

Information Sheet for Camp Iron

Operated by McGregor Youth Historic Civil War Camp, Inc.

This camp was created in McGregor, IA in 2007. My idea for a Civil War history camp came to me after reading a youth Civil War history book that had activities in it to bring the time more alive. I have a passion to learn history and to impart my learning to others. Often, the average youth finds nothing compelling in learning history, but hands-on experience can motivate in powerful ways. My father was a history teacher and he passed on to me his intense passion for history, not just for dates and facts, but also an appreciation for the human condition and the remembrance of those who gave the last full measure of devotion.

The flavor of the camp is decidedly “Union.” That doesn’t mean there will be nothing associated with the southern “cause,” but that it will have a distinctly northern feeling. We will most closely associate ourselves with the historic Union unit, “The Iron Brigade” (specifically Company C of the Sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry), but will also spotlight other Western (Midwestern) units.

I can guarantee that this will be an experience your child will not forget, gaining knowledge and having fun doing it. Join us this summer!

Andrew Reichard
Executive Director

Camp Facts

Times: Weekends Friday 5PM to Sunday 12PM

Dates: May 30 – June 1, 2008
June 20 – June 22, 2008
July 11 – July 13, 2008
Aug. 1 – Aug. 3, 2008

Site: Pikes Peak State Park Group Camp Sites

Camp Size: Approximately 12-14 participants

Ages: Boys or girls 9-14 (Younger or older will be accepted, but the executive director must give approval.)

Cost: \$115 including all food (4 meals + snacks, just snacks Friday night), lodging (cabin or tents), and equipment listed below – Since there will be special events and guests at different times of the year, soldiers may want to participate again. The cost to participate again is only \$75 since equipment has already been issued. Soldiers can advance in rank and have more responsibility and authority as they attend more times. Returning campers must bring previously issued equipment. (Price goes to \$135 for older participants.)

Equipment: Shirt, Musket, Kepi, and Haversack (Campers take home)

Meals that are provided will follow camp diet of the period. If there are specific dietary needs for health reasons, let us know, we will see if we can accommodate. Since camp diet was often scarce at points during the war we will be dealing with times when there was more abundance while discussing scarcity.

Notes

- Please provide child insect spray.
- No flip-flops – proper footwear.
- Pants are required for the terrain and activities. Shorts to sleep in are acceptable. Long sleeves for warmth if needed.
- We issue equipment – no toy guns or uniforms can be brought to camp.
- Make sure insurance liability and medical sheets, registration and tuition are completed and paid.
- Campers are expected to follow all rules of the camp for their safety and the safety of others. We cannot tolerate disruptive behavior that impacts on staff or the camp experience of others. Parents will be called, which could result in expulsion from camp. Refunds are not given for expulsion with cause.

Camp Memberships Available

You may become a member of Co. C 6th WI Volunteer Infantry at the following levels:

- \$25/yr – Private (Iron Brigade pin, 10% camp discount, quarterly newsletter)
- \$75/yr – First Sergeant (Iron Brigade pin, One free return camper a year, quarterly newsletter)
- \$100/yr – Lt. Colonel (Iron Brigade pin, One free return camper a year, Camper will have unit command for scheduled combat activities in camp (with the help of camp staff), quarterly newsletter)
- \$1000/one time – Commanding General (Up to 5 Iron Brigade pins, One free return camper a year for life, Camper will have unit command for scheduled combat activities in camp (with the help of camp staff), Naming rights for future cabins, equipment, horses, mules, units or anything that seems appropriate to the member, free period lantern, quarterly newsletter)

Donations will always be accepted to improve equipment, property, facilities, and the experience in general.

Camp Iron Muster Sheet for Camp Attendance, Membership, and/or Donation

Camp Dates: _____

Soldier's Name: _____ Age: _____

Male () Female ()

Soldiers' Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Attendance Fee: _____

Membership (optional): _____

Donation (optional): _____

Total Paid: _____

() Check – made out to McGregor Youth Historic Civil War Camp

Return To: Executive Director
100 138th St
McGregor, IA 52157
(If any questions, please call (563) 873-3228)

Mail this form back to Executive Director

McGregor Youth Historic Civil War Camp does not discriminate based on gender, race, religious preference, disability, or other factors. We welcome anyone who wants to learn.

