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## **Mackinac State Historic Parks to Host Moonlit Michilimackinac August 24**

MACKINAW CITY, MICH. — Ever wondered what it was like inside Colonial Michilimackinac as the sun was setting? Here's your chance to find out.

Join the interpretive staff for "Moonlit Michilimackinac," beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the National Historic Landmark on Saturday, August 24. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy an evening at the 1770s fort and fur trading village and watch the sunset, talk with the staff about what the historic residents did at night, and experience the end of the day in 1781. Select buildings will remain open as well.

"This event will allow guests to get a deeper understanding of the historic residents of Michilimackinac," said Craig Wilson, Mackinac State Historic Parks' Chief Curator. "They'll be able to explore select buildings, discuss nighttime routines with interpreters, and enjoy the sunset over the Straits of Mackinac."

This is a free event with donations welcome. Entrance will be on the corner of Straits Avenue and Louigny Street, across from the Fort Fudge Shop. This event is subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather.

Colonial Michilimackinac was originally constructed by the French in 1715 and later occupied by the British. It was moved to Mackinac Island in 1780-81 and became Fort Mackinac. It has been operated as a museum since 1958 and is home to one of the longest ongoing archaeological excavations of its kind.

A downloadable version of this release can be found here. Additional photos available upon request. More information on Colonial Michilimackinac and all other sites operated by Mackinac State Historic Parks can be found here.

*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, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park 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](http://www.mackinacparks.com).*

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