

**Old West Festival
2010 Theme Weekends**

**Sept 11/12
Civil War Weekend**

During the American Civil War, the State of Ohio played a key role in providing troops, military officers, and supplies to the Union army. Camp life during the Civil War was very primitive. Housing was mostly of tents, with log insulation used in winter months. Meals were cooked outside on an open fire. The 70th and 35th Ohio Infantries will be setting up camp to demonstrate the life and times of the civil war. See for yourself what it was like to be a soldier during the Civil War.

Civil War Reenactors can join us for free! Come in full uniform and sign up prior to the weekend by emailing info@oldwestfestival.com. We will keep a roster of folks joining us for free admission. Civil War Reenactors can join the 70th Ohio encampment or form their own.

**Sept 18/19
Steampunk Weekend**

Steampunk is an imaginary 19th Century, that features brass and copper clockwork and steam powered inventions that go far beyond 1800's technology. Steam powered mechanical wonders, optimistic gear driven computers, dirigibles, clockwork firsts, and the like. (But don't forget the goggles.)

The year is 1878. The railroad runs to the new boom town of Dodge City. Dodge has opened up the West, and the West needs inventors! Men and women of courage and science are desperately needed to help tame this mad wilderness and bring the benefits of modern technology to this restless new land. Are YOU the one for the job?

- * Costume contest
- * Inventor's contest - bring your best invention!
- * Dancing

\$1 off admission for dressing in your best Steampunk fashions!

**Sept 25/26
Frontier Weekend**

The Indiana Rangers were a mounted militia formed by the Governor of the Indiana Territory, William Henry Harrison, in 1807 and operated in the early part of the 19th century to defend settlers in Indiana Territory from attacks by Native Americans. The

rangers were present at the Battle of Tippecanoe, and served as auxiliaries to the army during the War of 1812. At the peak of their activities they numbered over 400 men. All Rangers were paid \$1 per day, and were required to supply their own horse, ammunition, tomahawk, a large and small knife, and a leather belt. The Indiana Territorial Mounted Rangers, a reenacting group based out of Ohio and Indiana that portrays the lifestyle of a mounted militia unit during the period immediately before and during the War of 1812. Reenactors demonstrate living conditions, horsemanship and weapons work as well as explain the history of what was a very important period in what had once been the Northwest Territory.

Other groups that do reenacting of the Old Northwest Territory or War of 1812 Eras are welcome to join in the fun. Come in period attire and sign up prior to the weekend by emailing info@oldwestfestival.com. We will keep a roster of folks joining us for free admission.

Oct 2/3 Native American Weekend

Intertwined in the fabric of the American old west is the Native American culture. Join us on October 2nd and 3rd, as we will present to our patrons a Native American Drum Group and dancing. The White Oak Singers is a Native American Pow-Wow Style Drum Group. Mike Amiot has been the Drum-Keeper for over 14 years. White Oak Singers have traveled as far as Six Nations Canada to Cherokee North Carolina. The White Oak Singers consists of 3 generations of family and friends. Their heritage is a mix of Shawnee, Cherokee and Blackfoot.

Native American dancers can join us for FREE this weekend. Dancers must be dressed in full regalia and dance. Please sign up prior for free admission by emailing us at info@oldwestfestival.com

Oct 9/10 America's Pastime Weekend

In 1869, the Cincinnati Base Ball Club, led by Hall Of Famer Harry Wright, shocked the sporting world by becoming the first openly all-professional base ball nine. Dressed in knickerbockers with flashy crimson hosiery, the team became known as the Cincinnati Red Stockings.

The team barnstormed the nation coast-to-coast, challenging - and defeating - every base ball club it played that year. With their amazing 57-0 record in 1869, the Red Stockings introduced America to the new game of base ball and put Cincinnati on the sporting map.

Come join us at The Old West Festival to see The Cincinnati Red Stockings take on their rivals The Norwood Highlanders (10/9) and The Cincinnati Buckeyes (10/10). First pitch is at 1:05 each day.