

**Fort Vancouver National Historic Site
Vancouver National Historic Reserve**



2007 Special Programs and Events Calendar

All special programs and events take place at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site unless otherwise stated and are subject to change. **Fort entrance fees:** \$3/adult, \$5/family, & free for children 15 years and under. For additional information about these and other programs offered by the National Park Service, visit our website at www.nps.gov/fova or call the Visitor Center at 360.816.6230

January

Friday, January 5, and Saturday, January 20 (7 p.m.): Lantern Tours

Join in a wonderful opportunity to tour the Fort at night. Each adult attending the program will carry his/her own lantern and tour with a Park Ranger through the Counting House, Fur Store, Chief Factors House, Kitchen and/or Bake House. You will learn what activities would have occurred after the sun set at Fort Vancouver. The 1½ -hour tour begins at the Fort. Fees: \$10/adults and \$7/children under 15 years of age. Reservations are required by calling the Visitor Center at 360.816.6230.

February

Friday, February 2, and Saturday, February 17 (7 p.m.): Lantern Tours

See January description.

March

Saturday, March 31 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration-*Berlin Wool Work* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

This "grandmother of needlepoint" was all the rage for the ladies of the Victorian era. Free of charge.

April

Saturday, April 21 (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.): 10th Anniversary of Nez Perce Memorial Ceremony

A traditional memorial to remember Chief Redheart's Band, including singing in honor of their ancestors, the Riderless Horse (Empty Saddle) Ceremony, the Sacred Pipe Ceremony, and recognition of veterans. Ceremony takes place on the lower Parade Ground, across the street from the Fort. Free of charge.

Friday, April 27 (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.): 5th Annual Children's Cultural Parade

Celebrating the diversity of Vancouver, this event is the result classroom instruction where children study cultures from around the world. The parade provides an opportunity for each child to share with the community his or her own unique culture. The parade begins along 5th Street in front of Pearson Air Museum and ends inside the Fort. Fort is free of charge from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration-*Beaded Flower Making* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

Learn about different techniques for creating three-dimensional beaded flowers to decorate bonnets and more!

Sunday, April 29 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Junior Ranger Day National Junior Ranger Day, when

National Parks nationwide develop Junior Ranger activities designed to increase awareness in children about the national parks. Kids will have the opportunity to bale furs using an 1840's style fur press, make sea biscuits in the Bake House, and play 19th century games.

May

Saturday, May 12 (4:30 p.m.): 140th Anniversary of Base Ball in Vancouver

140 years ago this year, base ball began to make its mark here in Vancouver. Join in the anniversary celebration of America's favorite pastime. The first vintage base ball game of the season, this gloveless game with wooden bats plays by very different rules! The public has an opportunity to play, sign up is at 4 p.m. , join in on a workshop about the uniform, rules of the game, the umpire's role, and the fans clothing, and then participate in the game for this one-time opportunity. Come and cheer for your favorite team, but beware... the umpire can fine the audience for "ungentlemanly" or "unladylike" behavior. All games take place on the Parade Ground next to the Bandstand. Free of charge.

Saturday, May 19 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- *Theorem Painting* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

This style of stenciling on various surfaces including velvet, silk, wood and paper was very popular in the early 1800s. Come and learn about this fascinating and almost-forgotten craft!

Monday, May 28 (1:30 p.m.): Memorial Day 1860's Cannon Salute

Memorial Day was established to all honor veterans and the military salute of arms is a tradition. Come view the tradition using arms of the 1860's. The Black Powder demonstration will take place on the Parade Ground across from the Howard House. Free of charge.

June

Friday, June 1 (6:30 p.m.): First Fridays at the Fort

On the evenings of June 1, July 6, August 3, and September 7, 2004, the National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve will host this summer evening program series. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about Fort Vancouver's intriguing history. Topics will be announced in late spring. Programs vary from 20 minutes to 1 hour and will take place at the Bandstand. Free of charge.

June 19-August 4: Archaeological Field School

To share the "underground" legacy of this site, we have developed a Public Archaeology Program which includes educational opportunities, special tours, and lectures. These activities help to share the site in a new way, and involve our visitors in the process of learning from, and working to preserve cultural resources. Lectures vary from 30 minutes to 1 hour. Free of charge.

Thursdays, June 28-July 26: Archaeology Lecture Series

The Lecture Series ties into the Archaeological Field School providing students and the public a more in depth look at the field of archaeology.

