

Beverly Heritage Day: Centuries of History

Traditions for Today

July 20, 2024

Beverly, West Virginia

Join in Beverly Heritage Day this summer to expand our understanding of how past traditions shape our lives and art today. Living historians and demonstrators from 1750 through 1950 are again invited to join the Beverly Heritage Center for our timeline heritage event. We are seeking:

- living historians and first person scenarios from any relevant time period,
- heritage inspired demonstrating artisans (including craft sales) and musicians
- educational programs or displays featuring diverse people or stories connected to our area,
- preservation partners who are working to save and connect the past and the present.

Come help share the history of life through the ages, including conflict, daily life, art, and fun in the Tygart Valley, over our Centuries of History.

Living history camps will include 18th, 19th, and 20th century eras with scenarios welcome for any part of our timeline, military and civilian. While Civil War and other military impressions are always an essential part of Beverly events, we hope to add more through expanding the timeline, sharing civilian, artisan, and children's activities, and including Native people and diverse ethnicities who have contributed to the rich culture we share today. Living history, first person impressions, interpretative programs, demonstrations, presentations, displays, heritage artisans, and activities to engage children are all welcome.



Planned scenarios, demonstrations, and presentations are encouraged to be offered either continuously, or at scheduled times. We invite all of our participants to develop and share stories of your own. Traditional or heritage inspired art and craft demonstrations, educational displays, preservation education are welcome (No modern politics please). Interactive activities and engagement for young people are highly encouraged - we encourage children's or audience involvement activity when feasible. Musicians are welcome, and can be offered either in the camps, or at scheduled times and locations

through the event. **Let us know your scenario plans in advance** so that we can get them on the schedule and include them in the event promotions. Describe on your registration form or call or email to discuss.

History Parade along the streets of Beverly will be featured Saturday morning. Please let us know if you can participate in color guard or music for the parade. Military and civilian from all periods, musicians, and period appropriate vehicles are welcome.

Beverly, West Virginia was the original county seat of Randolph County, and was a crucial crossroads through settlement, Civil War and 20th Century history. Located 6 miles south of Elkins along US Rt 219, Beverly is an active heritage tourism destination with town historic district, Rich Mountain Battlefield, and multiple museums and shops anchored by the Beverly Heritage Center. Beverly Heritage Day is our primary heritage event of the year.

Selling Goods - Sutlers or other merchants of period appropriate goods, as well as demonstrating artisans selling their own creations, are welcome. There will be no vendor fee, although pre-registration is required and a donation to support the event is encouraged.

Amenities - Camps in Beverly will be located in the large lawns within the town. Water and portopots will be available near camps, with running water toilets and a shower available at Beverly Heritage Center during open hours. Firewood and hay will be available if requested. While the event is Saturday daytime only, campers are welcome from Friday through Sunday if you wish.

Saturday lunch will be provided to pre-registered participants. You **MUST** pre-register by July 15 to get a lunch ticket. Pie sale and additional meals are available for purchase.

Mi Fiesta Mexican Restaurant is open in Beverly for other meals.

Draft schedule (times & details subject to change, more may be added as plans are confirmed):

Friday July 19

Afternoon camps available, no public hours

Saturday, July 20

10 am- 5 pm Activities and Living History Open

Each camp is encouraged to schedule your own activities & demonstrations

Activities will be added to event schedule and promoted at planned times

Music, crafts, demonstrations, displays, children's activities - ongoing

11 am Parade of History

11:30 Lunch and pie sale

Sunday, July 21

Reenactors welcome to camp overnight, and pack at your convenience on Sunday. No public hours.

Registration

This event is FREE with pre-registration. Pre-registration is expected, and is required by **July 15** to get the participant meal. You may register by individual, family, or unit. Please give us contact info (email if you use it) for everyone. Please pre-register and provide information about your activity, demonstration, or impression and needs by end of June if possible, so that we can plan and promote the event.

Please let us know if you plan to camp, and which night, for our planning. Saturday only participation is also welcome, with or without tents. Please let us know any living history characters, scenarios, programs, demonstrations, or other activities you offer!

See www.beverlyheritagecenter.org Calendar for information and online pre-registration.

CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-nlr5dYVphZwtVzq1OtQr14X2sE5a-l_5ay5aH69ozJLCxw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have difficulty with the form, please contact us by email or phone with your interest in participating and your contact information.

Or contact us directly for information, or to pre-register by mail, email, or phone:

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