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Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days, July 12-13

It's time again for Fort Ransom Sodbuster Days, July 12-13, at Fort Ransom State Park in the beautiful Sheyenne River Valley. The annual event has been going on for nearly three decades and gives visitors a glimpse of how North Dakota's early settlers lived day-to-day.

It's a family event with turn of the century demonstrations involving cooking, blacksmithing, small engine work, threshing, haying and weaving. The event begins on Saturday, running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday it gets underway at 7 a.m. with field presentations starting at 10 a.m. Watch as workers use century old methods to fill the 100-year-old Sunne Barn hay loft.

Some highlights of the two-day event include: pie baking and a pie auction on Saturday; an old-time music jam at 8 p.m. Saturday and live music both days in the Music Building; a parade on Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m.; pancake breakfast Sunday starting at 7 a.m.; Interdenominational Church Service on Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Music Building; kids events including tug-o-war and watermelon seed spitting, both days.

Admission is \$7 per person and kids ages 12 and under are free. The Fort Ransom State Park daily vehicle entrance fee is waived during Sodbuster Days. The event is sponsored by the Fort Ransom Sodbuster Association and the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. There are shuttle rides available from the parking area to the Sunne Farm and there will be food and beverages available at the event.

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>.