*June 28, Elizabeth Horton, M.Sc., Washington State University: Archaeology and the U.S. Army at Vancouver Barracks

Thursday, June 14 (2 p.m.- 4 p.m.): Flag Day

Join us for Celebrate Freedom's patriotic Flag Day Ceremony held at the Bandstand on the Historic Reserve Parade Ground. During this ceremony the community gathers to participate in the Annual National Pause for the Pledge and pay their respect to our country's national symbol. This youth focused event draws participation from local 5th grade classes, who write essays, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, school bands, military personnel, elected officials and community members. Free of charge.

Saturday and Sunday, June 16 -17 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.): Brigade Encampment

Again the brigades bring the furs to Fort Vancouver. They will share their stories of adventure and life in the wilds with those they have not seen in close to a year. This time you are invited. Encampment takes place outside the fort. Event is free of charge. Fort entrance fees do apply to enter the fort.

**Saturdays-Parade Ground and Sundays-Fort, June 23- September 2 (1:30 p.m.):
Historic Weapons Program (Small Arms and Cannon)**

Learn more about how weapons were used at both the Hudson's Bay Company's Fort Vancouver and the U. S. Army's Vancouver Barracks. On Saturdays meet on the parade ground for historic weapons firing demonstrations using military arms., on Sundays meet in the courtyard of Fort Vancouver for historic demonstrations of the weapons of the Hudson's Bay Company. Black Powder programs on the parade ground are free of charge. Fort entrance fees apply.

Saturday, June 30 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.): Kids Dig

Children ages 8-12 are introduced to archaeology by participating in a "mock dig", mapping their artifact finds, and filling out site forms. As they excavate and screen with the help of park staff and volunteers, participants will discuss how we learn from archaeology, and why we should preserve these pieces of our past. Each two-hour session is limited to 20 children, on a first-come, first-served basis. Program is free. Fort entrance fees do apply to enter the fort.

**Saturday, June 30 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- *Knitting* at the
McLoughlin House in Oregon City**

This is a hands-on demonstration! Come and learn about the styles of knitting in the 1800s and give it a try yourself!

July

Dates and times to be announced: Summer Programs Begin

Programs include Fast Facts at Fort Vancouver, Fort Vancouver Beyond the Fur Trade, the Company Servant, Roving Ranger along the Waterfront, and more.

Tuesday, July 3 and Friday, July 20 (7 p.m.): Movie Night on the Reserve

Families are invited to make history on Friday nights. Historically a community social meeting place, Fort Vancouver's Parade Ground continues to provide this opportunity by offering a series of Movies on the Reserve. July 3- *Happy Feet*, July 20- *ET* Free of charge.

Wednesday, July 4 (8 a.m.-11 p.m.): Fourth of July Celebration

Vancouver's famous fireworks display! The Fort will be open, with living history events throughout the day.

Friday, July 6 (6:30 p.m.): First Fridays at the Fort

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*July 12, Andrew Veech, Ph.D., Colonial National Park: Archaeology at Jamestown Island

*Wednesday, July 18, Mark Tveskov, Ph.D., Southern Oregon University: They are Killing Indians in the Valley: The Archaeology of Fort Lane, Oregon

*July 26, Multiple Speakers: Celebrating 60 Years of Archaeology at Fort Vancouver! A reunion of archaeologists past and present at Fort Vancouver.

Saturday, July 14 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.): Kids Dig

See June description

Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.): Soldiers Bivouac

Much of the news today is about soldiers in battle, however much of their time is spent at camp and in the community. Explore the camps of soldiers from Vancouver Barracks' past. Visitors will

experience life in the military from a soldier's point of view. Bivouac takes place on the Parade Ground. Free of charge.

Saturday, July 21 (6 p.m.): 1860's Vintage Base Ball

See May description.

Saturday, July 28 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.): Kids Dig at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

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Saturday, July 28 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- *Water Color Painting* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

Painting was one of the "gentle arts" included in the education of young ladies.

August

Friday, August 3 (6:30 p.m.): First Fridays at the Fort

See June description.

Fridays, August 3, 17, & 24: Movie Night on the Reserve

See July description. Aug 3-*Shrek II*, Aug 17th-*Jurassic Park*, Aug 24th-*Grease*

Saturday, August 18 (6 p.m.): 1860's Vintage Base Ball

See May description.

