designed especially for schoolage children and their families. Gather along the river for this collection of pioneer games, crafts, rides and entertainment.

LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT: Northeast Indiana Reenactors recreate infantry, naval, and artillery life during the 1812 era, the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Head towards the river to hear the crack of the cannons and to see demonstrations including musket firing, period toys, and even medical procedures. Education made interesting for all ages.

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP: Celebrate the life of John Chapman while learning about the Swedeborg faith. The Christian service will be held near the greavesite at the Festival Stage at 10:00am Sunday morning.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Purdue-Fort Wayne; Fort Wayne Police Department; Allen County Sheriff's Department,” Concordia Lutheran High School, Concordia Lutheran JROTC, Bishop Dwenger Cross Country Team, Fort Wayne Awning, Kenn-Feld Group, Kyro Tailoring and HERC Rentals.

FOOD VENDORS: Enjoy the tastes and smells as these vendors cook over open fires in a manner that you would have found in the 1800’s. In addition to making some tasty treats, each of these food vendors has pledged 20% or more of their proceeds from the festival to help pay for the restoration and upkeep of the historic Swinney Homestead.

FARMERS’ MARKET: Visit with area farmers, gardeners and nurserymen as they spread out the jewels of a Midwestern harvest. You can take home the makings for a fall feast. Materials common to the early 1800’s.

CRAFT & MARKET BOOTHS: Visit this artists’ festival within a Festival and experience the beauty and integrity of crafts as they were made in the 1800’s. Join Settlers, one of the founders of the festival, as they demonstrate pioneer hand arts, spinning, weaving and fiber dying. You’ll also find primitive toys, black pot cooking and apple peeling. Music of the hammered dulcimer will also be heard. Settler’s use the proceeds from the festival to help pay for the restoration and upkeep of the historic Swinney Homestead.

DEMONSTRATORS’ ENCAMPMENT: Step into the Demonstrators’ Encampment and savor the heat from a blacksmith’s fire. Watch as the potter transforms clay into a bowl and the basket weaver bends her hardwood boughs onto a complex frame. Visit this artists’ festival within a Festival and experience the beauty and integrity of crafts as they were made in the 1800’s.

FESTIVAL SOUVENIRS: Stop by the information tent to purchase a special item to remember the festival. You can even purchase a copy of our CD, “Music of the Johnny Appleseed Festival”, featuring live recordings from previous festivals.

SCAVenger HUNT: Come join us for some history fun. Search throughout the festival for 10 big red apples that have fun-fact questions, and clues to the answers on the other side. Get 8 or more correct and win a prize!

ANTiques & PRIMITIVES: Come and enjoy our antiques, primitives and collectibles offered by our juried dealers.

SETTLERS’ PIONEER VILLAGE: Join Settlers, one of the founders of the festival, as they demonstrate pioneer hand arts, spinning, weaving and fiber dying. You’ll also find primitive toys, black pot cooking and apple peeling. Music of the hammered dulcimer will also be heard. Settler’s use the proceeds from the festival to help pay for the restoration and upkeep of the historic Swinney Homestead.

Festival Parking:
Festival is FREE on the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus off of Coliseum Blvd. (walkers must take the river greenway path under the highway to reach the festival) as well as the Concordia High School sports area parking lot on N. Anthony Blvd. Buses to the Festival grounds run continuously at no charge from PFW campus and Concordia High School. Parking is also available in the Memorial Coliseum Parking lot for a fee.

Special THANKS to the following sponsors:

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September 16, 2023 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
September 17, 2023 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

The Gathering of the Bands
Join us Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm at the middle of the campground for our annual gathering of the Pipes, Fife and Drums Corps. Each will perform solo, then all will join to perform Amazing Grace. You will not soon forget this memorable performance.

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