

Friday, October 28th Barn Dance at the Farm

6:00pm – 9:00pm- Barn Dance

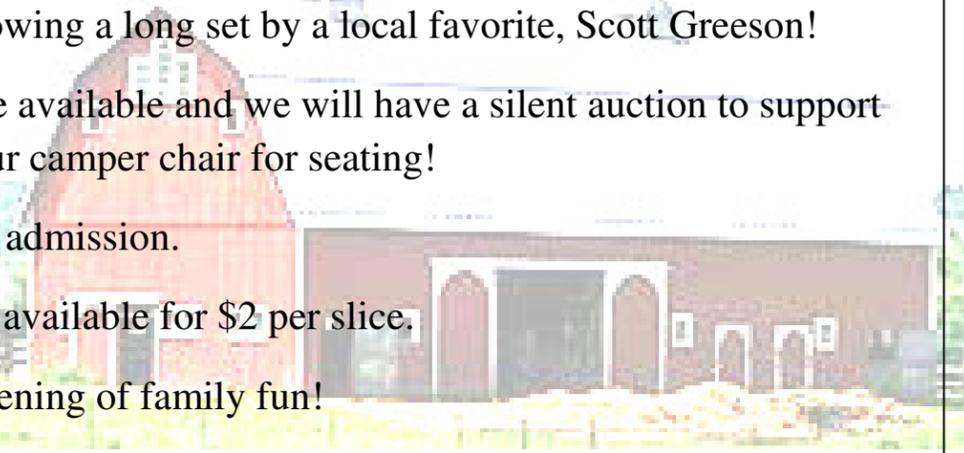
Join us for our annual Barn Dance! The Bum Ditty Barn Dance band will play at 6:00pm, following a long set by a local favorite, Scott Greeson!

Refreshments will be available and we will have a silent auction to support The Farm. Bring your camper chair for seating!

\$5 per car, plus park admission.

Pumpkin Pie will be available for \$2 per slice.

Enjoy this annual evening of family fun!



OCTOBER 2016

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

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Stop in and see us at the Visitor Center. We have educational animals for you to meet, nature exhibits you can touch, and informational displays to read.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS 8:30am – 4:00pm DAILY

We hope you'll join us for a program too. Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee of \$8/carload (in-state) or \$10/carload (out-of-state.) Campground programs are also open to the public – just park at the campground gate and walk in. Children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult.

All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.



CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS



Don't miss your chance to buy this one-year-only commemorative t-shirt. Available in grey or white, and sizes small thru 3XL while supplies last. Available at the Visitor Center from 8:30am to 4:00pm. \$19.95 +tax Includes a FREE Sharpie!



Trail of Scarecrows

October 1 - November 6, 2016

Take a hike on the bike trail, starting at the Prairie View Picnic Area, and find our Trail of Scarecrows, designed by community organizations, businesses, academic clubs, service groups, park visitors and volunteers! Support their creative efforts and “penny-vote” for your favorite Scarecrow by donating to Prophetstown's Interpretive Services Fund for Education, Arts, Culture and History Programs. Donate \$1 and your favorite Scarecrow receives 100 votes! Voting available at Visitor Center (from 8:30am to 4:00pm daily) or at the Main Gate.

Thank You for Supporting Prophetstown State Park



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st

10:00am– Food Chain Frenzy – Also known as “feeding the critters”, join us as we feed our educational animals. Frogs will chomp on crickets, and hopefully, a snake will “gobble” up a mouse or two. **Visitor Center**



1:00-3:00pm- Teas of the Season – Join us at the village and taste some delicious teas available this time of year – sassafras, mountain mint, and more. Also, tour of the council house, medicine lodge, chief’s cabin, granary, and more. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road to walk the trails back to the village.**

7:00pm –Snakes Alive - Meet some of the park’s cold blooded creatures. They won’t be seen for long out in the park this fall as winter draws near. See them up close and personal. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

10:00am – Woolly Bears – Have you been seeing black and brown hairy caterpillars crossing the roads this time of year? They’re probably woolly bears, and they can predict winter! Find out how during this make and take program and craft. **Campground Shower Building**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th

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12:00pm-3:00pm -Beer Brewing Basics- Beer is a part of our history and has been around for centuries. Learn how to brew your own beer at home. Impress your friends with your very own brew. Sample homebrewed beer. Must be 21 or older to participate. Valid ID required. *Registration required.* \$20 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot!

1:00pm-3:00pm- Food Preservation: Drying and Smoking – Join us at the Native American village for tours of the council house, medicine lodge, chief’s cabin, granary, and more. We’ll also be drying and preparing foods like cranberries, squash, and more over a fire for winter storage. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road to walk the trails back to the village.**

7:00pm – Fall Fun around the ‘Fire – Join us around the campfire and discover if owls can really turn their heads around, if you can get warts from toads, and which venomous creatures call Indiana home. We’ll have toasty s’more to share. **Meet at Campground Shower Building**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

1:00pm-3:00pm- Food Preservation: Drying and Smoking – Join us at the Native American village for tours of the council house, medicine lodge, chief’s cabin, granary, and more. We’ll also be drying and preparing foods like cranberries, squash, and more over a fire for winter storage. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road to walk the trails back to the village.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th

11:00am - Seed Collecting - Join us as we collect some of the LAST prairie plant seeds. They will be used for next year’s crop of greenhouse plants – and you can be a part of it! **Meet at the Visitor Center**

12:00pm - 1:00pm Preparing for Winter- Poultry Basics – Raising chickens and other back yard birds have become a very popular trend in the past year. Learn how to take care of your flock in the changing weather conditions, as well as general flock health. Know what to look for and what to expect! **Meet at the Farm**

