



RIVER RAISIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK FOUNDATION

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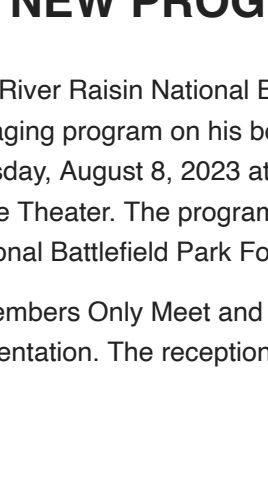


Major's Exposé: August News on the River Raisin

Summer is in full swing with kayaking, Black Powder Days, craft programs and a new addition of an author presentation by Dr. Gene Smith all happening at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park!

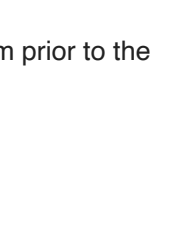
The Visitor Center is open 7 days a week with summer hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[See Calendar of Events](#)



"The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812" program by author Dr. Gene Allen Smith.

DATE: Tuesday, August 8, 2023
RECEPTION: 6:15p.m.
PROGRAM: 7:00p.m.
LOCATION: River Raisin National Battlefield Park Visitor Center Theater

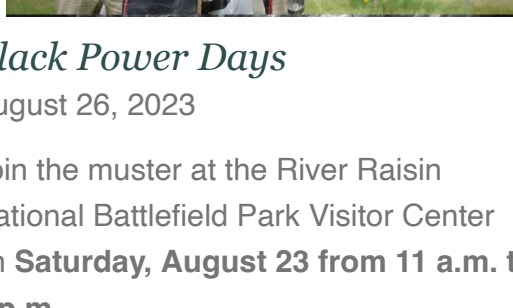


NEW PROGRAM on August 8, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park welcomes author Dr. Gene Allen Smith for an engaging program on his book, "The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812" on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00p.m. at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Visitor Center in the Theater. The program is free and open to the public with the support of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation and La-Z-Boy.

A Members Only Meet and Greet Reception with Dr. Smith begins at 6:15pm prior to the presentation. The reception is for members and their guests.

[More information](#)

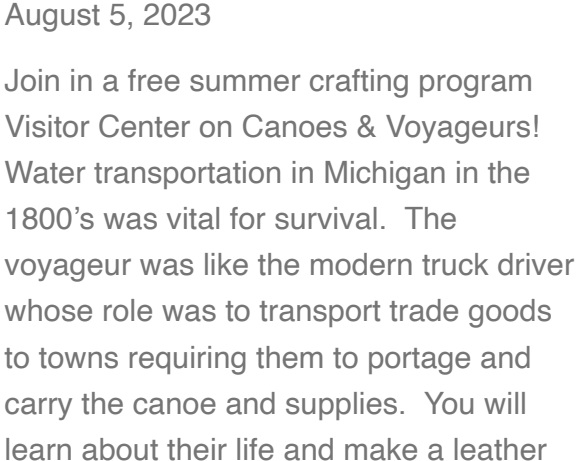


Black Powder Days

August 26, 2023

Join the muster at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Visitor Center on **Saturday, August 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Black Powder Days is a family fun event to learn all about black powder uses and drilling in the War of 1812. Watch living historians drill and provide musket, rifle, and cannon firing demonstrations! Black Powder Day is sponsored by the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield.



Canoes & Voyageurs Program

August 5, 2023

Join in a free summer crafting program Visitor Center on Canoes & Voyageurs! Water transportation in Michigan in the 1800's was vital for survival. The voyageur was like the modern truck driver whose role was to transport trade goods to towns requiring them to portage and carry the canoe and supplies. You will learn about their life and make a leather canoe and voyageur sash. **Class times are at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.**

Pre-register by calling (734) 243-7136.

Escape Room Program

September 2, 2023

An "escape room": is a room set up with multiple puzzles to figure out for your team to exit the room. Today's solutions to the puzzles help tell the story of our Battles. Only a small portion of Americans were able to escape the River Raisin. Will your team be among them? Call RRNBP to pre-register for this program. **Class times are at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.**

Pre-register by calling (734) 243-7136.

