

Civil War Days 2008

May 23-26, 2008

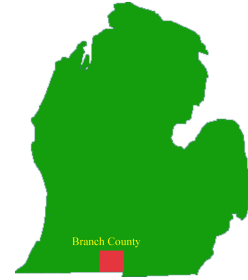
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Branch County 4-H Fairgrounds

Coldwater, Michigan

Friday:

- President and Mrs. Lincoln arrive by steam train at the Coldwater Train Depot.
- Greeted by Band and Union Soldiers.
- Welcomed by Mayor.
- Cemetery Tours.
- President and Mrs. Lincoln to retire at Chicago Pike Boarding House.



Saturday & Sunday:

- Civil War kitchen serving meals to re-enactors and the public.
- Reveille and the raising of the Civil War colors.
- Historical camps, military and civilian sutlers selling wares of the 1860's.
- Educational presentations about Branch County's Civil War Experience.
- Operating of 1800's schoolhouse.
- Crafters of the period.
- An antique agricultural museum.
- Carriage rides.
- 1800's Children's games.
- "Hit Taking" competition for soldiers.
- Company Drill by Military
- Ladies competition in the frying pan toss.
- Live battle between Union and Confederate soldiers.
- Troops return to camp life & retire colors.



Saturday Evening Gala-Dearth Center:

- A Grand Military Ball (public invited).
- Impressive decorations.
- A visit and words from Abraham Lincoln.
- Gorgeous gowns and colorful uniforms.
- A string orchestra playing Civil War music.
- Lively dances.
- A sumptuous 1860's dinner.
- Photographer making photos in milique style

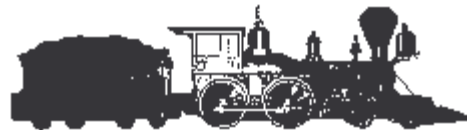


Sunday:

- Civil War Church Service (non-denominational)
- Welcome dinner at Col. Wing's house.
- Military Drills
- Games & Demonstrations
- Carriage Rides
- Band Concert

Monday:

- Memorial Day Celebration
- Parade
- Re-enactors
- Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln
- Cemetery Tours
- Band Music
- Rifle Salutes
- Vocal Music



The Little River Railroad steam engine train will be running throughout the Memorial Day Weekend www.littleriverrailroad.com or 260-316-0529.

Note: All activities and events are preliminary and are subject to change.
For lodging and local information www.discover-michigan or 800-968-9333.