

Genesee County Parks, Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad, would like to invite members of the MABA to demonstrate for “Smiths, Millers and Trades”.

Day & Date: Saturday, July 17 – Sunday, July 18, 2010

Time: 10 am – 5 pm daily

Dress: The park require blacksmiths to dress as time period as possible; men-bib overalls or jeans, boots (no tennis shoes), long sleeve shirts (can be rolled up, no t-shirts or modern designs), women-long skirt, dark shoes or boots (usually covered by skirt), long sleeve shirt. This is a general description of what we are looking for, the goal is to be as time period as possible within reason.

Demonstration: Will do demonstrations for the public during the hours of 10 am to 5 pm.

Sale/Demonstration: Blacksmiths who demonstrate and sell will be able to keep all profits from sales in exchange for performing demonstrations during the hours of 10 am – 5 pm.

Camping: Free camping will be allowed on the following conditions only: 1) There is absolutely no alcohol on Genesee County Parks property- anyone with alcohol will be asked to leave immediately, 2) there will be no camping in cars, campers, trailers or any modern vehicles, camping will be done at your vendor location in time period appropriate tents. Our time period is 1860’s, and all campsites must fit in to this time period within reason.

Water: We have several water pumps around the Village that are available for use.

Blacksmith & Guest: Each blacksmith is allowed one guest, (guest must abide by same rules as vendor). Families-I would consider families to camp, but only if all are participating in the time period dress and demonstrations, *would need approval*. Please contact me about this.

Setup Information: There are no vehicles in the Village when we are open, so setup is after 5 pm, gates close at 9 pm and reopen at 7 am, morning setup is from 7 am to 9:30 am, all cars are required to be removed from the Village by 9:30 am.

To Say Thank you: A blacksmith attending for two days with one guest, with registration prior to July 2, 2010, will be given passes for: 1 train ride each, 1 boat ride each, and 1 ride each on a Vintage ride. One-day participant and one guest, with registration prior to July 2, 2010, will be given choice of: 1 train ride each and 1 ride each on a Vintage ride, or 1 boat ride each and 1 ride each on a Vintage ride.

Please contact Kathi Whitcomb to reserve your space. This is a program that really feel has potential to grow into something larger. I hope you will join us for this event, and please ask for me when you are here, as I would love to hear your ideas to really make this a signature event for all.

How to register: Contact Kathi Whitcomb, Recreation Program Coordinator, 810.845.6429 (cell) or email: kwhitcomb@gcparks.org