

# Field Day of the Past

*at Redfield Farm*

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# Editorials, Opinions and Other Stuff

## Field Day experience a family affair in many ways



Visitors, more often than not, view the Field Day of the Past show each year as a culmination of activities, demonstrations, displays and exhibits which volunteers bring together in one place at one time. When it comes down to brass tacks, that probably sums it up. That definition, however, leaves out the blood, sweat and tears which are poured into the organizing of everything that goes on. While it's true that

many of our volunteers have worked together for so many years operating like a well oiled machine, moving all the pieces onto the right places at the right time, our volunteers are people with a wide range of emotions. Each has his/her own personality and idiosyncrasies. Each has his/her own set of problems away from Field Day but, because these volun-

teers work so closely together, each shares the tragedies and triumphs of the others. The lost of our Safety Director this past Spring, affected us all. Each and every one felt the loss personally.

So too do we share the good times, the successes, such as the relocation of some of buildings from Rockville last year. We share the disappoint-

ments—the rained out happenings for *Celebrate Independence!* being a prime example.

Volunteers at Field Day have grown up together and, in some cases, grown old, or at least older, together. We know each other's families. We celebrate at the birth of their children, cry over the deaths of their family members, attend their

weddings, experience the trauma of their divorces and even know the names of their pets. We overlook each other's shortcomings and celebrate their talents.

We share common memories and recall all the things we thought were good ideas and, in the end, were not, telling each other, "We won't do that again!" We joke that we will take credit for all the good ideas that work and be more than willing to point the finger at someone else if what seemed like a good idea was, in actuality, a very bad one.

We have developed our own coping mechanisms and developed a Field Day culture that is a little off the beaten path of other people's daily experiences. For many of us,

Field Day has become a way of life, not just a piece of life.

To hear the compliments "What a great show" or "I truly enjoyed the event" are nice comments to hear, but one of the greatest compliments we receive is "Your volunteers are such nice people," particularly when that compliment is augmented by an example of an act of kindness one of our volunteers has extended to a member of our visiting public.

Because we are a family, we strive to provide the best entertainment we can for other families. Although, as show day approaches, we get short tempered and snap at each other, (and we do warn new volunteers that, as the show gets closer, don't take any short response to your questions personally) we each know that, in order for the Field Day family to work, we work as a family unit with the good of the show as our common goal.

We hope, as you make your journey through Field Day of the Past 2023, that you will remember that we are not a machine that spits out this event, but a group of individuals doing our best to put a little joy in your lives.

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**Cover photo: Michael Spence demonstrated the ancient art of rope making at the 2022 Field Day of the Past.**

# Machinery reflects past



An array of antique machinery will be on display in '23.

A little girl fans a handful of wooden ice cream spoons in a pattern across the ground. A clutch of bib overhauled clad, bearded men gather around the machinery, debating what to do about the slipping belt.

The antique machinery found at Field Day are the behemoths of a lost generation, a leftover from a past that few remember. Even fewer cherish them for the places of significance they hold in shaping America's Industrial Revolution,

Most, if not all, of this

equipment has outlived its use in today's workplace. More times than not, these hulking pieces of iron have been deemed no more than useless junk.

Like all things old, however, these massive machines have a story to tell about our history — where we came from and how we got to where we are today.

The concept that the past and its accoutrements have a place in our modern lives is what sets Field Day of the Past apart from most shows and festivals.

Visitors can see machinery from Grasberger's

Spoon Factory producing wooden spoons at the shows much as it did when it was new.

There are also other dinosauric pieces of equipment at Field Day — large and obsolete relics of an industrial age which brought many changes to the American landscape. This year's antique machinery exhibit will be a combination of operating and static machinery. Lathes, drill presses, shapers, a planer, an ironworker, milling machines, and a surface grinder. Some will be powered by a generator, and one of the shapers will be powered by a hit and miss engine.

Several hand powered machine tools — a hand crank shaper, a treadle lathe, and a hand cranked post drill. Are on display. Hands-on exhibits including a hand powered lathe, a shaper, drill press and an air powered drill.

Be sure to visit this expanded exhibit of antique machinery and speak with Luke Whitaker about any of the equipment. He is in charge of our Antique Machinery committee and very knowledgeable.

## Ron Moody and the Centaurs to perform at Field Day of the Past



Most musical groups, if they ever get off the ground, last a few years and then fade into obscurity. Some, if fortunate, may last several years, but only a very select few perform for decades! Such is the story of Ron Moody and the Centaurs.

Ron Moody and the Centaurs is a Virginia Tradition with Ron being the only member who has performed at every show since the band's inception December 26, 1964! The group has recorded for Columbia (Sony), ABC-Dunhill, and MGM Records, as well as their own in-house labels, Star America and Aron Music. The Centaurs are an 8+ piece Southern Soul / Beach Music Band that has played countless venues over the last six decades. In 2008, Ron Moody and the Centaurs were inducted into The Beach Music Hall of Fame

Ron Moody and the Centaurs is a musical roller coaster ride through fifty plus years of Beach, Soul, and Rock & Roll. They still play sold out venues wherever they perform and a night of their music is a non-stop evening of dancing and good times.

As a writer, Ron is among the elite in the Southern Soul / Beach Music World.

Ron Moody and the Centaurs will perform at the 2023 Field Day of the Past from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17. Admission to this Beach Party is included with admission to the Field Day of the Past event. Be there for this grand finale of the 2023 event.



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The Dixie Four Wheel Drive Club's annual Horse Shoe Pitch competitions are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17 during Field Day of the Past.

The competitions will be conducted at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Please be at the Horse Show Pitching Pit, located near AGLand, at noon on both days to register.

Dixie 4x4 will also be holding Corn Hole Tournaments on Saturday and Sunday. These competitions will start at 1:00 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please be at the Horse Shoe Pit early enough to register for these competitions, as well.

Cost for participation in the competitions is \$5 per person/per tournament.

The Dixie Four Wheel Drive Club hosts the Horse Shoe Pitching and Corn Hole Competitions each year as a fund raising activity for their organization. Dixie 4x4 also provides personnel to drive trams and perform other duties during the show. Express your thanks to them for their valuable help.



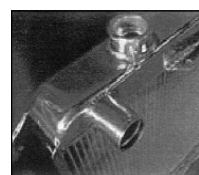
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**For Information:** Terry McNeely — 804-347-1843



## Time Bandits return for '23

The Time Bandits Car Club, based in Amelia, will return this year to manage the Car Show at the 2023 Field Day of the Past. Our thanks to Jeff Sedivy and his club members for expanding last year's show. Cars of all makes and models could be seen lining the field — from hot rods to modifieds and some antique vehicles as well.

According to Jeff Sedivy, president of Time Bandits, the club hosts many car shows throughout the year and usually 26 trophies are awarded. He said the top 20 vehicles will receive trophies. The top five will receive trophies and a Best in Show trophy will be awarded.

An accessible, operating fire extinguisher will still be required in each vehicle



From Model A's to modifieds, the 2022 Field Day Car Show offered something for all car show enthusiasts to admire. The Time Bandits Car Club will bring these vehicles and others back for the 2023 event.

which participates.

For those who would like to participate in this year's car show, please complete the adjacent registration form and return it to Field Day of the Past prior to the Sept. 15-17 event. (The Car Show

occurs all three days, although participation is on a daily basis. Preregistration is not required but it simplifies the process when you arrive.) If you have any questions, please contact Sedivy at 804/241-1785.

## Car Show Registration

September 15, 16, 17, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Series: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Engine: \_\_\_\_\_

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# VHS Rodeo returns to Field Day

Come September, young cowboys and cowgirls will head to Field Day of the Past to compete in the annual Virginia High School Rodeo held on Sept. 16 and 17. The Field Day of the Past Virginia High School Rodeo is a multi-state event which will bring rodeo contestants from all over Maryland, as well as from across the state of Virginia. To contend in a variety of rodeo events.

Competitors in the Pee Wee Division face off

breakaway, barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying. The Junior Division participants try their luck in chute dogging, breakaway, ribbon roping, pole bending, barrel racing, team roping, goat tying and bareback steer riding. For those in the High School classes, breakaway roping, tie down roping, pole bending, barrel racing and team roping are part of the competitions.

