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Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days

Frontier Military Days returns to Fort Stevenson State Park on June 22-23, giving park visitors a glimpse of life on the plains many years ago.

Activities take place from 1 to 4 pm each day. Visitors at the event will have a chance to experience what life was like at a military fort in the 1870s.

During the two-day encampment, members of the Frontier Army of Dakota will set up authentic tents and gear in front of the Guardhouse Interpretive Center. Daily activities will include baking and live demonstrations featuring old-time skills. Cannon maneuvers will start at 3:30 pm and a cannon will fire at 4 pm each day.

Military Life In Dakota, often thought of as one of the best first-hand accounts of military life in Dakota Territory, is available for sale in the Guardhouse. It was written by General deTrobriand, the first commander at the fort.

Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days is sponsored by the Fort Stevenson Foundation, a local volunteer organization that sponsored the reconstruction of the original fort's Guardhouse. The Guardhouse is used as a visitor center with displays and artifacts about military life in the Dakota Territory.

Fort Stevenson State Park is located south of Garrison, North Dakota. This event will take place on the Guardhouse lawn. If you have questions please call the park office 701-337-5576 or e-mail at fssp@nd.gov.