

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



A youth volunteer plays dominoes in the Oregon Trail Camp at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

## Living History at Fort Vancouver

Costumed re-enactments highlight Saturday events

On Saturday, Sept. 14, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., the National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site will host the Campfires and Candlelight signature community event for the 30th consecutive year.

The interactive, living history event features costumed staff and more than 150 volunteers in encampments and re-enactments on the grounds and inside the buildings of the reconstructed Hudson's Bay

Company fort at the national historic site.

The tour begins by leading visitors back through the site's past, where encampments and demonstrations shadow the lantern-lit ADA accessible pathway and highlight key people and events from the site's history.

Visitors can scrub rags against a washboard alongside a 19th century Army washerwomen; tap rudi-

ments on a snare drum with post-Civil War soldiers; cover ears at the boom of an Army mountain howitzer; play shadow puppets against the lantern-lit canvas of an Oregon Trail wagon; and spark a fire with flint and steel and throw trade axes in the Fort Vancouver Village camp.

Visitors can observe and interact with re-enactors in numerous fort buildings, including the Blacksmith Shop, Bake House, Chief Factor's

House, Counting House, Carpenters Shop, Kitchen, and Dispensary.

Campfires and Candlelight is Fort Vancouver's largest costumed re-enactment, and is only possible through the help of more than 150 costumed interpreters from the park's volunteer team, the park's youth volunteer team, and multiple com-

munity partners.

Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. Event parking can be found at the gravel lot immediately north of the fort's garden on Fifth Street, at the Visitor Center parking lot located at 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd., and available public parking areas within the Reserve.



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