

We have lined up some great vendors for our event. You may recall that the scenario of the event is a time between engagements for line and militia to refit. As you look through your gear this winter, locate some things that need repair or replacement and, please, work with our vendors to do that service for you. I am sending their contact information in advance because I know you sometimes have to make arrangements ahead of time so the vendor can bring the right goods, materials or tools. Here are the artisans we have so far.

Kim Bradford, Bradford Store. www.thebradfordstore.com/

Kim will be providing groceries and some prepared foods, both 18th and 21st century-style. She has an amazing family-owned general store on NC 73, just outside Davidson, so she may also bring any number of other items for purchase and show. For example, she carries many unusual varieties of jellies and preserves. If you have a favorite, or something you have been looking for, contact her now and she may be able to find someone to make what you want.

Jack Hurley, Blacksmith. www.thebradfordstore.com/

Jack is a seasoned 18th century blacksmith. He has a permanent location beside the Bradford Store. He will be demonstrating low-danger items while the public is present, but if you need an 18th century weld or a more tricky repair, get in touch with him and make arrangements for him to take care of it outside public hours.

Jacqueline Habenicht, , Scottish Leather and Lassie. www.scottishleather.com

Jacqui frequents the Highland Games. For our event, she will be concentrating on items appropriate to the 18th century. If your belt needs a new hole or your pack needs a new strap, Jacqui is your lady. To match your current leather, you might want to contact her now. For new items or if a mismatch feels more appropriate to you, be sure to stop by during the event.

Randy and Angela Whitworth, Carolina Woodcrafters, Statesville, NC (tentative) email at irishwhitter@aol.com

Randy does some nice simple camp furniture pieces as well as household items. Have glue, will travel.

SPECIAL GUEST Kisha Rawlings, Sweetgrass Baskets. email at sweetgrassbaskets@yahoo.com

Kisha's family has been making low country baskets for generations. She has brought this practical skill to an art form. Her work is museum quality and she will be demonstrating on SATURDAY only.

In the spirit of the new street shows in Williamsburg, think about how an exchange with a merchant in these circumstances might go. We would love to have some "in character"

discussions about the price or style of the work for our public patrons to observe some colorful (yet family friendly) 18th century style interactions. Let the actor in you come out.

A few other details:

Music will be provided by Zach Lemhouse (violin) and Connor Showalter (Irish Whistle) and we couldn't keep Hawkeye out of it if we tried.

Saturday evening meal will be provided by the Town of Cornelius in thanks for your extra effort in bringing the 18th century alive in our town.

Set up can take place from 4PM on Friday March 23 (it is after daylight savings time kicks in) and tear down starts at 4 PM on Sunday Mar 25. Parking for trailers and larger vehicles will be across the street (we think), but if your passenger vehicle can be parked three blocks away at Town Hall, it would help the parking situation.

Cannon firing and other demonstrations will be scheduled for more than once a day.

Firewood and hay straw will be provided. Water is available from the a hose by the permanent building. Indoor restrooms are available for campers. Portajohns will be put up for the public overflow.

We are looking for a minister to hold services on Sunday morning. If any of you are interested, please contact me.

I will be back to you in a few weeks with more. I mostly wanted to remind you to take advantage of our willing merchants and contact them now so that they can provide what you need.

Saturday

10:00 Fire Starting/ 18th Century Weapons

10:30 Musket Drill/18th Century Music

11:00 Cannon Firing

12:00 Low Country Basket Weaving/ / 18th Century Camp Dancing

1:00 Fire Starting/The Militia Man

1:30 Musket Drill/ 18th Century Food

2:00 Cannon Firing

2:30 Low Country Basket Weaving/The Continental Line Soldier

3:00 Fire Starting/Camp Cooking

3:30 Women in the Army/ 18th Century Music

4:00 Cannon Firing

Sunday

10:00 Fire Starting/ 18th Century Weapons

10:30 Musket Drill/18th Century Music

11:00 Cannon Firing

12:00 18th Century Food/ 18th Century Camp Dancing

1:00 Fire Starting/The Militia Man

1:30 Musket Drill

2:00 Cannon Firing

2:30 Women in the Army/The Continental Line Soldier

3:00 Fire Starting/Camp Cooking

3:30 18th Century Music

4:00 Cannon Firing

Continuous: Leather Working, Blacksmithing