1:00pm – 3:00pm – Importance of Corn - Join us at the Native American village where we’ll be grinding corn, making corn cakes and other foods. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely across the road to walk the trails back to the village.**



7:00pm – Migrate, Hibernate, or Tough it Out! – Winter can be tough, but our Indiana animals know how to make it through the coldest of times. Do you know which ones go to sleep, which ones fly south, and which ones stick around? Find out during this fun hands-on program, and meet some of our cold-blooded friends before they head to bed for winter. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th

10:00am – Spectacular Spiders – Eight is Great!... when you’re counting legs. Spiders come in all shapes and sizes, and you can see some of them up-close and personal. Discover their unique lives and their important job in nature. Arachnophobes are welcome and encouraged to attend – all the spiders will be in jars. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

1:00pm– Nature CSI – Do you know how many toes are present in a coyote track or a skunk track? Can you tell the difference between poison ivy and Virginia creeper without any leaves on the vine? By keeping your eyes open and reading the clues, you can discover a lot about nature. Become a nature detective during this hike. **Visitor Center**



FALL FUNFEST WEEKEND: A HARVEST CELEBRATION



Join us for a weekend of fun fall festivities - Halloween activities in the campground, fun at the Farm, a hike to see scarecrows along the bicycle trail, a hayride through the prairie, or take a step back in time at the Native American village to enjoy a harvest celebration.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st

7:00pm-8:00pm – WEEKEND WELCOME & KETTLECORN! – Take a break from setting up your Halloween decorated campsites, and join us at the Campground Shower Building. Park volunteers will be popping up delicious kettlecorn for our weekend guests. Donations welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

9:00am-11:00am – Birding on the Overlook Deck – Join us at the overlook deck for a birding afternoon – we might see an eagle, and osprey, song birds, water birds, and more. We’ll have binoculars and scopes and field guides. **Park at the Far East End Parking Lot and walk down to Trail 2 Overlook Deck.**

12:00pm – 4:00pm –HARVEST CELEBRATION AT THE VILLAGE – Join us at the Native American Village for food and fun this fall season. Jessica and Mark Eaton from Woodland Indian Educational Programs will be making succotash, roasted fish, squash and more all cooked over a fall fire for you to enjoy. Try your hand at grinding corn, braiding corn, and more. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road and walk the trails back to the village.**



1:00pm – 4:00pm Fall on The Farm- Come and enjoy a wholesome day of fall family fun. Try your hand at churning butter in the farmhouse or shell corn in the barn. For \$2 you can decorate a mini pumpkin! Enjoy popcorn and apple cider with us!

3:00-4:00pm-CAMPGROUND TRICK OR TREATING– Meet at 3:00pm at the Campground Shower Building where we’ll start our walk around the campground. Campers - have your treats ready for the kids walking by. **For those passing out candy,** be sure to post your “Trick or Treaters Welcome Here” sign that’s available at the Campground Host site. Open to the public, and parking is available at the campground entrance.

6:30pm – STORYTELLING – Join storytelling artist, Bob Sanders, for a fun-filled hour around the campfire. Enjoy the sounds of fall through legend and tales. Bring a lawn chair if you have one. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

7:00pm-CAMPSITE & PUMPKIN JUDGING- Decorate your campsites and/or display your carved or decorated pumpkins. Judges will tour the campground to evaluate your creations. We’ll select the top three winners, each chosen for its originality, creativity, and scariness.

7:00pm – 10:00pm – HAYRIDES – Join us on a hayride through the prairie. Check at the Main Gate for details and to **pre-buy tickets.** Bundle up and have a great time with your family and friends!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

10:00am – WINNERS LIST –We’ll post the winners of the campsite and pumpkin decorating contest on the **Campground Shower Building Bulletin Board.** Winners, if we don’t catch you at your campsite to give you your prize, make sure to stop by the Visitor Center and pick it up. This year’s prizes include a 2017 Annual Park Pass, camping supplies, RV supplies, and more.



12:00pm – 4:00pm – HARVEST CELEBRATION AT THE VILLAGE – Join living history presenters at the Native American Village for amusements and games enjoyed by historic Native Peoples. Enjoy hikes around the prairie during this fun, fall time. **Park at Visitor Center and safely cross the road to walk back to the village.**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th BARN DANCE AT THE FARM

6:00pm-9:00pm – Enjoy a fun fall evening on the Farm. See back page for flyer and details.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th

11:00am – 2:00pm – Black Walnut Dye – Join us at the Native American Village where we’ll be using the bounty of fall to dye yarns, fabrics, and other items. Black walnut produces a beautiful chocolately brown, and we might have some other fall colors too. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road walk the trails back to the village.**



1:00pm - 2:00pm - Corn Husk Dolls- Staff member Shawn Gillen will be teaching the art of cornhusk dolls. Enjoy this old time tradition and learn the history behind this historic toy. Take your doll home! **Meet at the Farmhouse.**

7:00pm – Bats Abound! – As winter approaches, bats are leaving their summer homes and looking for winter hibernation spots. And as Halloween approaches, people start thinking about all the “scary” creatures of the night. Discover the amazing lives of these nocturnal animals. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th

10:00am – Skins and Skulls - If you just caught a glimpse of a critter, would you know what it was? If you were hiking on a trail and came across some bones, could you identify it? Discover ways to identify some of the park’s wildlife by examining furs and skulls. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

11:00am-12:00 pm- Heirloom Rose Program- Love beautiful roses? Want to learn more about heirloom roses, their care, and their history? Join our Executive Director, Leslie Martin Conwell, at **The Farm** for a talk on roses from the past and how they can still bring beauty to our gardens and homes today. Leslie has grown over 150 varieties of heirloom roses.

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