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Explore the maritime history of Michilimackinac with “Maritime Michilimackinac” on June 8

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Join the interpretive staff of Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City as they showcase the maritime history of Michilimackinac, this Saturday, June 8, starting at 9:30am with various events and demonstrations continuing on throughout the day.

Colonial Michilimackinac was a major hub for the Great Lakes Fur Trade, and its location where Lakes Michigan and Huron meet was a major factor in its success. Daily programs will focus on Michilimackinac’s maritime history by discussing and demonstrating the many different ways Michilimackinac’s historic residents interacted with and worked on the water.

Throughout the day, visitors will be treated to a variety of engaging events and demonstrations highlighting the diverse ways that Michilimackinac's inhabitants interacted with and relied upon the waterways. Led by knowledgeable staff, these activities offer a unique glimpse into the past.

“We’ll be doing things that are truly special that guests wouldn’t be able to see otherwise,” said Craig Wilson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Chief Curator. “Even if someone has visited in the past, there is always something new to see or do.”

Schedule of events for Maritime Michilimackinac:

9:30 – Colonial Michilimackinac Open

10:00 - Bales, Barrels and Boxes: Supplying the Great Lakes Fur Trade Program

11:00 - Weapons on the Water Demonstration

12:00 - Feeding a Voyageur Crew Program

12:30 - Michilimackinac's Enslaved Community program

2:00 - Boat and Canoe demonstration

3:30 - Weapons on the Water demonstration

4:00 - Some Tea and Loaf Sugar: Tea at the British Trader's House

5:00 - Bales, Barrels and Boxes: Supplying the Great Lakes Fur Trade program

6:00 - Musket Firing demonstration

7:00 – Colonial Michilimackinac Closed for the Evening

Informal programs such as knot tying, net weaving, baking, and line throwing activities will also occur throughout the day.

Admission to Colonial Michilimackinac grants access to all special programs and is priced at \$15.25 for adults, \$9.75 for children aged 5-12, and free for Mackinac Associates members and children under 4. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the maritime history of Michilimackinac. Last admission is at 6pm.

A [downloadable version of this release can be found here](#). Additional pictures available upon request. More [information can be found here](#). This event will also take place on July 13.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan's Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, featuring the Mackinac Island Native American Museum, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Benjamin Blacksmith Shop,

American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek, and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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