

Dear Friend:

We invite you to join us for the 18th Annual Hayes Presidential Center Civil War Encampment. This event will be held on October 3 & 4, 2009, to celebrate the 187th anniversary of President Hayes' birth.

Separate Union and Confederate camps will be located on the grounds of Spiegel Grove. Activities will include two skirmishes on Saturday and one on Sunday of the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, a Saturday evening lantern tour of the camps, a large Sutlers Row, a children's area, a Sunday morning worship service, a military ball, and special programs in the center's auditorium. A buffet dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday will be served to all reenactors. Due to the outbreak of the Emerald Ash Borer and problems with Gypsy Moths, we ask that you do not bring any firewood onto the grounds. Firewood will be provided.

You may set up as early as 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 2. All vehicles must be removed from the Spiegel Grove grounds by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 3 and remain outside until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 5. Cars remaining on the grounds after 8:30 on Saturday will be towed. Please note that the Memorial Hospital property at the corner of Cleveland and Buckland Avenues is not available for parking. Parking is permitted in the designated area on Cleveland Avenue and in the hospital parking lot accessed from Third Avenue. Please do not use the hospital lot off of Cleveland Avenue.

Please complete the registration form and participant list and return it to us by no later than September 11, 2009. The information you provide enables us to plan the camp layout and meals, so please be as accurate as possible. There is no registration fee.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-998-7737. We look forward to your participation this year!

Sincerely,
Joan Eckermann