



19th Annual

Civil War Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, September 26-27, 2009

*Northern Virginia 1861:
A Call to Arms*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is Civil War Weekend?

Saturday and Sunday, September 26 - 27, 2009. The event always takes place the last weekend in September. The activities run from 9 am to 5 pm each day. There are two battles each day. The first battle will take place at 11 am and the second battle at 2 pm.

What is Civil War Weekend?

Civil War Weekend at Wade House is an exciting two-day event that brings the history of the Civil War to life. During the weekend visitors will be immersed in battle re-enactments, military drills, presentations on medical care, period music and food, demonstrations, and more involving more than 500 re-enactors. Our theme this year is "Northern Virginia 1861: A Call to Arms." While a specific battle is not named, the battles will be based upon the many battles of northern Virginia in the summer of 1861. There are plenty of activities taking both days of the event, including but not limited to:

- battle re-enactments
- military drills and medical scenarios
- site tours and tours of military and civilian camps
- shopping in Sutler Row
- period music and food
- presentations and demonstrations

How many people attend Civil War Weekend?

Wade House expects approximately 5,000 to 7,000 spectators for the weekend. The 2008 event had more than 6,000 spectators.

Where is Wade House located?

Wade House is located midway between Fond du Lac and Sheboygan, just off State Highway 23 in the Village of Greenbush. Signs will direct you from State Highway 23. Visit our website at www.wadehouse.org for more specific driving directions and maps.

How much does it cost for admission to Civil War Weekend?

The admission fee is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children age 5-17. Children under age 5 are admitted for free. The family rate of \$32 and senior rate of \$10 for those 65 and over are also available during this weekend.

Are group rates available for Civil War Weekend?

Group rates are available for the weekend if you pre-register and pre-pay with Jeff Murray. Please contact Jeff by email at jeffrey.murray@wisconsinhistory.org or phone at 920-526-3271.

Are advance tickets available?

Visitors should purchase tickets at the gate as no advance tickets are available (other than pre-registered, pre-paid group tours.) Wade House is prepared for an expected attendance of up to 7,000 people and will not turn anyone away.

Where do I park my car and what is the cost?

Parking is free to the public. Please follow the directions of on-site parking attendants.

Is parking available for visitors with limited mobility?

Shuttles will be available to take visitors with limited mobility from parking areas to the entrance of the site. However, please remember that this is a “walking” event and almost all of our 240 acres are in use.

What should I bring to the event?

Visitors should wear a good pair of walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. You may also want to bring a lawn chair or blanket from which to view the battle.

Can I bring pets?

No, sorry. **Absolutely no pets** are allowed at the event. (Exceptions will be made for visitors who require a service dog.)

Are food and beverages available?

Enjoy food and beverages at Wade House Concessions (located near the Family Tent) and at the Greenbush Cupboard cafe (near the Wade House stagecoach inn).

Will I still be able to tour the Wade House Inn during the event?

Yes, a limited tour of the Wade House Inn is included with admission to the grounds. This tour will include only the first floor of the stagecoach inn due to the large number of visitors expected.

Can I camp on the Wade House grounds?

Boy Scout groups are the only groups allowed to camp on the grounds. Scout groups should contact Jeff Murray by email at jeffrey.murray@wisconsinhistory.org or by phone at 920-526-3271.

Unfortunately, there is no additional space available for visitors to camp on the grounds during the weekend. There are campsites in the area, and Jeff will be happy to send interested parties an information sheet with the names and phone numbers of area campsites and lodging opportunities.

Are there adequate toilet facilities?

Yes. There are plenty of port-a-johns and permanent restrooms available on site.

Will the event will be canceled for bad weather?

The event will continue unless heavy rain, lightning or high winds deem it unsafe. In the 18-year history of the event, a battle has only been canceled once.

What battle is being re-enacted?

A specific battle will not be named, but since our theme this year is “Northern Virginia, 1861: A Call to Arms” the battles will be based upon the many battles of northern Virginia in the summer of 1861.

How many re-enactors come to the event?

Approximately 500 - 1,000 re-enactors attend the Wade House Civil War Reenactment.

How can I become a re-enactor at the event?

All re-enactors who come to our site for the Civil War event are volunteers from various Civil War organizations. For more information on becoming a re-enactor, contact the [2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Inc.](#) or the [10th Tennessee Infantry, Co. D.](#)

- If you are a part of a Civil War organization and plan to be a re-enactor at this year’s event, please read Wade House’s [Civil War Weekend Participant Rules & Regulations](#) (PDF).
- There is a special event for re-enactors only: a civil-war era dance. It will be held indoors in the Wade House Maintenance Building. Sorry, but public is not invited to attend the re-enactor’s dance.

Does the event have a website?

Yes. Please visit www.wadehouse.org

How can I get more information on the event?

Please contact site curator Jeff Murray by email at jeff.murray@wisconsinhistory.org or phone at 920-526-3271 to be sent more information about the event.