Some of the young athletes who compete at Field Day of the Past qualify

and move on to battle it out at the National High School Rodeo Association Finals and junior high finals held each summer. These young competitors come from up and down the east coast and as far as the mid-west to challenge some of the best around!

The Maverick/Pee wee rodeo will begin at 9 a.m., to be followed by the Junior High and High School divisions at 1 pm.

Please come out and support these young athletes.

## Field Day of the Past Membership Application

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

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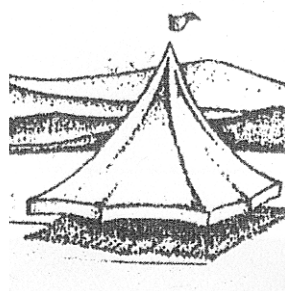
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# Display of antique machines examines history of farming

The best way to experience the past is to walk in the shoes of our ancestors, using the tools and equipment they used. At Field Day of the Past, visitors can take a stroll through the history of farming in our exhibits of small engines and antique tractors and lawn tractors.

Most people realize that tractors have been around for quite some time — since the turn of the century. Steam tractors appeared first but, by 1903, Charles W. Hart and Charles H. Parr had successfully built the first American tractor using a two-cylinder gasoline engine. What most people do not realize is that lawn tractors have been in use just as long.

Steam powered lawn tractors were introduced in England in the late 1890s.

In the United States, Ideal Power Mower Co. of Lansing, MI manufactured the first gasoline powered lawn tractor in 1914. In 1922, Ideal also introduced the Triplex, the world's first self propelled lawn tractors.

Walk the path of history through the exhibits of lawn tractors, farm tractors and even small engines (some not so small) at Field Day of the Past, Sept. 15, 16, 17



## 2023 Field Day Exhibitor Registration Sept. 15, 16, 17, 2023

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Steam Engines      ☐ Models  
☐ Other (specify below)  
                                  ☐ Lawn Mower (display only)

### TRACTOR PULLERS DO NOT REGISTER ON THIS FORM!

*Below, please provide a complete description of your exhibit, including model, make and any other pertinent information. All exhibits must remain parked during the event. Field Day reserves the right to decline any exhibit which is deemed not in keeping with the show.*

*Antique vehicles do not register here!*

### Description of Registered Exhibit(s)

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### Please submit a certificate of insurance.

All exhibitors must register either through early registration or at the show. Multiple exhibits can be registered on this form and copies can be made if need. **A maximum of two tickets per person or four per household will be issued.** Those wishing to renew or join the membership may send \$10 with this form.

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# Spencer 2 Dogs returns to demonstrate survival kills

Reality TV personality from the Discovery Network Spencer 2 Dogs will be returning to Field Day of the Past this year after an absence of several years.

Host of Destination America's Hillbilly Blood, Spencer creates a unique and interactive booth showcasing primitive survival methods of early Americans, the frontier, and modern day techniques. Spencer lives with his family in western North Carolina where he maintains a coal fired forge for metalworking, runs a wilderness survival school and owns a dojo in town. He has taught folk skills around the world and continues to support living history festivals in our region.

Spencer's long family history in the state of North Carolina gives him a unique perspective on old timey ways and doings. Ask him questions about starting fires by friction using things found in the woods, crafting world class knives by hand, tracking, Cherokee language and history, cordage, wood carving, or edible and medicinal plants. Book signing is available as well for his series on Appalachian wilderness skills. When you get to the Heritage



**Fire starting is one of the survival skills in reality TV personality Spencer 2 Dog's repertoire. Spencer will be demonstrating some of the skills at the 2023 Field Day of the Past.**

dicinal plants. Book signing is available as well for his series on Appalachian wilderness skills. When you get to the Heritage

Village area, keep an ear out for guitar or maybe some banjo music and follow the sounds to a doorway to the past.



**Mountain Highway, consisting of father Jim Glover and two of his daughters, will perform bluegrass music throughout the day beginning at noon on Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 at the 2023 Field Day of the Past.**

The Mountain Highway bluegrass band will return to Field Day of the Past this September. With a style all their own, Mountain Highway is a musical family group that performs bluegrass, country, and gospel music originally made famous by icons like Bill Monroe, the Carter Family, the Eagles, and Linda Ronstadt. Sibling singers play banjo, guitar, and mandolin as they sing in family harmony, while their dad plays an electric upright bass.

Performing most often in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, TN, Mountain Highway has traveled extensively to perform at many popular venues from New York to Texas. A few notable bookings have been Camp Springs Bluegrass Festival (NC), Dollywood Harvest Festival (TN), Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver Festival (NC), Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration (KY), and the Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival (PA).

The band is endorsed by Deering Banjo, GHS Strings and Shubb Capos. They have received rave reviews in their many performances throughout the eastern U.S. Whether you have heard them perform or not, you don't want to miss them.

Mountain Highway will hit the stage at noon on both Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17 during the 2023 Field Day of the Past. The band will play every hour on the hour until closing time at 6 p.m. each day.



## Woody's Wood Carving talents on display

Woody Hedgpeth will return to this year's Field Day of the Past to showcase his wood carving talents. Armed with his trusty chainsaw, Hedgpeth sculpts both realistic and fanciful creations from hunks of wood. Bears, eagles, pumpkins, feathers, life-like dogs and whimsical foxes are revealed from under layers of wood chips. It's as if the images are already there and Woody is simply cutting away the excess to reveal these beautiful creatures.

Woody will be employing his saw to form his unique pieces throughout the three day show. Auctions of the pieces will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17.





# Survival Guide

**FIELD DAY OF THE PAST**  
*Brings you back to Old Virginia*

**2023**

**WARNING!**



## Welcome to Field Day of the Past

We would like your visit to be a pleasant and fun one. We have designed these tips to provide information on what you are about to experience and some suggestions to help you make the most of your time with us. Browse through the guide before you leave home, and bring it with you.

## Who, What, When and Where

Let us introduce ourselves. Field Day of the Past is an annual event sponsored by the Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assoc, a nonprofit organization operating under Section 501(c)(3) of the Codes of the Internal Revenue Service. The event is organized and manned by volunteers and we always welcome a new face.

The show grounds are located at Redfield Farm, 11404 Circle Dr. just off Rt. 360 in Amelia County, six miles east of Amelia Courthouse. This address is the Appomattox River Park and Ride. The grounds are directly behind the parking lot. Signs will be posted on Rt. 360 from both directions to direct you into the parking lot. Parking is free. **The best way to avoid the traffic is to arrive early, particularly on Saturday.**

Show days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-17. The gates open at 8 a.m. and most exhibits shut down at 6 p.m. Truck events are held at 7 p.m. on Friday and 6 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adult admission is \$20 per person per day. Guests 65 and older will be admitted for \$15. Children 12 years and younger are free.

Tickets are available online at [fielddayofthepast.net](http://fielddayofthepast.net) for \$18 daily and block tickets are available for \$150 for 10 single day tickets. Block tickets will remain on sale until noon on Thursday, Sept. 14.

If you wish to leave the grounds and return on the same day, be sure to have your hand stamped. This will allow you to re-enter on the same day, only.

The Information Booth is located just inside the grounds, through the main gate. The booth is manned with volunteers armed with maps, schedules and other information. For information prior to the show, call 804-741-8468 or visit the website at [www.fielddayofthepast.net](http://www.fielddayofthepast.net). Pertinent information can be obtained from this number during show days, including changes due to inclement weather, but the phone is not manned. It will refer you to other numbers you may need to call. **Be aware, however, we receive a lot of calls on show days and, although we make every effort to answer you this is not always possible. We will do our best to update any changes on Facebook.**

## Please Be Safe

First and foremost, make your trip a safe one. Observe all safety rules, adhere to staff requests, and keep track of the kids. Stay alert and let common sense be your guide. Advise children to be aware of moving equipment, machinery and animals. Many exhibits are “hands on” and we encourage participation, but it is always best to ask

before you touch. Please remain outside the pit area at the Tractor/Truck Pull track and watch for moving vehicles.

## Review the Schedule of Events

A schedule of activities is posted on the website and can be found in this guide. Although we try to include as much as possible, this schedule does not list every event. Review the schedule and plan your trip in accordance to those things you wish to see. Most activities are scheduled more than once a day and many are ongoing. The Information Booth will have updates on any schedule or location changes.

