

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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### **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park hosts Great Western Exposition, July 11-13**

A truly memorable event is planned for Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park July 11-13, as the newly created Great Western Exposition showcases the military history of Fort Abraham Lincoln along with saluting North Dakota's continuing role in the Armed Forces.

The three-day event offers a variety of activities for the whole family. Special features of the event include, a special Friday evening dinner in the Custer House with General Custer and Mrs. Custer as the hosts.

Arts, crafts, and food vendors are available all weekend. On Saturday, starting at 4:30 p.m. a Community Picnic is planned with a free-will donation benefiting the ND National Guard Foundation. Noon on Sunday, there is a rededication of the Custer House celebrating 25 years of being part of ND's legendary story, followed by a special old style wet plate photo session on the front porch of the Custer House. Many other events are scheduled throughout the weekend.

The highlight of the weekend begins Saturday evening with a special military appreciation ceremony with music from the West River Winds starting at 5:30 p.m. This is followed by a concert on Cavalry Square featuring the music of 32 Below.

Admission to the three-day event is \$15 for adults and children ages 13 and older. Kids 12 and under are free. There is a special military ticket for all active and non-active military personnel and family for \$10. One ticket gets you in all three days of the event. Tickets should be purchased in advance online by visiting [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or by visiting the entrance booth at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park or the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Headquarters located at 1600 East Century Ave., Suite 3 in Bismarck. Ticket information can be found online at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park's Facebook page and through Twitter by a search of @fortlincoln.

This is truly the summer event you will not want to miss.

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