RANGER LED BATTLEFIELD WALKING TOUR

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
12PM AND 2PM

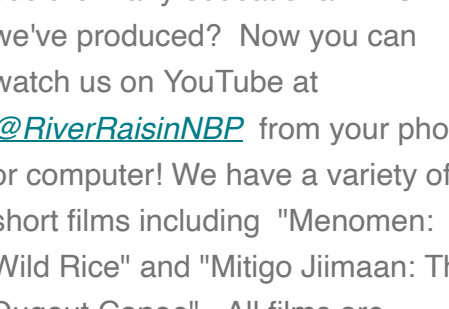
THE TOURS WILL MEET AT THE PICNIC PAVILION AT 1403 E. ELM AVE MONROE, MI 48162

PLEASE BRING WATER AND WEAR WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING. NO PRIOR RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED.

Battlefield Walking Tours

Summer battlefield walking tours return! **Tours will be offered Saturdays and Sundays at 12:00pm & 2:00pm.** These tours can last up to 30 minutes to 45 minutes, so plan accordingly.

NOTE: Programs may be cancelled at any time due to weather or staffing. For more information or questions about accessibility accommodations, please call the Visitor Center at (734) 243-7136.



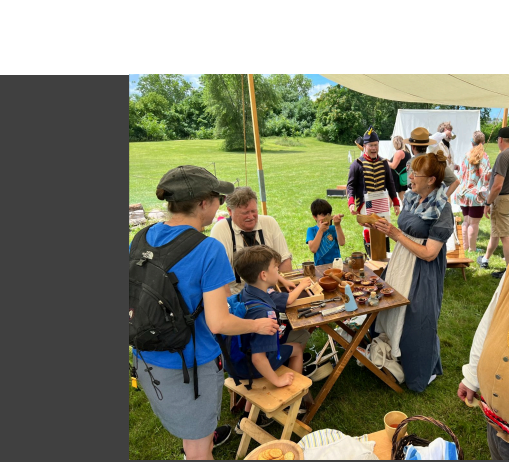
Menomen - Wild River Rice

@RiverRaisinNBP is now on YouTube

Can't make it to the Visitor Center to see the many educational films we've produced? Now you can watch us on YouTube at [@RiverRaisinNBP](#) from your phone or computer! We have a variety of short films including "Menomen: Wild Rice" and "Mitigo Jiimaan: The Dugout Canoe". All films are available with closed caption and audio descriptions.

SUMMER HOURS
River Raisin National Battlefield Park Visitor Center Summer Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Labor Day. After Labor Day, closing will be at 5:00 p.m.

[DONATE to Remember the Raisin](#)



Kayak and Voyageur Canoe Programs held in July

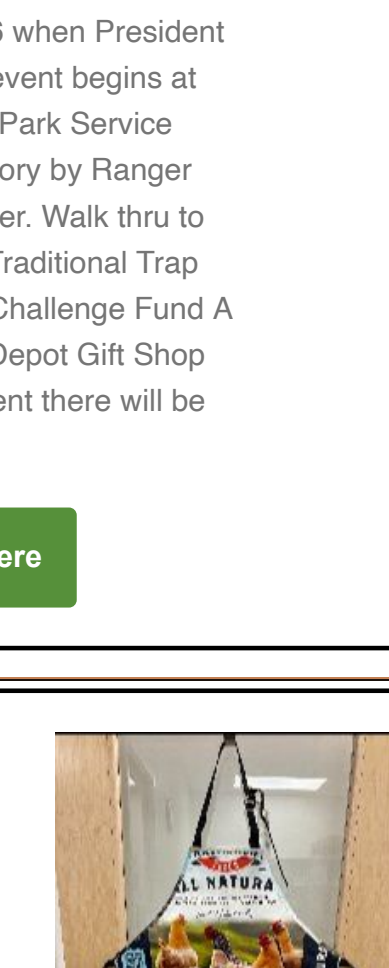
We welcomed the Wyandotte Nation Interns with their adult chaperones including Chief Billy Friend in July. Our super volunteer Cheri Maitland guided the group kayaking on the Huron River. During their visit, the group also traveled to Canada and Ohio to experience the lands of their ancestors.