## Plan Your Visit

A map of the grounds is also available on the website and in this guide. Four photographic maps are also located on the field — one at the Information Booth, one as you enter the “pasture field”, one near the carnival area and one in the Heritage Village. These maps will allow you to place yourself in relation to other exhibits. Familiarize yourself with the grounds to save as many steps as possible. Trams make regular trips around the field. You may wish to catch one as soon as you arrive, take a circuit of the grounds and note our many exhibits. Select the ones you wish to revisit on foot. The tram makes regular stops around the grounds. You can get on or off at any of these stops. Note times for demonstrations and plan to visit the exhibits you like best early when they are not quite so crowded. Remember that the more crowded the grounds, the longer the tram trips.

Keep in mind, this is an outside event — rain or shine. There are some tents which provide shelter, but dress appropriately. It can be hot in September. Wear layers of clothing, bring a hat and wear comfortable shoes. No matter how much you intend to take the tram, you are probably going to have to do some walking, and this is a field. The ground is rough!

Also, please share your memories at Field Day on your social media.

## Take Advantage of What We Know

Many of the volunteers manning the exhibits and demonstrations have first hand knowledge of the skills they are exhibiting. If you have questions, please ask. Our exhibitors will be glad to answer your questions.

## Break Time

Field Day can be an overwhelming experience, particularly if this is your first visit. You cannot see everything in a few hours. Pace yourself and take into consideration the young and elderly in your party. In September, the weather can be variable — chilly in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon. Plan accordingly and set aside some “down time.”

All members of your party will need to take a break, take time to eat and just chill out, especially the youngest and elderly people with you. Take everyone’s comfort into consideration.

More than a dozen food vendors are located on the grounds offering a variety of foods. There are crowds at peak meal times, however, so schedule meals earlier or later to avoid lines. There are plenty of vendors selling

snow cones, lemonade and bottled water for a little “pick me up.”

## Keep Track of Party Members

There are a lot of people on the grounds during the show, so be especially watchful of tiny tots. In the event you are separated from others in your group, have a plan. Make sure small children know their first and last names and the names of the people they are with. Consider pinning a contact phone number to your child. Volunteers need this information to help. If small children misplace their parents, please report it immediately to a staff member or the Information Booth.

As soon as you arrive, designate an obvious place to meet should you get separated. If members in your party go their separate ways, have a meeting time and place designated beforehand.

## Restrooms are Available

S.B. Cox has provided portable toilets and hand washing stations which are scattered throughout the grounds. Please let staff know if a portajohn needs tending.

## Emergency Service

The Amelia Emergency Squad will have a presence on the grounds. Although we hope no one will need their services, there are times when cuts, splinters or the heat can get the best of us, and it’s good to know volunteers are there to help. Report any medical needs to a staff member who can help you.

Amelia County Sheriff’s deputies will be on the property as well, and the Virginia State Police will maintain a presence at the event.

## Tram Service

Trams are available inside the grounds. Handicapped Parking is available as well. Handicapped scooters and wheelchairs are allowed on the grounds, but personal ATVS are not due to insurance regulations

## Contact with the Outside World

No public phones are available on the grounds, but most cell phone companies service the area. If you need to meet with someone during the day, make arrangements outside the gates. Also make sure you have all medications and other necessary items before you leave home.

## Available Cash

Credit card machines are available at Gate C only. ATM machines will be located outside of the main gate (Gate C).

## Lost and Found

Any items found on the show grounds should be turned in at the Information Booth. If you lose something, check with these volunteers throughout the day. After the show, check with the Field Day office.

## Souvenirs

The Souvenir Shop is located just inside the front gate. Be sure to visit there for a memento of your trip to Field Day of the Past.

*Have a wonderful time and thanks for coming!*



2023 Field Day of the Past Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 15, 2023					
8 a.m.	Gates open	1 p.m.	Bluegrass Music	10:30 a.m.	Wild West Medicine Show
9 a.m.	Woody's Woodcarving		VHS Rodeo — Jr. High & High	11 a.m.	Woody's Woodcarving
10 a.m.	Rocking M Regulators		Dixie 4x4 Club Cornhole		Civil War Musket Demo
	Cowboy Skit		Tournament	11:30 a.m.	Jeff Robbins &
11 a.m.	Jeff Robbins Music &		Mountain Highway		Bean Can Guitar Making
	Bean Can Guitar Making		Bluegrass Music		CANNON WILL BE FIRED
	Woody's Woodcarving		Jeff Robbins &	Noon	National Anthem —
	Civil War Musket Demo		Bean Can Guitar Making		All Exhibits shut down
Noon:	Cole Show Amusements open	2 p.m.	Mountain Highway	12:15 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
	Wild West Medicine Show		Bluegrass Music	1:00 p.m.	VHS Rodeo — Jr. High & High
2 p.m.	Rocking M Regulators		Dixie 4x4 Club Horseshoe		Dixie 4x4 Club Cornhole
	Cowboy Skit		Pitch Tournament		Tournament
	Woody's Woodcarving		Woody's Woodcarving		Mountain Highway Bluegrass
	Civil War Musket Demo		Auction		Wild West Medicine Show
	Jeff Robbins Music &		Rocking M Regulators	2:00 p.m.	Jeff Robbins Music &
	Bean Can Guitar Making		Cowboy Skit		Bean Can Guitar Making
2:30 p.m.,	Wild West Medicine Show	2:30 p.m.	Civil War Musket Demo		Read & Win Program —
4 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving	3:00 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show		Location TBA
4:30 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show		Dixie 4x4 Club Cornhole		Dixie 4x4 Club Horseshoe
5 p.m.	Jeff Robbins Music &		Tournament		Pitch Tournament
	Bean Can Guitar Making		Mountain Highway		Woody's Woodcarving
6 p.m.	Exhibits shut down	4 p.m.	Bluegrass Music	3:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
7 p.m.	Field Day Truck Pulls begin		Mountain Highway		Ron Moody & the Centaurs—
			Bluegrass Music		Sound Stage
			Dixie 4x4 Club Horseshoe		Mountain Highway Bluegrass
			Pitching Tournament		Civil War Musket Demo
8 a.m.	Gates open	4:30 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving	3:30 p.m.	Wild West Medicine Show
	Tractor Pull Registration		Jeff Robbins Music &	4:00 p.m.	Jeff Robbins Music &
9 a.m.	Field Day Tractor Pulls Begin		Bean Can Guitar Making		Bean Can Guitar Making
	VHS Rodeo	5:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway		Mountain Highway Bluegrass
	Maverick & PeeWee (1st Go)		Bluegrass Music	4:15 p.m.	Woody's Woodcarving Auction
	Woody's Woodcarving		Wild West Medicine Show	5:00 p.m.	Mountain Highway Bluegrass
10 a.m.	Cole Show Amusements open	6:00 p.m.	Exhibits Shut Down	6:00 p.m.	2023 Field Day of the Past closes
	Rocking M Regulators		Field Day Truck Pulls Begin		*Music on the Sound Stage to be announced.
	Cowboy Skit				
	Jeff Robbins &				
	Bean Can Guitar Making	7:30 a.m.	Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023		
10:30 a.m.	Wild West Medicine Show	8:00 a.m.	Church Services		
11 a.m.	Woody's Woodcarving		Gates Open		
	Civil War Musket Demo	9:00 a.m.	Tractor Pull Registration		
	Cannon will be fired		Field Day Tractor Pulls Begin		
Noon	National Anthem		VHS Rodeo—Mav. & Pee wee		
	All exhibits shut down		Woody's Woodcarving		
12:15 p.m.	Mountain Highway	10 a.m.	Cole Show Amusements open		

The Beer Garden will be open on Friday and Saturday from 4:30 to 10:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 until 6 p.m. The Beer Garden will be located near the sawmill.

ALL ALCOHOL MUST BE CONSUMED IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS.

