

Cantigny Park to Stage 25th Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment

Public invited to witness patriotism and pageantry September 10 & 11

WHEATON, IL, August 30, 2011 — Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, will stage an authentic Revolutionary War Reenactment the weekend of September 10-11. The free 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 a special anniversary year, marking the 25th staging of the reenactment at Cantigny,” said Matt LaFond, Cantigny Park executive director. “It has always been one of the park’s most anticipated events. Families, in particular, appreciate the reenactment for both its entertainment and educational value.”

More than 400 Revolutionary War reenactors will be at Cantigny, many of whom will pitch tents and camp on the grounds. Redcoats and patriots will consume the Parade Field twice each day, engaging in mock battles complete with cannon and musket fire. The skirmishes are narrated from the sidelines to help spectators understand the action.

For a quieter time, visitors can walk through the encampment and experience soldier life in the late-1700s. True to the period, the soldiers use no “modern” amenities such as 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.

Reenactment activities Sept. 10-11 are free admission with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). A timeline of events for each day is posted online at Cantigny.org

The Cantigny Park website also includes details on these upcoming events:

- Sept. 10: Oktoberfest Dinner
- Sept. 17: Stargazing
- Sept. 18: Cantigny Car Show
- Sept. 24: Cantigny Green Fair
- Oct. 1-2: Civil War Symposium and Reenactment
- Oct. 8: Cantigny Fall Festival

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based McCormick R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a spectacular 27-hole golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and

learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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