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**CANNON FIRINGS, BULLET MAKING HIGHLIGHT MILITIA ENCAMPMENT EVENT
AT HISTORICAL DANIEL BOONE HOME**



ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Military drills, cannon firings, bullet-making demonstrations and more are planned for Militia Encampment Weekend from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 at The Historic Daniel Boone Home near Defiance. This free, family event, presented by the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department, is designed to give participants a glimpse into the life of soldiers from long ago.

As part of the event, history buffs won't want to miss a book signing from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Saturday, May 6, by local authors Dr. Anita Mallinckrodt and her brother, Hubert Mallinckrodt. The book, "Life with the Missouri River: – at Augusta, Mo," showcases a history of the river's behavior in the Mt. Pleasant/Augusta River Valley area, especially during the 1915-1995 flood years. Unlike accounts of historic, dramatic floods in urban or regional areas, this is the story of an individual "river rat" family's repeated experiences with the frequent flooding of the "Big Muddy."

Additionally, a special plaque dedication ceremony will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, under The Grand Pavilion in the park in honor of Daniel Boone and his brother Nathan, for service in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, respectively. The dedication is sponsored by The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Missouri and The Missouri Society of Sons of the American Revolution. The St. Charles County Police Honor Guard Unit will lead the Presentation of Colors and St. Dominic High School sophomore Jackie Lang will sing the National Anthem.

Paid guided-tours of The Historic Daniel Boone Home will be available at the top of every hour on both days, but admission to enter the park is free.

For more information about Militia Encampment Weekend or the dedication ceremony, call the park at 636-798-2005.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and the recently acquired Historic Daniel Boone Home. Plans for a new park at Kisker Road and Highway 94 are underway.



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For more information and specifics about each park, visit www.stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.