

The Village Log

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village

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How it all Works

Every now and again I realize that the average visitor to Pioneer Village doesn't know that beneath the pioneer garb and friendly smiles, beats the heart of a true self- sacrificing individual. Each with a true love and dedication to preserving and sharing with the public all the precious historic structures that we lovingly call Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village.

We are pleased to maintain an all volunteer staff. By doing so it ensures that all the proceeds collected at the gate during our events (plus any other donations) go to preserve, protect and maintain the wonderful collection of historic buildings placed into our care.

Our costumed interpreters are only the front line of our volunteer staff. Behind the scenes there are people who man our kitchen, do the grounds work, garden, keep track of the books, advertise, do hands on repairs on our historic buildings, design historic programming and this is just a small list of the things available to our volunteers. Why do I mention these things? Because we are always looking for new volunteers to join us. Even if you only have a couple hours a month to give, we have a place for you!

By Patty Frazee

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The Village Unplugged

The Village Unplugged, from Noon till dark on June 27, 2015, is an acoustic music lover's event. It's an event that inspires the listener to pull up his chair (do bring a folding chair or blanket) and enjoy the music up close just like the pioneers of old. For musicians, this is a time to join old friends and make new friends as we fill the porches and the grassy areas under the shade trees. There will also be some slow jams for those just learning their instruments. We were beginners once ourselves and are eager for you to pick up the torch and pass it on down the road.

The stages will be open with a sign-up sheet in one hour increments, which includes set up, and tear down time. If you like, do bring your CD's for sale. No amplification please, we want the audience to scoot close and feel a part of your performance.

Do take the time to check out our historic buildings as they are the reason we gather together. All the donations that come into this event go to preserve, protect and maintain these wonderful reminders of our past.

Musicians and music lovers are historically some of the most generous people I know and I want to thank-you in advance for your love and desire to see these treasures of our past preserved. Donation boxes are scattered through-out the Village for your convenience. Don't forget a trip to the Village Kitchen! This is also a delicious way to support the Village.





Spring Gathering

Our Spring Gathering is the kick off of the 2015 warm weather season. As one strolled around the Village, the beautiful strains of music wafted on the breeze courtesy of the “Hitchhiker Band.” A little further on, Mel was busy working on a rope making machine reviving a lost art. The sight and smells of early food preparation abounded around the Village drawing young and old to taste a bit of our past. As our journey continued we came upon a gifted artist, demonstrating the use of quill and ink, a historic way to preserve an image. Further down the lane, melted wax was being turned into candles to light up the dark nights. Rick was busy showing the young people how pioneer children amused themselves between the ever present chores. Finally, at the end of the long day one appreciates a comfortable bed. Randy and Bryce worked to show the proper way to string the ropes to “sleep tight”.





Pioneer Village: Our Experience

by Brooke and Brinnley Layton

We were going to help Ms. Patty in the Hawkins cabin for the Spring Gathering. We decided we were going to make poffertjes, wafers, lamb, bison, mashed potatoes, and ash-baked potatoes. We found out what we would need to make all of this and got recipes. We decided we could also make lemonade and jam with the rest of the ingredients we were using to make the other foods.

Ms. Patty taught us more about how to be a good interpreter and teach people about pioneer life. We learned that we should involve the public, so we found ways that they could do tasks such as churn butter, grind buckwheat, try some of the foods, and grind sugar into powdered sugar.

The week before the event we got out the ingredients and supplies we would need to cook the foods and made sure we knew what everything was and what it did. Then the day before the Spring Gathering, we brought most of the ingredients and supplies to Pioneer Village and made a list of what we needed and crossed off what we had brought. We set up what we could then got a good night's sleep.

The day of the event we set up everything and then the public came. We had people churn butter, grind buckwheat, and try some of the foods. That was a lot for the public to do so we did not have them grind sugar into powdered sugar. We were able to make the poffertjes, wafers, lamb, mashed potatoes, lemonade,

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jam, bison, and ash-baked potatoes. They all turned out great and very tasty. The public enjoyed the samples of poffertjes and wafers. We had the bison and ash-baked potatoes for lunch. It was wonderful. We ate the rest of the food for dinner and dessert.

It all turned out great in our opinion. The food tasted great and almost none of it was burnt, except a few wafers. We watched the food and checked it often. That is why most of it didn't burn. We taught the people and made sure they knew what was going on and they were learning and had a good time. It turned out so great because we were helping, teaching, and paying attention.



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A Wedding Reception

Pioneer Village is no stranger to weddings, but this June our volunteers took on the challenge of preparing a pioneer inspired wedding reception feast for one hundred twenty guests.