ONGOING ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Blacksmith Shop Gerald Castlebury's Chuck Wagon & Cowboy Camp Freckles & Friends Petting Zoo  
Central Virginia Gold Prospecting Assn. Gold panning demos Tommy Cook's World War II Vehicle Display  
Leslie Davis' Animal Exhibit & Plowing Arthur Jenkins' Antique Photography Display Luke McDonald's Colonial Era Woodworking  
Heidi McMurran's Antebellum Costumes Daisy Purcell Knitting & Handmade Crafting Ride the Hide Mechanical Bull  
Rocking M Regulators Richmond Discoveries' Civil War Encampment Face Painting  
Michael Spence Rope Making Tom Tucker & Michael Hartje's Native People's Entertainment & Education Burt Whitten Wagon Rides  
Spencer 2 Dog's Survival Skills Wild West Medicine Show 1849 Pioneer Camp Antique Machinery Demos  
Admission does not include cost of Carnival Rides & Games, Mechanical Bull, Pony Rides  
and any food or arts and crafts items you choose to buy.

\*\* Times and locations may change on show days. Please check with the Information Booth if you have questions.

Field Day of the Past is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be made.

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Homestead

Leslie Davis' Animals

& Demos

Burt Whitten  
Wagon Rides

Heritage Village

AGLand

12

Ext. Service, Ag  
Agencies, Rabbit  
Show, Corn Box,  
4-H, Amelia Farm  
Service

Freckles & Friends  
Petting Zoo

Gold Mining  
Equipment 10

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Blacksmith Shop  
Grasberger's Sp  
Machine  
Broom Handle  
Machine

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Mountain Highway  
Bluegrass Band

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COLE AMUSEMENT  
RIDES

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Commercial & Corporate  
Vendors

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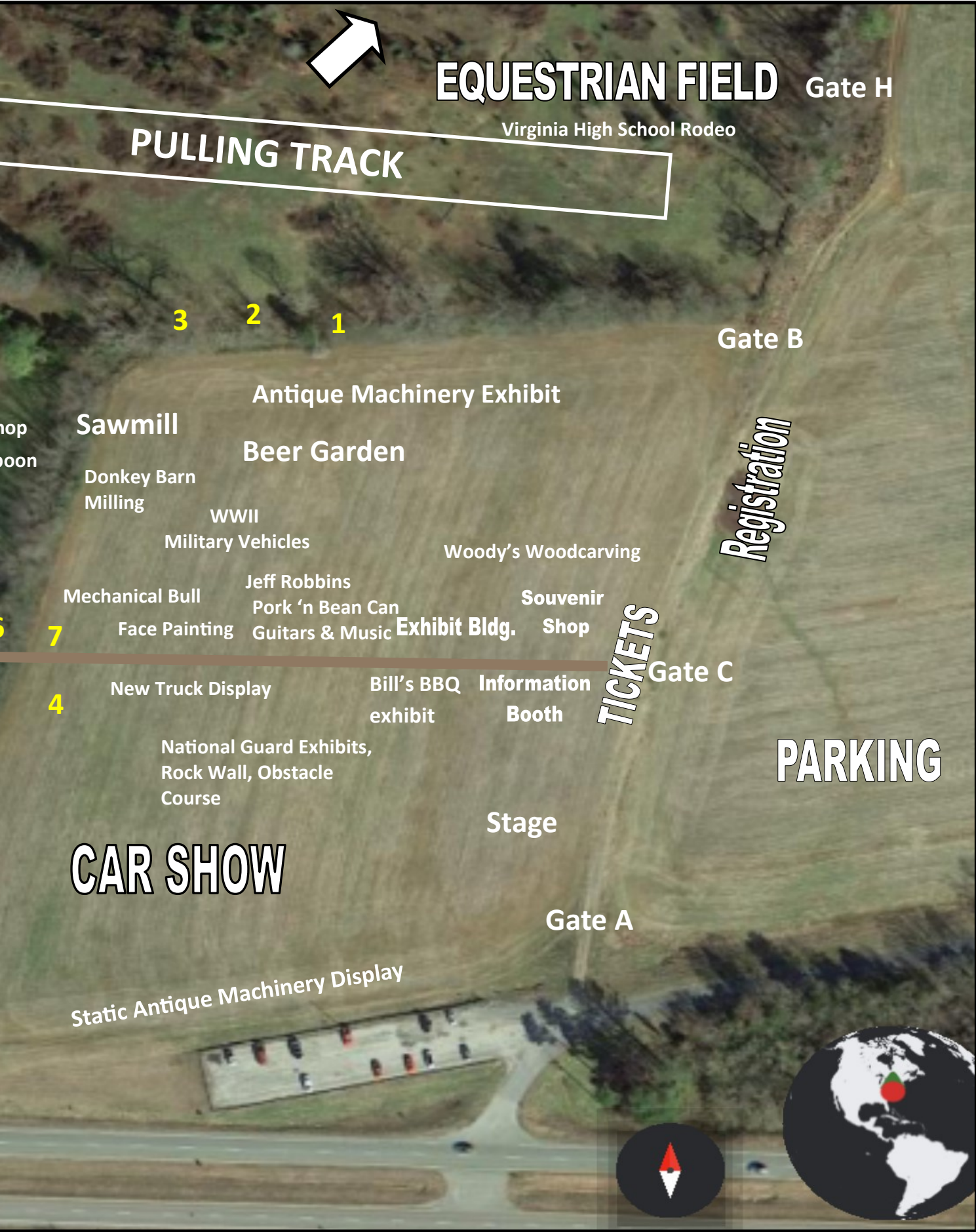
Arts & Crafts

ARTS & CRAFTS

Antique Tractors  
Small Engines

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**HERITAGE VILLAGE  
OFFERINGS**

- 1849 Pioneer Camp
- Blacksmithing
- Broom Machine Demos
- Civil War Camp
- Central VA Gold Prospectors' Gold Panning Demos
- Colonial Woodworking
- Cowboy Camp
- Grasberger's Spoon Machine Demonstrations
- Handcraft Demos — Knitting, Tatting, Spinning etc.
- Native People' Exhibit & Artifacts Display
- Antique Photographic Exhibit
- Rocking M Regulators — Cowboy Skit
- Rope Making
- Spencer 2 Dogs' Survival Skills
- Wild West Medicine Show

**2023 FOOD VENDORS**

- 1. Rainbow Food Service
- 2. Sweet Sno
- 3. Archers' BBQ
- 4. Scoops Ice Cream
- 5. Legendary Provisions
- 6. Whistlestop Grill
- 7. Early Bird Cafe
- 8. Croaker's Spot
- 9. Leisure Time Concessions
- 10. Bolt Milling Co. Ice Cream
- 11. Deep Fried — Kettle Korn & Roasted Corn
- 12. Richlands Creamery
- 13. LB Concessions
- 14. Fat Belly Brothers
- 15. Orlon Jackson
- 16. Wild Bill's Old Fashioned Soda Pop
- 17. Tracey's Smoothies
- 18. Chillin' & Grillin' (Rodeo)



# Words of wisdom from new Field Day of the Past Safety Director

**By Dave Schalow  
Safety Director**

\* Don't run with scissors in your hand.

\* Don't jump off the patio roof into the leaf pile.

\* Don't climb that high up into the tree.

\* **AND DON'T WEAR SHORTS WHILE USING THE WEEDEATER!!**

We've all heard it. Now, the world has progressed and we are constantly learning by mistakes and . SAFETY FIRST is NOW the rule, not just an idea. Nobody wants to get hurt and nobody should be injured

My name is David Schalow and I am the new Safety Director for Field Day of the Past. Our original Safety Director, Mr. John Meola, was our leader for 30 years and wanted me to follow in his footsteps of Safety and Support. I am a lifelong resident of Powhatan County and I have been an active volunteer with Field Day of the Past for many years. I am excited to be the new Safety Director.

Safety has always been a main focus for me in every job I have held. I have served with the Powhatan Volunteer Fire Department, Co. 2 and I was actively deployed in the US Navy from 1984 to 1990, on the flight deck of the USS Kitty Hawk. In addition, I held the position of lead safety employee for a major marble and granite company and have many OSHA certifications in industrial, commercial and agricultural environments.

Field Day of the Past is now in Amelia County at Redfield Farm. It's different geography, but still a great family event, stretching three days, and for people of all ages and from all over. This is how your grandparents and great grandparents used to

do it. Our location in Amelia is still an active, working farm, producing a large quantity of hay and straw, some of which goes out of state to other areas that can't produce it. This also calls for another piece of safety advice ....careful where you step. Many cows were just in these fields last week. Flip-flops are not recommended. As I walk through the fields here I think yes, thank God that is how it used to be, and hopefully always will be. If you happen to see Big John and his wife Emma, during the event, give 'em a shout out and say Hi. Haven't met 'em yet? Find a staff member in a safety vest ... enjoy the introduction. This is their home.