Mail form to: **Executive Director** – 100 138th St., McGregor, IA 52157 or bring to camp

Application/Health Information

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Parent's Names: _____
Phone # (D): _____ (e): _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
Other Instructions: _____
Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Health History

Does the child listed above have, or are they subject to, any of the following? (Circle yes or no)

Asthma	yes	no	Allergies to bee stings	yes	no
Fainting Spells	yes	no	Allergies to outdoor poisons	yes	no
Convulsions	yes	no	Allergies-other	yes	no
Diabetes	yes	no	Sports restrictions	yes	no
Recent illness	yes	no	Allergic to any foods	yes	no

Date of last Tetanus shot _____

Does the child have difficulty with: (Check if yes)

Eyes _____ Ears _____ Nose _____ Throat _____ Lungs _____ Digestion _____

Please describe any of the following in which you have answered yes _____

Any special needs or handling? _____

Does the child above have any conditions/problems requiring medication? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, describe the condition and the medication _____

Medication taken when? _____

Medical Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

Telephone # _____

Contact _____

Medication, with instructions, must be given to Camp Staff on the first day of camp.

AUTHORIZATION OF NATURAL PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: This health history is correct to my knowledge, and the person described has my permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted by the doctor and me. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the doctor, selected by the adult leader in charge, to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, and/or to order injection or surgery for my child.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

In order to participate at Camp Iron in McGregor, IA

(Event Name) (Name of Site)

We (I), being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf of my child-participant, if said child is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless said organization and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above-described trip or activity.

Furthermore, we (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years] hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said organization to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said organization, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said organization as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

(If the participant has not attained the age of 21 years):

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant my (our) permission for him (her) to participate fully in said activities and/or trip, and hereby give my (our) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs and understand that there will be no refunds for the cost of the activity and/or trip.

(Type of print name of participant)

(Parents(s) telephone)

(Only participant need sign if 21 years of age or older. If under 21, *both* parents must sign unless parents are separated or divorced in which case the custodial parent must sign.)

Hospital Insurance Yes No
Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____

Physician _____

Physician's Phone _____

_____ Father	_____ Date
_____ Mother	_____ Date
_____ Legal Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Participant (if age 21)	_____ Date

PARTICIPANT ONLY

I have read the foregoing and understand the rules of conduct for participants and will abide by them as well as the direction of the leadership of the activities.

(Participant)

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Camp Iron Schedule

Friday

5pm-7	New Recruit Check-in, Orientation, and Setup Camp
7-9	Movie (Gettysburg Part 1) to orient to the topic and what lies ahead
9-9:30	Discuss movie and ready for taps
9:30pm	Lights Out

Saturday

6am-7	Breakfast
7-8	Drill – Movements/Manual of Arms
8-9:30	Medical drill (Make stretchers and bandages)
9:30-10:30	Drill – Movements /Manual of Arms/Firing Formations
10:30-12pm	Cooking (food from the 1860's)
12pm-1	Lunch
1-2	Drill – Movements/Manual of Arms/Firing Formations
2-4	Decode messages & Study Maps
4-6	COMBAT
6-7	Supper
7-9	Movie (Gettysburg Part 2)
9-9:30	Discuss movie, the day, what soldiers experienced, and ready for taps
9:30pm	Lights Out

Sunday

6am-7	Breakfast
7-7:30	Get ready for interdenominational worship services
7:30-8	Sunday worship services
8-9	Discuss slavery and other historical aspects of the war
9-11	COMBAT
11-12pm	Photos
12pm	Soldiers picked up

Schedule subject to change

Notes:

Parents must have their children here no later than 6pm Friday and pickup by 1pm Sunday

Any medicines for children must be identified to the staff

Medical/liability release forms must be signed before admittance to camp

Equipment Provided

Shirt

Musket

Haversack

Kepi