

Fall Harvest Days “Field Trip” Opportunity

The St. Clair County Farm Museum would like to invite you to our annual Fall Harvest Days show held this year on August 22, 23 and 24 at Goodells County Park. New this year is the fact that there is no admission charge to enter the show. We are inviting youth related organizations to attend and welcome field trips of any size groups. We have several age appropriate activities for youngsters to participate in which deal with agriculture and early farm life. See the list below. Friday the 22nd is typically the least congested day of the weekend and would provide ideal times to visit, however, people are welcomed other times as well. Concessions are available for purchase throughout the day and the amenities of the County Park are available.

If you have further questions or would like to make special arrangements, we would love to hear from you. As a courtesy, notification of your attendance would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Scott Eisele

Activities for youth participation:

- Corn Shelling and Grinding. Use an antique corn sheller to remove kernels and a grinder to crack corn into feed
- Beam Drilling. Use an antique beam drill to bore a hole in wood as was done over a hundred years ago when building barns
- Laundry Chores. Use vintage tools that were used to wash laundry before the invention of the washing machine
- Participate in a scavenger hunt
- Tool Sharpening. Use an antique pedal grinding wheel to learn how early tools were sharpened
- Use a vintage hand pump to see how water was “harvested” for farm use
- Milk a “cow” and see the process of getting milk for cooking, drinking and feeding calves.

Learning Activities:

- Watch a blacksmith turn a piece of iron into a useful item, receive a complementary gift
- Watch while vintage engines work to accomplish many farm related tasks
- See how a steam engine and sawmill can turn trees into useful lumber
- Watch and learn how wheat is removed from the plant by a threshing machine
- Wander through the Museum barns and learn about the history of the “poor farm” and see the variety of artifacts of early farm life in the St. Clair County area
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