Saturday, August 25: Founders Day (Free Fee Day)

Celebrate the founding of the U.S. National Park Service, by visiting the only National Park in the Portland/ Vancouver metropolitan area. Rich in history, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site continues to make history. Visitors will learn about the crossroads of culture, exploration, discovery, & cultural conservation.

Saturday, August 25 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- *Ladies' Fashions/Sewing* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

Come and learn about what the well-dressed lady was wearing!

September

Friday, September 7 (6:30 p.m.): First Fridays at the Fort

See June description.

Saturday, September 15 (4 p.m.-10 pm.): Campfires and Candlelight: Night of the Shark

Visitors will have a chance to see what the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company were doing at Fort Vancouver during the day with surprising news that keeps them at work at night. In the orchard area, stroll back in time during the day seeing the activities of the U.S. Soldiers, Oregon Trail immigrants, and by candlelight experience their nightlife. Fort entrance fees do apply to enter the fort.

Saturday, September 22 (1-3 p.m.): Anniversary of the McLoughlin Memorial Association Founding-McLoughlin House in Oregon City Free of charge

Saturday, September 29 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- Topic TBD at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

October

Washington and Oregon Archaeology Month: Walking and Collection Tours

Celebrating archaeology by raising awareness about archaeology and cultural heritage, both states offer a number of activities for everyone. Fort Vancouver provides Kids Dig, Collections Tours, and more. To learn more about this year's archaeology month celebrations please go to www.oahp.wa.gov. Fort entrance fees due apply.

Saturday, October 6 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.): Kids Dig

See June description.

Saturdays, October 13 and 20 (7 p.m.): Tales of the Engages

Join the Engages of the Hudson's Bay Company as they share their stories of life at Fort Vancouver. This 1 hour 1840s "campfire program" will take place just outside the fort walls. Free of charge.

Saturday, October 20 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- *Pressed Flower Work* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

A simple and lovely craft that was displayed in many Victorian homes.

October 20, Saturday (to be confirmed): Dr. John McLoughlin's Birthday at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

Special programs will help celebrate the Father of Oregon's birthday. Free of charge

Friday and Saturday, October 26-27 (6-9 p.m.): Spirits of Oregon City-McLoughlin House in Oregon City

The Spirits of Oregon City is a mobile theater tour that takes you back in time to several of the heritage sites in town (including the Mountain View Cemetery!), where you'll see living history vignettes featuring characters of Oregon City's past. Reservations are strongly recommended - call the Rivershore Hotel at (503) 655-7141 to reserve your space. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. It's a little spooky, but not scary - an interesting and fun event for all ages!

November

Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 17 (7 p.m.): Lantern Tours

See January description.

Sunday, November 11: Veterans Day (Free Fee Day)

Honoring those who have served and who are serving, military personnel and their families are admitted free into Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

Saturday, November 17 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.): Cultural Demonstration- *Bonnet Making* at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

See how the lovely headwear of the 1800s was created!

December

Saturdays, December 1 and 15 (7 p.m.): Lantern Tours

See January description.

TBD: Christmas at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City

Step back in time, to the 1850's, the holiday season is approaching, and everyone is preparing for the festivities. Learn what it might have been like to celebrate Christmas with the McLoughlin Family.

Saturday, December 8 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.): Christmas at Fort Vancouver

Experience first hand the festive traditional sights, smells, and sounds of the holiday season at Fort Vancouver. Visitors will be able to experience what the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company may have been doing in preparation for the holidays. Fort entrance fees do apply.

Please remember to visit the other venues within the Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

For more information regarding their hours of operation and events contact them at...

Pearson Air Museum- 360.694.7026

Officers Row

Grant House- 360.906.1101

Marshall House-360.693.3103

O.O. Howard House-360.992.1800

Water Resources Education Center-360.696.8478

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service, is at the heart of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. The Vancouver National Historic Reserve brings together a national park, a premier archaeological site, the region's first military post, an international fur trade emporium, one of the oldest operating airfields, the first national historic site west of the Mississippi River, and a waterfront trail and environmental center on the banks of the Columbia River. The partners of the Reserve teach visitors about the fur trade, early military life, natural history, and pioneers in aviation, all within the context of Vancouver's role in regional and national development. The Reserve's vast array of public programs -- including living history events, festivals, cultural demonstrations, exhibits, active archaeology, and other special activities -- create a dynamic, fun, and unique tourist destination for people of all ages.