We provided a voyageur canoe and kayaking journey on the River Raisin for The Youth Connection organization. This program is an opportunity to give youth access to recreation.

Partner Spotlight

Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield

July 29 was our first Black Powder Day hosted by reenactor group Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield. Living history comes to life with this partner! They attend many events here at the River Raisin and sites related to the War of 1812.



FOUNDATION MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Friday, August 25, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

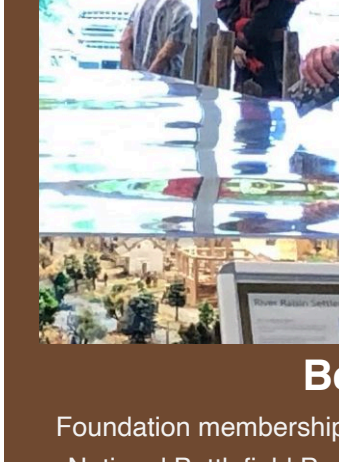
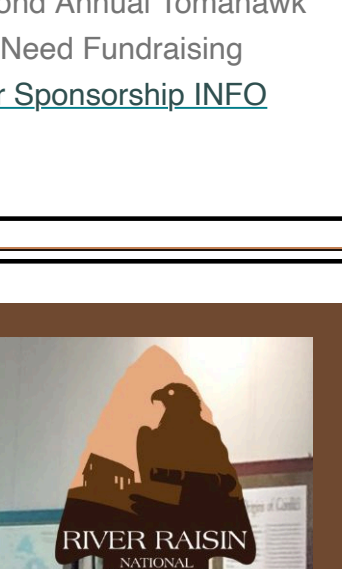
Celebrate the National Park Service Birthday!

The National Park Service was created on August 25, 1916 when President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Act. The event begins at 6:00p.m. and ends by 8:00p.m. We will have some National Park Service themed activities for this Members event. Hear a campfire story by Ranger Joseph Dowd. Participate in National Park trivia in the Theater. Walk thru to see the progress in the Education Center including the new Traditional Trap Exhibits that were funded by the 2022 Inaugural Tomahawk Challenge Fund A Need fundraiser. You can also shop the River Raisin Trade Depot Gift Shop with your 10% member discount. And with every member event there will be snacks and door prizes!

[Foundation Members Register Here](#)

River Raisin Trade Depot open seven days a week!

Stop in the gift shop for Michigan art, apparel, and trade goods! Like to purchase repurposed items? You'll find many sizes of aprons made from recycled bird feed bags...there will be no grease stains on these aprons! Gift Shop open during Visitor Center hours.



SAVE THE DATE Foundation Events

- October 18** - Program and Members Only Meet and Greet Reception with Eric Hemenway on an exploration of the creation and impacts of Indian Boarding Schools.
- November 9** - Second Annual Tomahawk Challenge Fund A Need Fundraising Event [Email us for Sponsorship INFO HERE](#)



Become a Foundation Member

Foundation membership supports our educational and programming efforts of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park including the under-construction Education Center inside the Visitor Center. Members Only events showcase our progress and offer special themed activities. **The next Members Only event is August 25, 2023 on the National Park Service birthday! Become a member TODAY!**

[Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? CLICK HERE](#)



About the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation

The mission of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation is to build enduring, diverse relationships through a world-class experience that shares the untold stories of the Battles and their aftermath inspiring conversation, understanding, and respect.

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the National Park Service dedicated to preserving and enriching the River Raisin National Battlefield Park with expertise, private funding and in-kind support for development, construction and restoration projects. To learn more and to support our mission please visit/contact us: www.battlefieldfoundation.org



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