




Location (see map on front page)



Age range



Specific time(s) and/or day



New station this year

★ Begin at the visitor center ★

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You must complete a liability waiver and receive a wristband in order to be admitted to this event. Admission is FREE, but the wristband and waiver are required whether participating or spectating.


Registration / Greeters: Joan Farrington & Laura Novey

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Play the Limberjack

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5 - Adult




Also known as a jig doll or paddle puppet, the limberjack is both a puppet and a percussion instrument that has been a hoot to play for centuries! His legs tap out a jigging rhythm & his arms swing.

Presenter: Dustylee Gray

Paper Quilling

B

5 - Adult




(Inside visitor center) Quilling is centuries old. Rolled, shaped, and glued paper strips can be used to create simple to elaborate designs. Bird feathers (quills) were originally used as tools.

Presenter: Sitara Ihlenfeld Paulson and Kim Langer

Block Printing Wallpaper

L

12 - Adult




Block printing was used to create the wallpaper in the Agency House. Up until 1840, wallpaper was hand-made via the labor-intensive method of block printing. Create your own block print.

Presenter: Natalie Hamm

Sprang

M

5 - Adult



Although sprang is a Scandinavian word, this ancient fiber art was used by cultures worldwide for thousands of years. A precursor to knitting, sprang produces a fascinating, stretchy textile.

Presenter: Jenny Novey and Jane Breuer

Historic Outdoor Games

I

5 - Adult

Play the game of graces and try hoop rolling.

Presenters: Dustylee Gray and Elizabeth Novey

# Enduring Skills Stations

Many historical skills, techniques, and crafts would be lost to time were it not for those who continue to practice them to this day. Try your own hand at an exciting sampling of skills and heritage arts that have endured through the centuries or have been re-created through research and experimentation.

Atlatl Throwing

O

12 - Adult


An atlatl is an ancient hunting tool that preceded the bow and arrow in almost every part of the world. Atlatls are comprised of a special stick that engages a spear. The spear travels at a greater velocity and distance than could be achieved by hand alone.

Presenter: Mike Novey

Timber Framing

K

12 - Adult



Use a hand auger to drill holes for mortise and tenon joints like those which were used for timber framing at the Agency House.

Presenter: David Oft

Toy-Making: Wooden Horse

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5 - 12



In the 1800s, children often made toys out of materials that were available to them. Make your own toy horse.

Presenter: Elizabeth Novey

Toy-Making: Paper Dolls

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5 - 12



Paper dolls were popular toys for hundreds of years. Make your own set of paper dolls and learn about historical fashions, too.

Presenter: Elizabeth Novey and Dustylee Gray

Flintknapping

I

5 - Adult

Try your hand at the techniques involved with making stone tools.


Requirements: Gloves and safety glasses will be available for use, or bring your own

Presenter: Jack Larson

Civil War Military Ration Cooking

G

12 - Adult



Learn about the standard ration given to soldiers during the Civil War. The soldiers worked together to cook their own rations over open fires. Experience how it was done.

Presenter: Badger Light Infantry

Frontier Laundry on a Washboard

I

5 - 12

Wash laundry on a washboard and hang it up on the line.

Presenters: Dustylee Gray and Elizabeth Novey

Victorian-Era Children’s Crafts

J

5 - Adult



Geared toward children, but open to adults, too.

Presenter: Andrea Marsh

Rosemaling

L

12 - Adult

Norwegian immigrants brought this flowing, ornamental painting technique to Wisconsin in the 19th century. Give it a try!

Presenter: Darcy Miller

Native American-Style Flute Making

C

5 - Adult



(East porch) The two-chambered duct flute, or Native American flute, is one of the easiest-to-play flutes in the world. Make one for yourself from a wild reed!

Presenter: Adam Novey

Letterpress Printing

B

12 - Adult



(Inside visitor center) There was no Microsoft Word in the 1800s! Experience the fascinating and labor-intensive task of publishing local newspapers and flyers on a real 1800s printing press.

Day: SUNDAY ONLY

Presenter: Tom Bass

19th Century Land Surveying

O

5 - Adult

The Dumpy Level was invented in 1832—the year the Agency House was built. Try out some 19th century surveying techniques and learn about surveying history.

Presenter: Eric Lindaas

Candle Dipping

I

5 - Adult

Today, we can flip a switch and have instant electric light, but for centuries, hand-made candles were a mainstay.

Presenter: Chris Pufahl

Construct a Bag & Fill It with Popcorn

D

5 - 16

In the early 1800s, popcorn was eaten with milk & sugar for breakfast. It was a popular Victorian-era treat & Christmas decoration. Construct a special brown paper bag and fill it with tasty popcorn.