There is something here for everyone. It doesn't matter where you're from, your age, or your current occupation. You will enjoy the day you pick for Field Day of the Past. We'll leave the lights on for you. Let's be safe!!

## **Top Ten Safety List**

### **\*Wear sturdy shoes.**

Much of our walking surfaces are unpaved. In other words, leave the flip-flops at home. We learned this by tending to a few folks over the years who took a tumble wearing poorly selected footwear. Hiking boots or other sturdy shoes are best suited. We also recommend carrying a walking stick, because there are some gentle hills on the field.

**\*Stay well hydrated** — year 'round.

Mid-September can be steamy and hot, and most fair-goers will spend a long day taking in the many events. In addition to being on your feet and walking all day, the daytime temperatures can be downright hot. Proper hydration is more than just chugging a bottle of water.

We strongly recommend **WEARING A WIDE BRIM HAT** or use other protection from direct sun—a parasol, sun block, sombrero or other shielding is very helpful.

### **\*Manage your meds.**

If you are taking any prescription medications, make sure the outdoor sun exposure is ok to tolerate. Some meds want you to avoid direct sun exposure.

### **\*Supervise the children.**

We recommend attaching a name tag with a phone number on youngsters, in case of 'lost child', and take their picture on the day of your visit. This helps with identification in a crowd. Give the child instructions on what to do if they become separated- i.e. find a volunteer or law enforcement officer. Children should be told to stay in one place if separated, because you will be retracing your steps to locate them.

### **\*Caution around large animals.**

At certain times during the day there could be loud noises from a variety of exhibits. These noises may startle an animal and if someone is standing too closely, or directly behind it, there could be a reaction. So keep clear and stay alert.

**\*Hand-washing stations** are located throughout the grounds and at animal exhibits. Please make sure you practice good hygiene by using the hand-washing facilities. Soap and water is more effective than sanitizer.

**\*We have a Handicapped access plan.** If anyone needs parking assistance and transport, just let the parking attendants know when you arrive.

We do not permit personal ATV's or similar conveyances on the grounds for safety reasons.

Amelia Fire and EMS staff are on the show-ground continuously throughout the show and will respond for first-aid if needed. Our Volunteer Staff will be wearing yellow vests, and if anyone needs assistance, just give them a holler.

### **\*Hornet, Wasp or Bees**

If anyone has an allergy, such as a child, please make sure it is clearly communicated immediately to our first-aid crews.

**Carnival and Ride Safety** Follow all safety instructions for the ride or activity in which you engage. There may be minimum height requirements on some rides and the need to use seatbelts and safety bars and other simple protections.

Stay well clear of the moving parts of all rides or machinery and equipment. Supervise children closely.

Respect fence or barrier tape lines anywhere on the field.

Do not carry accessories such as tote bags, knapsacks, purses, unsecured phones, or hard case water bottles, etc. on rides. Objects can become dislodged during the ride and cause an issue.

All that rockin' and rollin' ride motion can be a bit disorienting so hold on when getting off.

Please observe the posted safety rules and enjoy the ride!

**\*Watch your step** on and off rides, tram cars, amusements, etc. Hold on to handrails going up or down stairs and steps, on and off trams and trolleys, etc.

We have a variety of food vendors on the Fairgrounds, however if anyone in your group has dietary restrictions, plan ahead with a picnic lunch.

Again, the most im-

portant part is drinking water or some of the delicious hand squeezed lemonade for hydration.

We try to provide seating in some areas however, if possible, bring a portable camp type chair for anyone in your group who may need an occasional rest break.

Remember, bringing alcohol onto the Fairgrounds is not permitted.

Take caution when driving in and out of parking lots.

Keep a slow speed because pedestrians may cross between and around vehicles.

Always check your rear before backing or have one of your group act as a spotter.

Our parking lot attendants and Amelia County officers do a great job of keeping an orderly flow of traffic entering and leaving, but there can be some bottle-necks.

We advise you to arrive early on the day you want to visit. It's usually a bit

cooler in the morning.

Please exercise patience when exiting the parking lots. Pedestrians have the right-of-way! The lot usually clears fairly quickly following the 'Grand Finale'.

We monitor the weather closely, but in the event of sudden storm, lightning or other emergency, we will make a PA announcement asking folks to return to their vehicle, but to please not try to leave. The safest place in most situations is inside a parked vehicle. It would be unmanageable if everyone tried to leave at the same time. So please 'stay put.' If you need special assistance, notify one of our volunteers.

Finally, consider your pets. It's hot, noisy and crowded. If your pet is uncomfortable in these situations, please consider leaving him/her home. If Fido attends, please clean up after him.

Be Safe and Have Fun!

## Holiday event scheduled



**Lavender Farms participated in the 2022 holiday event, offering lavender related items as suggestions for Christmas gifts.**

Last year, Field Day of the Past's "A Celebration of the Season" returned after a hiatus of two years. Field Day plans on hosting the event again this year

on Sat., Dec. 9 The event, which has been ongoing for more than two decades, is planned around family activities, particularly those for children..



# Field Day Arts & Crafts offer an eclectic array of goods



Hand crafted wooden items can be found among the many arts and crafts vendors at the 2023 Field Day of the Past.

This year's bevy of Arts and Crafts vendors includes many long timers as well as several new additions. Among the vendors, visitors will find a wide assortment of items for home use and/or décor, personal care products, decorations, clothing, jewelry, home baked goods and even some fishing gear for those in your circle of family and friends who like to relax on the water with a rod.

Arts and crafts vendors will be on the show grounds from opening at 8 a.m. on Friday morning until close of Sunday evening. Please take a stroll through the Arts and Crafts section. It's a good possibility you will find something you need, a gift for a friend or a family member or just a small memento of your trip to the 2003 Field Day of the Past.

**Addington, Gary:** Animal throws/blankets, caps, Christian throws, clocks, flags, necklaces, pillows, small tools, tee shirts, wallets, other novelty items.

**Anderson, Bill, HSS Virginia Base U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.**

**Blair, Lori, 2 Krazy Ladies:** Epoxy tumblers,

hand painted rocks, earrings, handmade pins

**Brooking, Robin — Georgie, Bee & Me:** Handmade bags, cozies, runners, wreaths, and other items

**Caporale, Joy:** Embroidered items, including apparel and home décor

**Cazon, Julio:** Clothing, jewelry and toys

**Cole, Jacuelyn:** Children's items—clothes, inflatables, electronic items, shoes

**Coleman, Megan:** Laser cut/engraved products — key chains, cutting boards — hand painted décor, tee shirts XS-4XLs, ornaments, door hangers, baby onesies

**Corum, Kandi—Keep-sake Designs:** Wood and acrylic home décor, door hangers, shelf sitters, magnets, wooden games, crafts

**Davis, Kristen—Southern Sassy Cactus:** Western clothing, accessories, jewelry

**Davis, Robert — Bunkiehorse:** Belts, wallets, pocket books, flags, shirts, pocket knives, jewelry, cups, metal signs and other items

**Fender, Nikki:** Car fresheners, sublimation tumblers, sublimation car coasters, sublimation key

chains, sublimation badge reels

**Fitzgerald, John:** Pokemon and collector cards, monster trucks and die cast toys, plush stuffed animals and other toys.

**Gager, Janis:** beads, geodes, findings and other items made from beads

**Gholson-Parsons, Michelle:** Concrete stepping stones, bird baths, benches, porch signs, door hangers, etc.

**Hamilton, Alexandra—Bella & Daisy's Creation:** Tumblers, decals, tee shirts

**Heffler, Michele—Beads & Beyond:** Beaded jewelry—bracelets, earrings, Mommy & Me matching

**Hening, Lori—Brighten up RVA:** Mainly handmade crochet stuffed animals

**Hutson-Bryan, Beverly:** Jewelry components designed and assembled—earrings, necklaces, bracelets in different styles, 925 Vintage and antique sterling silver jewelry

**Jimenez, Delia:** Quartz jewelry and gifts

**Kelly, Sherry — Sherrybee Apiary:** Honey, hot honey body butter, lip balm bug spray

**Kubyski, Lisa — “Kuby Kups”:** Custom glitter tumblers, beaded bracelets, key chains and pins

**Mead, Andrea — Andrea's Botanical Beauties:** All resin art and jewelry pressed flowers — frames, floral preservation, wine stoppers, key chains, coaster, tic tack toe boards, book marks, trivets and modern to vintage jewelry all made with dried flowers in resin.

