Becoming a Pioneer Woman

November 6 & 7, 2010
Weekend Retreat in the Pioneer Village at Spring Mill State Park

Spring Mill State Park
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2009 Retreat Participants

“All the volunteers and employees were excellent.”

“This is my vacation. I can’t wait till next year.”

“The crafts we learned were very useful and we will be making more of these.”

“Wish I could come back next weekend!”

2009 Retreat Participants
Take a break from modern life and experience the life of an 1860s woman.

Skill Workshops
- Lucet Cording
- Needle Felting
- Leatherworking
- Gourd Baskets
- Scherenschnitte
- Hearth Cooking

All meals are prepared over the hearth by retreat participants, using authentic 1800s recipes.

Registration Fee of $150 includes the following...
- all skill workshops and programs, including supplies
- lunch, afternoon snack, and dinner on Saturday
- breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea on Sunday

Registration is limited to 20, women only.

Minimum age of 14 years; minors must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Registration Deadline is October 31.
To register, call the Spring Mill Park Office at 812-849-3534 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.

While registering, make sure you inform the office staff of any dietary restrictions.

Payment (credit/debit card) is due at time of registration.

Registered participants should check in at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Nov 6 at the Upper Residence in the Pioneer Village.

The retreat will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on November 7.

Please note: Participants will be split into small groups for the skill workshops. We will try to keep groups of friends together, if requested; however, we cannot guarantee it. We hope that you will view this weekend not only as a chance to spend time with old friends, but as an opportunity to make new ones.

Lodging Options

Pioneer Village
For the full experience, spend Saturday night in the Pioneer Village. Eight beds are available ($30/bed); request a spot when registering for the retreat.

Please keep the following in mind:
- Rooms may be shared with up to 2 additional people, depending on the number of beds in the room.
- Restrooms are located in the southeast part of the Village (the cabins themselves do not have restrooms) and there are no showering facilities.
- Heat comes only from fireplaces and your own body – be prepared to get up during the night to stoke the fire!

Spring Mill Inn
This Inn is located within the park. For reservations, call 800-977-7464 and ask for the “Pioneer Woman” room block.

Spring Mill Campground
The park campground has both electric and primitive sites. For reservations, go to www.camp.IN.gov or call 866-622-6746.

Mitchell Inn Motel
This motel is located just 3 miles from the park. It offers basic accommodations, but has a reputation for being very clean. For reservations, call 812-849-9048.