



Travel back in time to the 18th Century to relive the days of the French fur trade during the Forest Preserve District of Will County's "Island Rendezvous" at Isle a la Cache on June 14 and 15 in Romeoville.

Forest Preserve District's 'Island Rendezvous' Returns for 31st Year

Experience life in the 18th century and learn more about fur trade along the Des Plaines River during the Forest Preserve District of Will County's 31st annual "Island Rendezvous."

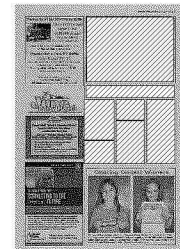
The free, family-oriented event will be held on Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15, at Isle a la Cache Museum, 501 E. Romeo Road in Romeoville. Activities will take place on

both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Three hundred years ago, French voyageurs canoed the Isle a la Cache area on the Des Plaines River to trade for furs with Native Americans. Rendezvous was a time for voyageurs to celebrate the end of the trading season. During the Forest Preserve District's rendezvous, the island will be teeming with re-enactors who portray

French voyageurs, Natives, colonists and soldiers from this period of American history.

The event will feature dancing, storytelling, falconry, working dog demonstrations, magic shows and fashion shows. Re-enactors will compete in the tomahawk toss, skillet toss, musket shooting and canoe races. Children can enjoy making crafts, playing Native American and French



games and dressing like fur traders.

Live music performers will present French folk music, Celtic favorites, child ballads and rolling sea and soldier songs.

“Island Rendezvous” is free of charge, but vendors will be on hand with clothing, jewelry, tools and other crafts from the period that can be purchased. Food also will be available for sale.

Free parking and shuttle service will be provided. For more information, call the Isle a la Cache Museum at 815-886-1467 or visit ReconnectWithNature.org for a schedule of activities.