Presenter: Debbie Miswald

18th Century Tavern Games

L

5 - Adult

Learn & play 18th century games such as Shut the Box, Going to Boston, Quinze, and a variety of other card and dice games.

Note: Mark Tully’s book, *A Brief Discourse on Eighteenth Century Games*, is available in our gift shop (B)

Presenter: Mark Tully

Guided Tours of the Agency House

B

C


Begin in the visitor center (B). Check at the front desk for tour times this weekend.

Docent: Kim Langer


Gift Shop: John Kolb and Julie Flemming

FUNDRAISERS

M



Soda and Bottled Water



HIAH T-Shirts

Give a donation

\$20 each

Pay at tent (M) if you do not want change back. Otherwise, pay in visitor center (B). NO FOOD/ DRINK INDOORS

Spencerian Cursive

J

5 - Adult

Try writing the old-fashioned way!

Presenter: Karen Alexander

Butter Making

D

5 - Adult

Two hundred years ago, people made their own butter. Try it!

Presenter: Valerie Marek and Amanda Becker

Watercolor Bookmarks

J

5 - 16

Watercolor painting was wildly popular in the 1800s. Paint a bookmark and take it home with you.

Presenter: Jenna Theissen

Songs of the Civil War

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5 - Adult

(Front porch) Mr. Alexander performs a variety of songs that were popular in the 1860s. Learn about their history, too.

Presenter: Gary Alexander

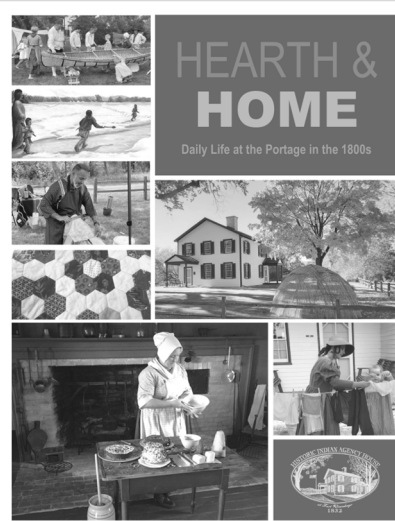
18th Century Military Encampment

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5 - Adult

These guys commonly portray British soldiers at Green Bay during the French & Indian War. Check out the activities they’re offering!

Presenter: Redcoats in Green Bay



2025 SEASON THEME: *Hearth & Home*

Explore the daily rhythms and traditions of home life among the diverse residents of the Fox-Wisconsin portage in 1832. Everyday life was considerably different than it is today. There were cultural and ethnic differences in the ways families and communities lived their lives here on the frontier, too. Each experienced its own unique essence of "hearth and home."

Free learning and activity guide **I**

What better way to learn and discover hands-on than with your own family in the context of your own hearth and home! We are pleased to offer a resource to help your family learn, explore, and have fun together all year long. The guide is divided into activity suggestions for each season of the year. We hope your family looks forward to these special times of fun and exploration together! Make fantastic memories and grow in your understanding...adults, too!

But the learning and activity guide isn't just for kids. Adults will learn a great deal, too. It is also available free online here: [www.agencyhouse.org/hearthhome-curriculum](http://www.agencyhouse.org/hearthhome-curriculum)



UPCOMING EVENTS: [www.agencyhouse.org/events](http://www.agencyhouse.org/events)

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| August 12    | Speaker Series #3: Tamara Funk, Wisconsin Historical Society Curator: "Haste to the Wedding: Philosophies & Customs of Euro-American Courtship and Weddings in the 18th-20th Centuries." 6:30pm. Free admission.   |
| September 13 | Campfire Series #1: Juliette Kinzie lived at the Indian Agency here in Portage in the early 1830s. Join Kathe Crowley Conn around the campfire to hear her tell Juliette's fascinating firsthand stories about what it was like to live in this place almost 200 years ago. 6:30pm. Free for the whole family. |
| September 20 | Living History Tours with the Galena Living History Society: Mourning and Funerals in 1832. Birth, marriage, and death were intimate parts of home & family experiences in the 1800s - different than today. These special tours begin in the visitor center from 10-12 & 1-3. Free admission.                 |
| October 4    | Campfire Series #2: French voyageurs were a unique lot with their own captivating hearth & home customs. Hear "Jacques Largillier" (Glenn Gorsuch) tell in first-person what voyageur life was like in 1832. 6pm. Free for the whole family.   |
| November 8   | Campfire Series #3: Hear accomplished storyteller Andi Cloud (Niizuwii, "Rain Woman") tell traditional Ho-Chunk stories. Winter storytelling has been a part of Ho-Chunk life rhythms for centuries & the stories themselves have something to say about life. 5pm. Free for the whole family.                 |



