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(Neb.)-Fur Trade Days Offers History, Food, And Fun For The Whole Family



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(CHADRON)-There is lots to do this weekend for those in the Chadron area. Fur Trade Days is officially here, and it offers history, food, and fun.

The Buckskinners Primitive Rendezvous Camp is open for visitors on Bordeaux Road, located 3.5 miles east and 8 miles south of Chadron. It offers a glimpse into the past with authentic attire and camp set up. There are also activities planned throughout the day at the Museum of the Fur Trade on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The museum is located three miles east of Chadron on Highway 20.

Other activities on Friday include an all-day Flea Market, which runs through Sunday, and a barbecue at 5:00 p.m., historic flag ceremony at 5:30 p.m., and talent show at 6:00 p.m., all taking place on the Dawes County Courthouse lawn. The Olde Main Street Inn will be hosting the 23rd annual Fur Trade Days Jamboree at 115 Main St. from 6:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. and will continue the fun on Saturday from 1:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Saturday is full of activities, including a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall, 102 W. 4th St., from 6:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the Colter 5K, 10K, and Fun Runs beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Armstrong Gymnasium on the Chadron State College campus. The Kids' parade and 37th annual Fur Trade Days parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run down Main Street. That will be immediately followed by the Chamber of Commerce's buffalo burger barbecue on the courthouse lawn and the kids' tractor pull at the Masonic Hall. The First Congregational church will host an ice cream social at 370 Chadron Ave. from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., and the Bald Mountain Rounders will be strumming at the courthouse gazebo from 11:30- a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday afternoon will also feature the fifth annual Classic Car Show in Wilson Park from noon-3:00 p.m., the World Championship Buffalo Chip Throw at 1:00 p.m. and western poet Marty Blocker at 2:00 p.m., both on the courthouse lawn, lawn mower races at the fairgrounds at 3:00 p.m., and historical cemetery tours at Greenwood Cemetery from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Fur Trade Days Ranch Rodeo Calcutta will take place at the fairgrounds at

5:00 p.m. with the regular rodeo at 6:00 p.m., and various hot spots in the downtown area will feature live music and entertainment until late in the evening.

On Sunday, the flea market continues, as do activities at the museum of the Fur Trade. A variety of baseball tournaments will be taking place, including the 7th annual Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament at Maurice (Morris) Horse Field. Don't forget the pancake breakfast at the Masonic Hall from 6:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Kiwanis Regatta canoe and paddle boat races at Chadron State Park will round out the weekend.

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