

Cantigny Welcomes 27th Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment

*Patriotism and pageantry await visitors at the park on Sept. 7 & 8;
New for 2013: Free symposium at First Division Museum on Saturday, Sept. 7!*

WHEATON, IL, August 26, 2013 — History comes alive once again at Cantigny Park on Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8! The Revolutionary War Reenactment, from 10 am to 4 pm each day, is produced by the [North West Territory Alliance](#).

The free and historically accurate spectacle, held every year at Cantigny since 1987, is among the park's most popular events.

More than 400 Revolutionary War living history actors will be on site, many of whom will pitch tents and camp on the grounds. Visitors are invited to stroll through the authentic encampment and witness how civilians and soldiers lived in the late-1700s.

Redcoats and American patriots will converge on the Cantigny Parade Field twice each day, engaging in mock battles complete with cannon and musket fire. The skirmishes are narrated from the sidelines to help spectators understand the action.

The public also is invited to attend the **Revolutionary War Symposium** at the First Division Museum on Saturday, Sept. 7. This first-time event at Cantigny is offered in partnership with the National Archives at Chicago. Visiting scholars from the University of Virginia, Xavier University and St. John's University will give presentations about Revolutionary War issues and personalities that history buffs are sure to find fascinating. The full-day program is free to attend but advance registration is required. To register or for more information, call 773.948.9001.

North West Territory Alliance is a non-profit educational organization that studies and recreates the culture, lifestyle and arts of the time of the American Revolution, 1775-1783. It strives to duplicate the uniforms, weapons, battlefield tactics and camp life of the era as accurately as possible. For more information, visit [nwta.com](#).

Reenactment activities Sept. 7-8 are free admission with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). A timeline of events for each day is posted online at [Cantigny.org](#)

Cantigny's website also offers details about these and other upcoming events:

- Sept. 14 Stargazing
- Sept. 15 Cantigny Car Show
- Sept. 21 Recycling Extravaganza
- Sept. 28 Veterans Benefit Fair
- Oct. 5-6 Civil War Symposium and Reenactment
- Oct. 12 Cantigny Fall Festival

Cantigny Park is open every day through October from 7 am to dusk. Hours are 9 am to dusk in November and December. Annual memberships starting at \$50 include unlimited free parking and other benefits.

About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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