**Madison, Lori:** Assorted wreaths, swags,, primitive décor, fake bakes, scented rosehips and oils, repurposed jars and bottles, door hangers, dipped candles, wreath attachments, screen print tees and pot holders

**Maupin, Waltine:** Toy tractors, handmade blankets, vintage merchandise

**McCauley, Eva M.—Creak & Whittle:** Hand carved wooden statues, Santas and Santa ornaments, other wooden art

**Mickle, Sam—Cutco:** High quality kitchen knives outdoor knives, and accessories

**Mirianian, Gil and Sami—Lucky Rose Farm:** Plants, cut flowers, canned goods, produce, dried herbs/flowers & homemade crafts (paper and fabric crafts like greeting cards, handbags, key chains

**Orange, Katherine:** Homemade quilts, baby gifts and quilts

**Palmertree, Carolyn:** Avon products and handmade jewelry

**Ratliff, Tara Noel Christmas Tree Farm:** Handmade crafts, soaps, ornaments, tee shirts and hoodies

**Richardson, Bernie—Bernie's Baked Goods:** Prewrapped baked goods—7-Up cheese cake bar, sweet potato cookie

bar, ginger snap, cake, cookies, more

**Paul, Ryan: Windsor Lavender Farm:** Lavender products -- candles, soaps, essential oils, sprays, sachets

**Smith, Sandra—Sandra's 3G Jewels:** Paparazzi jewelry

**Smith, Shonda—Smith and Company 2009:** Jewelry, pens, 3D cups, key chains

**Stake, Nicole:** Crochet hats, scarves, blankets, baby items, home décor, etc.

**Thomas, Cynthia Jenkins—Golden Grace Crafts:** Car Fresheners, tin freshies and various types of wreaths

**Waters, Diane:** Embroidered earrings, towels, Solo and wine koozies, dog and diaper purses

**Williams Ashley:** Hand-crafted bar soap, whipped body butter, whipped sugar scrub, lip balm, lip scrub, soaking bath salts, etc.

**Withrow, Corey:** Soft plastic bait and fishing gear

Please stroll through our arts and crafts section. These folks put a lot of time, energy and money into attending Field Day of the Past (and other events

*\*This list is current as of press time.*

## Souvenir Shop open for business during event



Field Day President, Terry McNeely checked out the Souvenir Shop, operated by Denise Gammon (left) and Karen Nicely at the 2022 Field Day of the Past event.

In addition to Arts & Crafts vendors, Field Day of the Past's Souvenir Shop is also open throughout the show. Located just inside the main Pedestrian Gate (Gate C), the shop offers current year tee shirts and buttons. Buttons, plaques and tee shirts from prior years can also be purchased. Not all prior year buttons and plaques are available. Available inventory of items changes each year, so drop by just to see what the Souvenir Shop has on hand. The Souvenir Shop accepts credit cards as well as cash.



# 2023 Food Vendor Menus

Archer’s Barbecue			
Breakfast Menu			
Bacon Biscuit		\$	5.00
Bacon w/Egg		\$	6.00
Bacon w/Egg & Cheese		\$	7.00
Sausage Biscuit		\$	5.00
Sausage w/Egg		\$	6.00
Sausage w/Egg & Cheese		\$	7.00
Ham Biscuit		\$	5.00
Ham w/Egg		\$	6.00
Ham w/Egg & Cheese		\$	7.00
Bologna		\$	8.00
Bologna w/Egg		\$	9.00
Bologna w/Egg & Cheese		\$	10.00
Gravy and Biscuit		\$	7.00
Lunch and Dinner Menu			
BBQ Sandwich		\$	9.00
BBQ Sandwich w/Slaw		\$	10.00
Bologna Sandwich		\$	8.00
Bologna Sandwich w/Cheese		\$	9.00
Cheeseburger		\$	7.00
Hamburger		\$	6.00
Hot Dog		\$	3.00
Corn Dog Nuggets		\$	6.00
Pork Chop Sandwich		\$	7.00
Fries		\$	7.00
Fries w/Cheese		\$	8.00
Loaded Fries w/BBQ or Chicken		\$	13.00
Fried Oreo		\$	6.00
Ribs Half Rack		\$	19.00
Whole Rack		\$	28.00
Bolt Milling Co.			
Homemade ice cream using a hit & miss engine dating in the 1920’s. Flavors: chocolate, vanilla, butter pecan and peach.			
Large		\$	8.00
Small		\$	6.00
Croaker’s Spot			
All trays served with fries & cornbread			
Eggleston’s Fried Fish Tray		\$	15.00
Eggleston’s Fried Wing Ding Tray		\$	15.00
Eggleston’s Shrimp Tray		\$	17.00
Eggleston’s Fish & Chicken Tray		\$	15.00
Eggleston’s Fish & Shrimp Tray		\$	16.00
Eggleston’s Chicken & Shrimp Tray		\$	16.00
Eggleston’s Combo Tray		\$	22.00
Eggleston’s Beef Hot Dog Boat		\$	15.00
w/ Fries			
Eggleston’s Nachos Boat		\$	10.00
French Fries		\$	5.00
Add Cheese	\$2.00	Add Chili	\$2.00
Cornbread		\$	3.00
Add Chili		\$	2.00
Bottled Water		\$	2.00
Canned Soda		\$	2.00
Cup of Ice		\$	2.00
Extra Container		\$	1.00
Southern Peach & Mint Sweet Tea		\$	5.00

Deep Fried, Inc. (2 Tents)	
Kettle Korn	
Small	\$5.00
Medium	\$7.00
Large	\$10.00
Lemonade	\$6.00
Roasted Corn	\$5.00
Fresh Brewed Ice Tea	\$6.00
Fresh Squeezed Lemonade	\$6.00
Early Bird Café	
Specialty Coffees	
Fat Belly Brothers, LLC	
Chicken Sandwich	\$5.00
Chicken Tenders	\$6.00
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Hamburger	\$4.00
Hot Dog (Nathan’s All Beef)	\$4.00
Fries	\$4.00
Funnel Cake Fries	\$7.00
Soda	\$2.00
Gatorade	\$3.00
Water	\$3.00
Orlon Jackson	
Plates: \$12.00	
2 Pieces Whiting Fried Fish	
2 Barbeque Sandwiches	
Quarter Pound Dogs	
All plates serves with fries and a bottle of water	
LB Concessions	
Classic Gryo	\$12.00
Italian Sausage	\$12.00
Philly Cheesesteak	\$12.00
Philly Chicken & Cheese	\$12.00
Hamburger	\$7.00
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Field Day of the Past's Heritage Village is an integral part of the event's programs. Here visitors walk into a time warp. Exhibits, displays and re-enactments of various eras of American and Virginia history come together to offer a glimpse into our past lifestyles. It reflects who our ancestors were, what they did for a living, how they lived, what they believed and, in essence, who they were. A journey through Heritage Village gives visitors a sense of how the past molded our present.

At the heart of Heritage Village is a log cabin. Inside artifacts from the past tell the story of how hard life was for early settlers. A rope bed, a churn, a spinning wheel and weasel, iron pots and kettles, and other household items demonstrate that early Americans had to be self sufficient in order to survive.

On the porch of the cabin, spinning and knitting demonstrations highlight skills once necessary to the household. This year, Diane Gray will join the demonstrators on the porch, engaging in the art of tatting, (a handcraft which produces a durable lace from a series of knots and loops).

Outside the cabin, time races through several eras of history. Tom Tucker, sitting outside his native people's tipi, explains how native peoples lived, what tools they used and how they used them. Michael Hartje will augment Tucker's history lessons this year with an artifact exhibit. Tucker and Hartje explain the significance of the earliest Americans in our history.



