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Fort Ransom Sodbusters Days Sept. 8-9

It's harvest time in North Dakota and that means Fort Ransom State Park is ready for Sodbuster Days, giving visitors a glimpse of how the state's settlers brought in the crops and celebrated a successful growing season.

On Saturday and Sunday the Fort Ransom Sodbusters Association will be demonstrating: horse-powered field work, blacksmithing, wire stretching, rope making, wheelwright, woodworking, spinning and much, much more. The Sunne House will be open along with the cook car, summer kitchen, log cabin and Sodbuster Building. On Saturday there is the pie auction, old fashioned meatball dinner, quilt auction, live old-time music and Cavalry performance. On Sunday, there's breakfast starting at 7 a.m., a National Anthem cannon volley, church services, parade and a performance by the Norwegian Troll Dancers.

The daily park fee is waived, but a \$5 fee will be charged per person with children ages 12 and under admitted free. There are events specifically for the kids both days including games, crafts and a watermelon seed spitting contest.

Information on Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days can be found on the internet at

<http://www.ransomcountynd.com> or by calling 701-973-4331. For more on Fort Ransom State Park go to <http://www.parkrec.nd.gov>.