". The public is invited to attend both days beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Old Fashion Christmas and Open House****Saturday, December 8, 2012**

Alley Spring, Eminence, MO

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Alley Mill General Store is hosting an old fashioned Christmas celebration. Bring the whole family and your friends to view Alley Mill and the store all dressed up in holiday decorations. Feast on cookies, cider and hot chocolate. Try out your creativity by making old-time ornaments that you can take home and hang on your Christmas tree to enjoy. The old-time festivities end at 12:00 noon, so come early to allow plenty of time for cookie munching and ornament crafting.

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 call 573-323-4236 or visit, [www.nps.gov/ozar](http://www.nps.gov/ozar).

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