

U.S. Civil War history comes alive in July as Morgan's Raid again rages through historic Corydon

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The blast of cannons and the piercing ring of reveille will punctuate the Midwest countryside this July, as dozens of soldiers reenact the famous Civil War Battle of Corydon, which originally took place July 9, 1863. The dramatic reenactment is slated for July 11-12, 2009. Events, such as an on-field reenactment, demonstrations, an encampment and military ball are held at Hayswood Nature Reserve just a short distance from the historic battlefield. A special reenactment of Morgan's Raid will gallop into downtown Corydon on Saturday at high noon, just as they did in 1863 with Confederate soldiers pillaging local shops, homes and buildings. In addition to the downtown raid and the Battle of Corydon Reenactment, other activities include a lecture on Civil War history, a ladies tea, a lighthearted military ball, various historic demonstrations and a memorial service for the fallen soldiers.

The Battle of Corydon was originally sparked when 450 members of the Harrison County Home Guard tried to stop the famed raid by Confederate General John Hunt Morgan as he marched 2,400 Confederate troops through southern Indiana and Ohio

Saturday, July 11

- 8:00 a.m. Registration open @ Hayswood Nature Reserve
- 9:00 a.m. Camps open to public (@ Hayswood Nature Reserve)
- 12:00 p.m. Morgan's Raid Drama (Downtown Corydon)
Memorial Service Following Raid Drama
- 1:30 p.m. Ladies Tea (Kintner House Inn)
- 2:00 p.m. Historical lecture (Downtown Corydon)
- 2:00 p.m. Officers Call (@ Registration Booth)
- 2:30 p.m. Various Demonstrations (Hayswood Nature Reserve)
- 4:00 p.m. Battle Reenactment (Hayswood Nature Reserve)
- 8:00 p.m. Military Ball featuring Ft. Hill String Band (@ Hayswood Nature Reserve)

Sunday, July 12

- 10:00 a.m. Camps open to public (Hayswood Nature Reserve)
- 11:00 a.m. Officer's Call (@ Registration Booth) – Bounty Payouts
- 11:00 a.m. Various Demonstrations
- 2:00 p.m. Battle of Corydon (Hayswood Nature Reserve)
- 4:00 p.m. Break Camp Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style!

Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!