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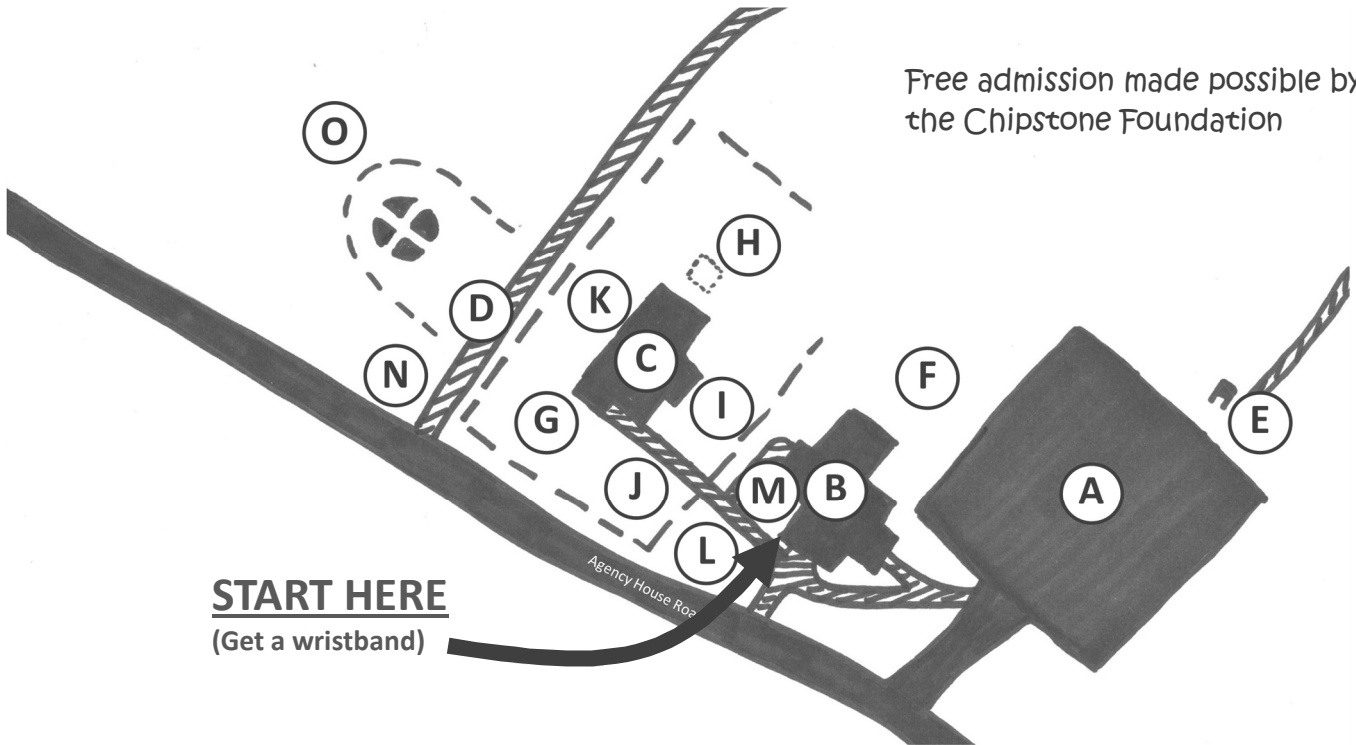
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Enduring Skills Weekend 2025

Sat, July 26, 10-4 | Sun, July 27, 12-3

Map Key

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>A</b> Parking Lot    | <b>D</b> Gravel Driveway | <b>H</b> Kitchen Garden | <b>L</b> Visitor Ctr Yard |
| <b>B</b> Visitor Center | <b>E</b> Trailhead       | <b>I</b> East Yard      | <b>M</b> ADA Walkway      |
| <b>C</b> Agency House   | <b>F</b> Picnic Area     | <b>J</b> Front Yard     | <b>N</b> Port-a-Potties   |
|                         | <b>G</b> Historic Elm    | <b>K</b> West Yard      | <b>O</b> Trail's End      |



Stations at a Glance

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| <b>A:</b> Parking   | <b>G:</b> Civil War military cooking   | <b>K:</b> Timber framing                             |
| <b>B:</b> Quilling / Letterpress                          | <b>H:</b> 18th century military  | <b>L:</b> Block printing / Tavern games / Rosemaling |
| <b>C:</b> Flute-making (east porch) / Songs (front porch) | <b>I:</b> Flintknapping / Candle dipping / Wooden horse / Paper dolls / Laundry / Games / Limberjack | <b>M:</b> Sprang / Lemonade / T-shirts/ Registration |
| <b>D:</b> Popcorn / Butter making                         | <b>J:</b> Cursive / Victorian kids' crafts / Watercolor bookmarks                                    | <b>O:</b> Atlatl throwing / Surveying                |



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