

Tentative Schedule for Dinsmore Homestead's Pioneer-to-the-Past Camp, 2024

This schedule is subject to change as far as activities, but I will not change "creek day," or "food day."

This year, campers will explore early nineteenth-century life in Boone County, focusing on knowledge and activities that were important to life then.

Monday World of Work

Campers will tour the main house and outbuildings, focusing on the work that was necessary in keeping up a large house and farm.

Campers will attend Middle Creek Free School and experience learning in a one-room schoolhouse.

Campers will harvest vegetables and plant a vegetable.

Campers will do chores that children their age did years ago.

Craft

Tuesday World of Nature (It will be best to wear closed shoes & pants on this day)

Campers will take a walk in the woods, using a compass and learning about trees & why some species were important.

Campers will practice making a wilderness shelter, getting water from nature, and starting a fire.

Campers will press flowers and leaves and make a sun print.

Craft

Wednesday World of Leisure (This is creek day)

Campers will play various popular games from the nineteenth century.

Campers will learn the Virginia Reel.

Campers will make a kite and fly it (if there is not time, this will move to Friday)

There will be a cookout provided by Dinsmore before the creek—no need to bring lunch!

****All campers must have protective shoes to wear in the creek—no flip-flops, please.****

Thursday World of Family (This is food day—campers will not need to bring a lunch)

Campers will explore the importance of family through storytelling and a visit to the graveyard.

Campers may tell a story about their own family if they wish, as we decorate the graves.

Campers will learn about the writing of wills in the past through roleplay.

Campers will try their hand at embroidery and/or whittling with soap.

Campers will make their own soup, biscuits, and cobbler.

Friday World of Community

Campers will learn what kept small nineteenth-century communities together through various activities like a visit to Burlington for Court Day, visiting a sick neighbor, and taking part in a jury trial.

Campers will eat lunch early.

Parents & siblings can come to Dinsmore at 12:00 to enjoy a presentation about nineteenth-century Boone County.