**Last year, Tom Tucker explained native people's lifestyle to a group of young visitors.**

garden. Wood was easily attainable and a wooden bowl was less costly and much more durable than ceramic. If broken, it was easily disposed off. Throw it in the fire and it was gone.



**Richmond Discoveries examines the life of an American Civil War soldier. (The cannon is shot here periodically.)**

In another era of American history, the country suffered through four years of civil war. Armed with information instead of bullets, Ken Chandler of Richmond Discoveries and his fellow re-enactors set up a camp typical of military camps of this time. The exhibit, complete with artifacts, explores the life of a civil war soldier.

In 1854 Horace Greeley, a New York newspaper editor, said, "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country," Greeley was actually a little late offering this advice because by 1840 approximately seven million Americans were living west of the Appalachian Moun-

# Heritage Village



**Daisy Purcell gives Melinda Gammon a lesson in knitting at the 2022 show.**

At one site a wooden sign proclaims "17th c. bowl maker." Here Luke McDonald employs tools typical of those used in the 1600s to turn wooden bowls.

Wooden bowls were common in early America. Colonists owned and used them because they were versatile and could be used for a multitude of purposes in the kitchen, in the barn, and in the



**Luke McDonald turns bowls the way colonists did during the late 16th and early 17th century. See him at Field Day.**

tain. The movement had begun after the Lewis and Clarke Expedition and the subsequent Louisiana Purchase. It was a movement that continued in the late 19th century with more than 400,000 individuals moving cross country primarily via the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails. After the Civil War, the Wild West (or the Old West) captured American attention until the early 1900s. The image Easterners had of the Wild West was full of gun-slinging outlaws, "loose" women, raucous saloons, buffalo roaming the plains and, of course, the Medicine Show. Medicine Shows were traveling groups (or sometimes an individual) who traveled the country putting on performances and entertaining in towns in an attempt to sell their "medicines," often billed as cure-alls for whatever ailed you. Most often, these elixirs, salves, pills and potions were totally useless but the "doctors" did put on a good show. In the vein of these popular forms of western entertainment, Lamar Banister brings Dr. J's Wild West Medicine Show to Field Day of the Past. Don't be taken in by his hype!

Rope making is an ancient art and is one of America's oldest industries. From colonial times into the mid-1900s, rope was made from plant fibers on a ropewalk, a long building, shelter or room where fibers were walked backwards to determine the length



**Michael Spence's ropewalk examines the early method of making rope.**

of a rope. (The Charlestown Ropewalk at the former Boston Navy Yard did not cease operation until 1973 when the naval yard closed.) These fibers were twisted together to form the rope. The longer the ropewalk, the longer the rope could be made. Of course rope making wasn't as easy as this sounds, but you can get an upfront

and personal view of how it's done at Michael Spence's ropemaking tent.

This is only a taste of what you can find in Heritage Village. Arthur Jenkins hosts a exhibit exploring the history of photography and cameras. The Central Virginia Gold Prospector's Assoc. pans gold at the gold mining machinery from the Bertha and Edith gold mines in Goochland dating back to the 1940s. Further afield, the blacksmith shop, manned this year by John Bottoms and helpers explores the ancient art of working iron. Volunteers man the Grasberger Spoon Machine producing wooden ice cream spoons and the broom handle machine, used to manufacture walking sticks. Antique tractors and small engines line the field. History is ongoing in Heritage Village.

After the Civil War, the Wild West (or the Old West) captured Amer-



**Lamar Banister as a Medicine Man gives an authentic Wild West Medicine Show at Field Day of the Past.**



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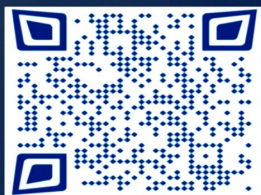
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# AGLand becomes part of 2023 Field Day of the Past program

The Virginia Extension Service will return to Field Day of the Past again in 2023. Soil and Water Conservation District, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the James River Buffer Association, and the Amelia Farm Service Agency will also be located in this new area of our show grounds which we have dubbed AGLand.

Soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) were established in the 1930s to develop comprehensive programs and plans to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods, and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose of water. The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It provides technical and financial assistance to farmers and other private landowners and managers.

The James River Association, working with the Virginia Department of Forestry, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, established the James River Buffer Program to help landowners living along the middle and upper parts of the James River watershed restore and create forest buffers to improve the quality of local waterways.

In addition to working with these organizations,

the Extension Service will provide information on its services. Through the Amelia County 4-H, it is hosting a 4-H Rabbit Show and Cloverbud Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Field Day of the Past.

The adjacent flyer provides details for the Rabbit Show. For more information and to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/4-Hrabbit>.

In addition to these agencies and services, the Amelia County Future Farmers of America will also be manning exhibits in AGLand during the show. The Amelia FFA has participated in Field Day since it relocated to the Amelia site in 2021. In the past, this group has manned our corn shelling exhibit and has provided help on the track with both the tractor and truck pulls.

Education, especially agricultural education, is one of the Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assoc.'s (sponsor of Field Day of the Past) primary goals. The involvement of our youth in achieving these pursuits is icing on the cake. We hope to further develop AGLand in the future, and look forward to adding new agencies, programs and attractions to this area in the years to come.

Please be sure to visit AGLand in your trip to this year's Field Day of the Past.

FIELD DAYS OF THE PAST

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**REGISTER HERE:** <https://tinyurl.com/4Hrabbit>

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## CVATPA returns to manage 2023 FTP Tractor Pulls



Our thanks and congratulations to Central Virginia Antique Tractor Pullers Assoc. (CVATPA) for conducting two successful days of tractor pulling at the 2022 event. CVATPA will return to organize the tractor pulls.

CVATPA pulls A-B-C in weight classes from 3,000 lbs. to 12,000 pounds. A list of all safety rules and regulations as well as class specific rules can be found on the organization's website at [cvatpa.com/rules-regulations](http://cvatpa.com/rules-regulations).

Last year there were almost 300 hitches during the two days of pulling. On Saturday, pullers competed in 37 classes and 36 on Sunday, offering spectators two full days of pulling fun.

If you are a long time tractor pulling fan, you will notice that the numbers of females competing in the pulls is increasing, making this a true family sport.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, and the pulls will start at 9 a.m.

Again this year, all tractor pullers will pay the admission price of \$20 at the gate and that cost will be taken off hook fees. We ask pullers not to register on the exhibitor registration form.

Congratulations also to all of the winners in last year's classes. Thanks for your participation. We look forward to seeing pullers and spectators back in September for another round.

## Cole Shows provides carnival entertainment at 2023 Field Day



Cole Shows Amusement Co. will return for the 2023 Field Day of the Past, providing family entertainment in the form of carnival rides, games and, of course, that well loved carnival food.

The carnival entertainment opens at noon on Friday and continues until 11 p.m. On Saturday, rides and games will

open at 10 a.m. and close at 11 p.m. On Sunday the fun starts at 10 a.m. and will continue until close.

Amusement ride tickets cost \$1.25 each. Twenty four tickets can be purchased for \$25 and 72 tickets are available for \$60.

Wristbands are also available for part days or entire day for \$25 or \$40.

### Visiting with young children?

Field Day is designed as a family event and is meant to be experienced that way, meaning there's something here for the entire family. If you have young children in your party, however, it's a good idea to take extra care to keep up with them. Children are easily distracted and there is a plethora of distractions at the show — noises, sights, people, interesting goings-on. A child can easily slip from sight. Take a few precautions in case your child loses you. If a child is old enough, make sure he knows a telephone where he/she or one of our volunteers can get in touch with an adult on the grounds. Do not drop your children off and go elsewhere! Pin a parent's name (or that of another adult) on the child. Don't panic and inform a staff member. The staff will immediately take care of the situation. We haven't lost a child yet, so be careful, be calm and have fun.

### Cole Shows Wristband Sessions FRIDAY, SEPT. 15, 2023

Noon until 6:00 p.m. \$25.00

5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. \$25.00

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# Life on the Trail: Pioneers of 1849

In September, 1849 pioneers will settle on the show grounds for the three day event. Luke Conner, his wife Stephanie and their twins, will make their home here, living the way American pioneers lived during their long treks across America to resettle in new homes farther west.

