



Keep History Alive...

Fort Osage was the second US outpost in the then new Louisiana Purchase. Overlooking the Missouri River, the site was noted by Lewis and Clark as a likely spot for a fort. Four years later, Clark returned to build this post, which remained the Westernmost government presence until 1818. During its nineteen years of existence, the Fort received explorers and dignitaries, trappers, traders, and the great Native American leaders. Today's Fort is a reconstruction from original plans still in existence in Washington, DC.

The Society of Friends was founded in 1988 and was reactivated in 2014. We are chartered as a Missouri non-profit corporation.

Please note that Federal 501c3 tax exempt status is pending!!!

Members span the spectrum--there are writers, musicians, artisans, school teachers, postal workers, salespersons, housewives and government workers. You needn't be an experienced gunsmith, hide tanner or hearth cook to be a Friends member. You don't even need to own a muzzleloader. There are many roles to play. We need well-researched living history interpretation, from soldiers to militia to civilians--there were men, women, and children at the Fort. If you prefer, you can help catalog artifacts or transcribe documents, share fund raising ideas, donate needed items for interpretation, fold newsletters--or, if you only have time to write a check, that's essential, too. Whatever your skills or interests, you can find something to do. The Site Administrator, Staff, Volunteers and Friends Members are there to help.

The Society of Friends of Fort Osage is a private, volunteer, non profit organization working in cooperation with the Historic Sites Division, Jackson County Parks + Rec.

What do you get in return? There are many benefits to Friends Membership.

- ▶ An opportunity to interpret living history on a regular basis.
- ▶ An opportunity to meet and share research and music (our charter stresses research and a good living history program).
- ▶ Quarterly newsletter, roster, schedule of living history (and other) events, and updates.
- ▶ Research opportunities at the Fort.
- ▶ To get *Certified Volunteer Status with JCP+R*, get free admittance, volunteer, interpret, and be covered by JCP+R insurance, all volunteers must fill out the necessary paperwork.
- ▶ Possibility of helping to shape programs.
- ▶ Free admittance to the Site.
- ▶ Events just for Friends members: i.e., research day, tracking, herb walk, moccasin-making, trek--suggestions?

Please make check or money order out to, "The Society of Friends of Fort Osage" and mail the application and proper remittance to Fort Osage Friends, P.O. Box # 195 Sibley, MO 64088

Friends of Fort Osage Membership Information

Name _____
 Family Members Names(If Applicable) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____

Membership Categories and Dues

Individual--\$10.00

Student--\$6.00

Benefactor--\$100.00

Club or Organization--\$15.00

Corporate--fewer than 10 employees--\$50.00 10 or more--\$100.00

Family--\$15.00

Sustaining--\$50.00

Patron--\$500.00

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