



## **Cantigny Park to Host Revolutionary War Reenactment September 11-12**

*Event returns for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, showcasing soldier and civilian life in late 18<sup>th</sup> century*

**WHEATON, IL, August 26, 2010** — Cantigny Park, part of the McCormick Foundation, will stage an authentic Revolutionary War Reenactment the weekend of September 11-12. The free annual event, from 10 am to 4 pm each day, brings history alive as hundreds of reenactors from the North West Territory Alliance converge on the park.

“This is always a fun and fascinating two days,” said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. “The battle reenactments and artillery demonstrations attract the most attention but there are many other things to see and do. It’s a great learning opportunity.”

More than 600 Revolutionary War reenactors will be at Cantigny, with many pitching tents and camping on the grounds. Redcoats and patriots will consume the Parade Field twice per day, staging mock battles complete with cannon and musket fire. Visitors can walk through the encampment and experience soldier life in the late-1700s. True to the period, the soldiers use no “modern” amenities like flashlights, charcoal or electricity.

North West Territory Alliance is a non-profit educational organization that studies and recreates the culture, lifestyle and arts of the time of the American Revolution, 1775-1783. It strives to duplicate the uniforms, weapons, battlefield tactics and camp life of the era as accurately as possible. For more information, visit [nwta.com](http://nwta.com).

Cantigny’s Sept. 11-12 activities are free admission with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). A timeline of events for each day is posted online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org)

The Cantigny website also includes details on these upcoming events:

- Sept. 17: Oktoberfest Dinner
- Sept. 18: Stargazing
- Sept 19: Cantigny Car Show
- Sept. 25: Cantigny Green Fair
- Oct. 2-3: Civil War Symposium and Reenactment
- Oct. 9: Cantigny Fall Festival

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### **About Cantigny**

Cantigny, part of the Chicago-based McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. Cantigny Park is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](http://Cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole

championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](http://CantignyGolf.com).

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