

**“The Life of a Soldier” Living History Weekend Schedule**  
**Fort Ransom State Park**  
**June 10-11, 2023**

\*All events will take place at the reenactors camp across from the Visitor Center unless otherwise specified\*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

8:00AM - 11:00AM: Campaign Marching

- Reenactors will be on the march along the trails at Fort Ransom State Park, showing what a column of soldiers looked like on the move in the frontier. (No exact location)

11:00AM - 12:00PM: Camp Setup

- Come and see what it looked like for frontier soldiers to pitch tents and build their camps while on campaign. (Located directly across from the visitor center)

1:00PM - 1:30PM: ‘Life of a Frontier Soldier’ Demonstration on Clothing/Equipment

- Reenactors will give a talk displaying the clothing and equipment that a frontier soldier would utilize. (Across from the VC)

2:00PM - 2:30PM: Mail Call

- Reenactors will be formed and issued mail as a demonstration of how letters and packages would have been distributed to them while on campaign on the frontier. (Across from the VC)

3:00PM - 4:00PM: Company Drill and Firing Demonstrations

- Reenactors will form to conduct period accurate drill as a company of soldiers. Additionally, this would include demonstrations on how the muzzle loaded firearms of the period were loaded and fired by soldiers. (Across from the VC)

5:00PM - 5:30PM: Inspection of Camp

- An inspection of the camp will be conducted by reenactors as it would have been done by the frontier military to maintain order and appearance. (Across from the VC)

6:00PM - 6:30PM: Ration Issue and Field Cooking

- Reenactors will be issued rations as the frontier military did while on campaign and will then immediately begin cooking those rations over their campfires. (Across from the VC)

8:00PM - 8:30PM: Dress Parade

- Reenactors will form to conduct an evening ‘Dress Parade’, which was a traditional ceremony performed across the various forts of the frontier as well as on some campaigns. (Across from the VC)

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

6:30AM - Reveille

- For those early risers, the reenactors will be awoken and formed for reveille and rollcall in the morning (Across from the VC)

7:15AM - 7:45AM: Breakfast Call

- Reenactors will be moving about the camp working to cook their remaining rations in period correct ways with period correct tools. (Across from the VC)

8:00AM - 8:30AM: Morning Parade

- Reenactors will form to conduct a 'Morning Parade'. Much like the Dress Parade, the Morning Parade was an important ceremony on frontier garrisons and was utilized on campaign as well. (Across from the VC)

9:00AM - 9:30AM: Campground March

- Reenactors will march along the trails and into the campground of Fort Ransom State Park. Enjoy your coffee and observe from your campsite as they march by. (Campground)

10:30AM - 11:00AM: Inspection

- A full inspection of the camp and the company will be conducted by the reenactors, once more highlighting the need to maintain order and discipline in the frontier army. (Across from the VC)

12:00PM - Final Formation and Event End

- The Reenactors will be formed one last time and dismissed as the event comes to an end. (Across from the VC)