Our covered BBQ pit was called into service as ten turkeys were slowly roasted to perfection. The area was also used to sauté a medley of fresh summer vegetables, along with our signature dish of creamed tarragon peas. Meanwhile, the kitchen was busy preparing (from scratch) fresh bread, salads, fruit, mashed potatoes and rice. All attractively plated and delivered piping hot by our costumed interpreters. This was followed by a finale of beautifully appointed dessert selections prepared by the loving hands of our all volunteer staff.

Our historic buildings were also opened to allow our guest to step back in time for a moment. The weather was beautiful, as was the bride. Wonderful memories were made by all in attendance.



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Dear Friends,

I just wanted to thank everyone who helped with all of the preparations, the tasty food and your attendance at Frank's memorial service. It was exactly what Frank wanted. He would have been overjoyed with dirt cake and worms. It would have made him laugh.

Thank-you,

Linda Lee

P.S. Do remember that Frank's favorite event, the Maple Syrup Festival, will be moved to March next year.



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Funding Needed

Pioneer Village is embarking on a capital improvement program to cover the cost of repairs to our buildings. Pioneer Village has a starting goal to raise \$100,000.00.

Projects Around The Village

The store:

We need treated 2 by 8 or 2 by 10 lumber to put in the new floor.

The out house behind the kichen needs a new vent stack and roof installed.

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Schedule of Events

Event hrs: Sat. & Sunday 10 AM-4 PM

Cost: Adult \$5; Youth-under 18 Free

* (Exceptions noted on times and cost)

Prices are subject to change without notice.

Feb 21-22 Maple Syrup & Pancake Brunch*

Try our homemade maple syrup with pancakes, sausage and beverage. •Hours: 9 AM-2 PM Cost* check web site Daily Tours of the Sugar Camp 10 AM-1 PM

April 18 Habitat for History

Help as we work to preserve and restore the village buildings and grounds. Work available for all ages. Bring your family and friends.

May 16-17 Spring Gathering

Step back in time and join the Village as we welcome the pioneers and traders who have come to trade and replenish their supplies from the winter.

June 27 The Village Unplugged*

Gates open at noon.

Enjoy the sweet sounds of artists around the Village. Bring your instrument and sit and jam a spell. A variety of sounds for the music lover in everyone.

Sept 19-20 Civil War Union Training Camp

Learn about the life of a Union soldier during the Civil War as you take part in the training. Ladies, join the Soldiers' Aid Society while attending the afternoon tea. Enjoy demonstrations and activities for all ages. Stay for the Soldiers' dance @ 4pm on Saturday.

October 17-18 Harvest Festival & Gathering

Celebrate the harvest as the village is preparing for winter. Take part in the activities of the early 1800s Bring a bag of individually wrapped Treat candy and get FREE admission for one.

October 24th Pioneer Trick or Treat*

Children may treat around the village and families can enjoy a treat in the Bullsken Inn. TREE admission Hours 3-6 PM

December 5 * Candlelight Walk

*4—8pm

Celebrate with us Ohio's first Christmas in 1803. Dress warm!

Watch our website and facebook page for additional events and activities throughout the year.

*Pioneer Village is a Non Profit run by volunteers just like you. We receive NO state or federal assistance. The preservation of the village is funded by our events and the generous donations from people like you. Thank you for helping us preserve yesterday for tomorrow. *

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Directions

•Columbus: 71S to exit 45 (St Rt 73) Right (3.9 miles) left on Oregonia Rd (1.1 miles) Right on Pioneer Village Rd.

'Dayton: 75S to exit 38 (St Rt 73) toward Springboro, Waynesville(12 miles). After you cross St Rt 42,1st road on right-Clarksville Rd. to stop sign (3.9 miles). Left on Oregonia Rd. (1.4 miles) left onto Pioneer Village Rd Cincinnati: 71N to Wilmington Rd. exit 36 go right. Take 1st left-OliveBranch. Go straight onto Murray to stop sign. Right onto Oregonia Rd. (2.8 miles) Left onto Pioneer Village Rd.



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Membership Applications

Please print all information**

Last Name: _____

First Name _____

Spouse : _____

Minor Children listed on membership (anyone 18 and over , unless permanently disabled, needs to be on a separate membership): _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

(Circle one):

Individual Membership \$25.00

Family Membership \$35.00

Payment types: Check , Money Order , Cash

Any amount over the membership will be considered a donation. Donation amount (if any): _____

All Member applicants must submit to a back ground check. Membership may be denied if any thing is found.

Would you like newsletter by email? Yes No

Would you like you recive information on work parties and participate in them? Yes No

Would you be willing to make phone calls and write letters? Yes No

Would you like to become a docent? Yes No

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village association can not guarantee a cabin.

Membership Description

1. You get a bimonthly news letter or (every two months).
2. You get a discount at the village store.

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