



THE **G**ATHERING AT **G**ARST

July 29 and 30, 2023

205 N. Broadway - Greenville, Ohio

The Gathering at Garst was created to remember the defining events and people who shaped our county's history. Our mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of those who made unique contributions to the culture of Darke County and to celebrate our local heritage in a family-oriented and educational atmosphere. Public admission to *The Gathering at Garst* is free. All celebration proceeds will benefit the Garst Museum.

This event brings together thousands of visitors from near and far to help celebrate our history. Annie Oakley, Lowell Thomas, and Zachary Lansdowne all called this place home. Garst Museum proudly displays their life history along with the history of the Native Americans that first settled this land.

The Gathering at Garst committee will strive to offer a quality show. The event will host artists, antique dealers, skilled craftsmen, entertainers, garden exhibits, and unique food vendors. These vendors will be located on the beautiful lawn behind the Garst Museum.

We also work in partnership with The Darke County Park District to host an outstanding Living History Encampment on adjoining park district land. It will welcome reenactors on Saturday and Sunday that accurately represent the Colonial and Revolutionary War period through the Civil War. Cannon firing demonstrations, skilled historic craftsmen, and carriage rides will entertain visitors.

Participant

Please read all information carefully when filling out the application. Call or email if you have any questions. This information is critical for the planning of the encampment. Thank you. Additional forms and information are available on our website:
www.gatheringatgarst.com

Set Up and Staging

The Gathering at Garst Living History Encampment is a two-day event. The set up deadline has been moved to 12:00 p.m. Friday. Additional security will be added for Thursday, as well as, Friday and Saturday. Early or alternative set-up arrangements may be available by calling Deb Shiverdecker at 937-417-7231.

Show Hours

Sat. July 29, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday July 30, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Security

Walk-thru security patrol will be provided Thursday, Friday and Saturday dusk to dawn.

Hotel Accommodations

Quality Inn: 937-316-5252.
Holiday Inn Express: 937-548-1328
Darke County Fairgrounds Camping: 937-548-5044

Application Deadline
July 1, 2023



**FOR LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Name _____
Business Name/Trade _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone/Cell # _____ email: _____

Participants in our Living History Encampment must **represent the time period from Native American Indian civilizations through the Civil War.** We will present a "Time Line" of history. This event is a fundraiser for Garst Museum. We appreciate everyone's support and participation.

Booth fees will be waived for Living History Campers. Campers can have a 4'x4' trading blanket- no fee. Vendors that are selling items - booth fee is \$20. Period correct food vendors must be approved and registered through the Gathering at Garst main committee and pay food vendor fees. Food vendor applications can be downloaded from our website:
www.gatheringatgarst.com.

I will be participating as:

Living history camper only ___ Vendor selling wares ___ Contracted Paid Performer ___

Number of people in this family/camp: ___

Please mark the correct time period that you are representing:

Native American Indian ___
1750-1800-Colonial Period through the French & Indian War ___
1800-1840-Revolutionary War & The Fur Trade ___
1840-1865-Civil War Period ___

Information: Which of the following categories best represents your talent/skill or product:

Baskets	Botanicals	Brooms	Ceramics	Fiber/Textiles	Historian
Floor Coverings	Furniture	Jewelry	Metal craft	Painting	Re-enactor
Paper craft	Soaps	Woodcraft	Blacksmithing	Actor/Performer	
Other	_____				

Please provide a brief description of your product: _____
Please briefly describe your method of production (including tools used) if applicable: _____

Presentation Information:

Will you (and your representatives) dress in period-appropriate clothing? Yes No

Will you use period-appropriate displays and tools? Yes No

Will you build a campfire? Yes No

Vendors Only:

Are your products reproductions of documented 18th and early 19th Century wares? Yes No

If not, are your products inspired by wares of this time period? Yes No

**The committee reserves the right to ask that merchandise deemed inappropriate be removed from the festival.
NO plastic products or containers are allowed.**

Special Note: If you will be camping on the grounds, firewood, water, flush toilets, and hot showers will be available for you. Ice will be available by purchase per bag.

Tents and flies must be plain canvas to protect the historic integrity of the event. If you do not have these, please let us know, we may be able to make arrangements for you to borrow or rent one. Please indicate the space requirements for your tent(s) including ropes and stakes:

_____ Feet (Frontage) by _____ Feet (Depth) **PLEASE INCLUDE ROPES AND STAKES IN MEASUREMENTS**

We are expecting a large encampment turnout this year. Space will be assigned on a first come-first served basis.

We will try to get everyone placed in the shade but that space is limited. Please get your applications in as soon as possible. Please send your application in by June 1. You will receive an email from us when you are accepted as a vendor. Further details will be sent to you the second week of July.

All registered living history campers, performers and vendors may partake in free donuts and coffee on Saturday morning and an ice cream social on Saturday evening after closing. A Sunday morning service is normally provided if a parson is available. Details will be provided after registration.

Submit original application to:

**Darke County Park District
Attn: The Gathering at Garst – Living History Encampment
P.O. Box 801
Greenville, OH 45331**

AGREEMENT

I agree that I will not hold The Gathering at Garst Committee, Darke County Park District, Garst Museum, and/or the Darke County Historical Society liable for damages to person, property, and theft of my merchandise or displays in the festival. I understand that nothing may be brought into the festival which has not been approved and that all applications are subject to jury approval by The Gathering at Garst Committee. I understand that no booth fee refunds will be made after July 1, 2023. I understand that this is a rain or shine event. I understand that vendor booths will be expected to remain open during all festival hours. I understand that all participants or visitors that are sitting/standing/portraying/interacting in the living history vendor areas or camps will be in proper historical attire at all times of the festival until after dark on Saturday evening.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions or would like to send photos to us via email you can reach us at:

Living History Chairperson: Debbie Shiverdecker

Contact: Deb Shiverdecker, Darke Cty. Park Dist. Email: dshiverdecker@darkecountyparks.org

Phone: (937)548-0165 or (937)417-7231

Gathering at Garst Chairperson: Katie Gabbard

Contact: Katie Gabbard, Garst Museum. Email: katie.gabbard@garstmuseum.org 937-548-5250