In 1849, most were headed to California to seek fame and fortune in

the gold mines. Approximately 100,000 men, women and children from around the world descended on California in 1849. Many of those, particularly those from outside the United States, arrived by ship. For Americans who could not afford sea passage, or who set out with household goods, the only path to follow was across the Plains and through one

of the mountain passes on the eastern California border. Between 25,000 and 30,000 people traversed the Plains in 1849, earning the nickname the Forty-Niners.

Not all of the Forty-Niners were headed to California to get filthy rich in the mines or to establish new lives anywhere but where they already were. Some planned to travel to the gold fields, mine enough ore to pay off their debts back home and return to their prior lives on a more financially secure basis. Others realized that mining was not the answer to financial security, but providing services and goods to the hordes who suffered from gold fever was a more reliable and profitable business venture.

The decision to embark on a trek cross country involved extensive planning, usually months worth. The decisions of what to take and what to leave behind, who to leave behind to watch the home fires, when to leave, what route to travel, and what provisions were necessary for the long haul took time.

When to leave was a crucial decision. Leaving too early in the year meant encountering muddy roads, snow, ice or spring floods. Leaving too late meant finding yourselves in the mountains after winter snows began. The fate of the Donner Party, lost in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range hung heavy on the minds of all pioneers after 1847.

Pioneers were smart to travel in wagon trains, so there was scheduling to consider. The most popu-

lar trail west for those headed to California was the California Trail, a branch of the Oregon Trail. This route ran from western Missouri across the Great Plains into the Rocky Mountains to the gold fields of northern California, with the outfitting or "jumping off" points being in either Independence or St. Joseph, MO. If a pioneer missed the designated time to leave the jumping off point, he had two choices: Venture out on his own or wait until the next train formed.

Each day of travel along the trails west was an adventure unto itself. Water posed a constant problem — either too much rain and swollen creeks and rivers or droughts which threatened drinking water supplies. There were illnesses among the pioneers, as well as births, deaths and accidents which could incapacitate or cripple, sand storms, thunder storms, and drownings. If one of the animals of your team died, be it horse or oxen, you faced a critical logistics problem of how to continue moving your wagons forward. Oxen

were preferable to horses on the westward trip. Although oxen traveled at a slower speed, they were heartier than horses or mules, could forage on the grasses of the Great Plains and did not need oats as horses and mules did, were less likely to be stolen by Indians and, in extreme cases, could be butchered for beef to eat should rations go slim.

Also, travelling with a train required people who did not know each

other, traveling long distances over hard terrain on a daily basis. Personality clashes and personal interactions could cause insurmountable problems.

Life on the trail was rigorous and not all those who set out for California arrived. Some decided to settle along the route. Of those who made the entire journey, some simply returned home.

Join the Conners, their children and their oxen as they discuss their lives as pioneers. Rides with oxen are available for a small charge.



Luke and Stephanie Conner and their twins live the life of pioneers at the 2023 Field Day of the Past. Visit them and their oxen to gain some understanding on what life on the trail west in 1849 was like.

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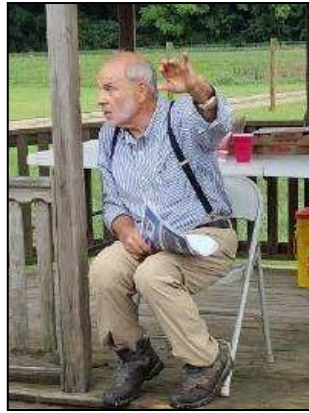
## In Memoriam

**MEOLA, John Joseph**, 72, passed away this past March. John had been Field Day of the Past's Safety Director for many years. He was well versed in safety issues and kept the volunteers on their toes in regards to what was safe at the show and what was not.

The knowledge of safety issues, however, was only a small facet of John's much larger personality. He was well spoken, knowledgeable on many topics, and an entertaining speaker, whether in a business setting or on an individual level.

John was also an extremely talented artist. He created everything from stunning armillaries to several Virginia LOVE sculptures, one of which could be seen at the 2022 show. John "Giovanni" Meola created the Bike Sculpture, originally located at Lewis Ginter Garden and later moved to Lakeside. Much of John's work was composed of repurposed items, items which many people considered junk. He was a compulsive collector of objects rescued from junk yards, scrap piles and trash bins. To John it was all potential art and his collection of these objects spanned several counties.

John's talents were so many and varied, one volunteer once called him our "Renaissance Man." Most importantly, John had a heart of gold. If he discovered a treasure in which you expressed interest, he would give it to you. He would stop and lend a hand if needed. He was considerate. He was kind. He was personable. He was talented. He will be missed.



## Weather halted some activities for *Celebrate Independence!*; fireworks show was spectacular

More than 60 vendors showed up to participate in the 100-Mile Yard Sale at the Field Day location on July 1, more than 20 vendors than in 2022. Although hot, the weather promised to hold for the *Celebrate Independence!* activities. Mother Nature had other plans, however, and a series of storms passed through in the late afternoon, calling a halt to many of the activities planned for the evening. The truck pulls were called because of unsafe track conditions. The Daybreak band got in a full performance, however the En'Novation band did not play.

Despite the downpours, the skies cleared enough for the fireworks display, and it was spectacular. There was a crowd for this light show and everyone was grateful that the weather held for it to "go off". Our compliments to Cameron Graser for the great job he did on this light show.

Although the day was disappointing to volunteers who had worked hard to make *Celebrate Independence!* a great event, these same volunteers have decided to try it again next year.

The 100-Mile Yard Sale will occur on Saturday, July 6 in 2024, and volunteers have decided to ex-

tend the Fourth of July celebrations at the grounds to coincide with this date.

Planning for the 2024 *Celebrate Independence!* will begin once the September Field Day of the Past is put to bed.

Field Day staff and volunteers will also be developing other programs and activities for the 2024 season, so keep in touch with us on Facebook and through our website: [www.fielddayofthepast.net](http://www.fielddayofthepast.net)

We would like to extend our thanks to those who came out to provide entertainment in various forms for our guests, the food vendors and the patrons who ventured forth, as well as to the volunteers.



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**NO MERCHANDISE WITH FIELD DAY LOGOS CAN BE SOLD WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL**

Description of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

*No Raffles will be allowed at the event*



### SPACE SIZES AND COSTS



\_\_\_\_\_ 15' X 15': \$75.00 for all three days — **NO VEHICLE PERMITTED IN SPACE**

\_\_\_\_\_ 20' X 20': \$100.00 for all three days — **VEHICLES/TRAILERS, ETC PERMITTED *WITHIN* SPACE**

\_\_\_\_\_ 20' X 30': \$125.00 for all three days — **VEHICLES/TRAILERS, ETC. PERMITTED *WITHIN SPACE*.**

**PROPER PARKING PASSES ARE REQUIRED TO PARK WITHIN YOUR SPACE. PLEASE DO NOT RENT A SPACE SIMPLY TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE(S).**

**SPACES ARE RENTED ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS SEPT. 1, 2023. *IF YOU APPLY AFTER SEPT. 1, 2023, PROVIDING SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE, PLEASE REMIT AN ADDITIONAL \$25.00 PER SPACE. ALL VENDORS MUST PARTICIPATE FROM 8 A.M. TO CLOSE FOR ALL THREE DAYS!***

Please register early. Space will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis. All space requests must be accompanied by payment to confirm the reservation. Please send completed application and payment to Rockville-Centerville Steam & Gas Historical Assoc., P.O. Box 29643, Richmond, VA 23242-0643. Should you have any questions, please call Melinda Gammon 804/908-1412 or email [fielddayofthepast@gmail.com](mailto:fielddayofthepast@gmail.com).

**VENDORS WILL RECEIVE TWO PASSES PER DAY WITH SPACE RENTAL. ADDITIONAL PASSES CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$20 PER PERSON.**

*Please remember, this is an outdoor event, rain or shine. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.*

**FIELD DAY OF THE PAST, THE ROCKVILLE-CENTERVILLE STEAM & GAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBERS, STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS AND LANDOWNER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS, THEFT OR DAMAGE AND ASSUME NO LIABILITY FOR BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXHIBITOR OR TO THE EXHIBITOR. PLEASE SUBMIT A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IF APPLICABLE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE

*By signing, I agree to all terms.*

*By signing this application, I certify that I understand and agree to all conditions.*

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