

LINCOLN LOG CABIN ANNOUNCES 2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

Vintage Base Ball

June 16

Join the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels Vintage Base Ball Club as they explain and demonstrate the rules of play for the 19th century game. Then join in for pick up games throughout the day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Taste of Summer

July 7

Join us for a taste of summer, see the gardens in bloom and learn about the types of vegetables available to the mid 19th century gardener on Saturday, July 7th. Heirloom vegetables are in many cases much different than those available today - compare the differences between these and their modern counterparts. Afterwards, join us for an old fashioned corn boil and sample the fresh sweet corn. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

19th Century Militia Muster

July 14-15

In 1845 Illinois Governor Ford called out the local militia to deal with the supposed threat of the Mormons in western Illinois. Lincoln Log Cabin is recreating what one of these local country militia musters would have been like, complete with military drills with period muskets, period gaming, music, and much more. Come and learn about the citizen-soldier of nineteenth century Illinois! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam

August 12

The annual Bluegrass Jam takes place Sunday, August 12 with musicians from Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri attending. This informal musical gathering provides the perfect opportunity to bring a picnic lunch and sit in the shade listening to groups of musicians jam, or bring along your own instrument and join in. Food Concessions will also be offered by the Volunteer Pioneers. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barn Dance

September 15

Join us for an afternoon of fun at an old fashioned barn dance on Saturday, September 15. A band and dance caller will be on hand to teach you the latest in 19th century dance moves. Before each dance, the caller will lead you through the steps, then join in with our interpreters and volunteers as they 'kick up their heels' in celebration of the harvest. 2-4 p.m.

Harvest Frolic & Agricultural Fair

October 6-7

Harvest Frolic activities taking place at the Lincoln and Sargent farms both Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7 will include period cooking, applesauce making, food drying and preservation, quilting, grist milling, period music, and numerous hands-on activities. Visitors may also stroll the trades area which features period trades and craftspeople demonstrating their wares. These will include blacksmithing, pottery, wood carving, paper cutting (Scherenschnitte), weaving, broom making, candle making, and wood turning on the "Great Wheel." Many of the trades and crafts people will be selling their wares. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer

November 23

By 1845 governors of many states outside of New England were issuing proclamations for official Days of Thanksgiving. Join us as we explore the

Thanksgiving traditions familiar to Illinois' yankee settlers at the Stephen Sargent farm. Sargent's New Hampshire roots and childhood Thanksgiving celebrations will be the basis for our interpretation.

Christmas Candlelight Tours

December 7-8

Christmas as we know it today was not widely celebrated on the prairie in the early 1800s. Join us to tour the Lincoln and Sargent farms Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9 by candle lit paths and see the how Christmas could have been observed by these two families.. At the Lincoln Cabin the family will not observe the day with merriment as will some of their neighbors, instead, they gather around the hearth, while the women are busy with their spinning and knitting. Meanwhile, at the Sargent Farm, members of the Sargent family will celebrate the holiday with good food, simple decorations, and readings from the Bible. They represent a growing trend in the 19th century who observe the holiday. The Downstate Regional Sacred Harp Shape Note Singers will perform in the Visitor Center along with local musicians. 5 to 8 p.m.