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Tickets on Sale for Civil War Reenactment

Springfield, Mo. – The Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation announced today that tickets for the 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Wilson's Creek are now on sale.

The three-day event scheduled for Aug. 12-14, 2011, will draw more than 3,000 reenactors from across the country and 50,000 to 60,000 spectators. The weekend will feature not only the battle scenario reenactments such as "the fight in the cornfield" and "the fight for bloody hill," but also a period wedding, military ball, 1860s baseball game, church service, and duel. There will also be period craft demonstrations, old-time peace fair games for children, authentic Civil War sutlers, period music, and modern food vendors. The reenactment site is adjacent to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

An exciting special activity will be a family camping area. This completely authentic area will be available for family groups who want to camp with the soldiers in period tents and experience the life of a Civil War soldier up close. Limited space is available for the family camping experience, and more information is available on the reenactment web site, www.wilsonscreek150.com.

Tickets for the August 12-14 reenactment can be purchased online by going to www.wilsonscreek150.com. The price for a one-day adult ticket is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. A three-day pass is also available for \$50.00 in advance and \$60.00 at the gate. On site parking for the event is free.

The www.wilsonscreek150.com website also features a calendar of events leading up to the reenactment, the reenactment activities schedule, registration information for reenactors, additional information, and regular updates. All proceeds from the 150th Anniversary Reenactment, sponsored by the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation, will benefit the national battlefield.

Established in 1950, the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation is one of the oldest private sector support groups associated with the National Park Service. It is a non-profit corporation with IRS 501(c) (3) status.

Since the Foundation's initial purchase of 37 acres on Bloody Hill, site of the heaviest fighting in the battle, the Foundation has worked to preserve and protect the park. The goal of the Foundation is to enhance awareness and appreciation of this national treasure—a haven for historians and those who enjoy the outdoors.

For more information about the Springfield area, visit www.SpringfieldAdventures.com or call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-678-8767.

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