

FOUR OAKS, N.C. — Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site has announced their 2021 events. Details as they are known at this time are available below for each event. Before traveling to the site, please check back for updates on the [Bentonville Battlefield website](#) or call (910) 594-0789 to confirm event dates, times, and details.

March 20: 156th Digital Anniversary

In 2020 the site had to cancel their large-scale reenactment event for the 155th anniversary of the battle due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions. As restrictions remain at this time, the Bentonville staff and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources are working to offer a digital anniversary experience.

In addition to the digital event, small group tours are being given of the battlefield in the month leading up to the battle anniversary. These guided tours are organized and hosted by Wade Sokolosky for \$25 per person for one tour and \$40 for both tours, with a 12-person limit on each tour. Both AM and PM tours (with varying content) are offered February 20, March 4-6, and March 18. All day tours will be offered on March 19. Tours are conducted in accordance with state COVID protocols and must be booked and paid in advance. To learn more information and reserve your spot contact Wade at (252) 646-5553 or sokolosky1@aol.com.

May 15: Bentonville in Bloom, 10-4pm, Free Event

Explore the natural side of Bentonville during the spring program; learn about the plants and wildlife that call eastern North Carolina home.

August 21: Heavy Thunder, 10-4pm, Free Event

Come hear the roar of cannon fire! Learn how cannons were loaded and fired during the Civil War. Reenactors will be onsite portraying the 19th Indiana Battery. Cannon demonstrations and historical discussions will occur throughout the day. Food trucks will be onsite! Bring family and friends to learn about Pvt. Peter Anderson, a 17-year-old Medal of Honor recipient!

September 18: Life on Campaign, 10-4pm, Free Event

Reenactors will be onsite representing the men of the 40th NC Regiment. Firing demonstrations and discussions will occur throughout the day. Food trucks will be onsite! Bring family and friends to learn about uniforms, drill, soldier's equipment, and the brutal realities of war.

October 23: Echoes of Battle, 6-10pm, \$20 Admission Fee

Nightfall, March 19, 1865, the first day of fighting is over. A union stretcher bearer described the night, "all over the woods could be seen officers & men with pine torches in their hands seeking after some fallen comrade or friend to take him to a hospital if alive & bury him if dead..." For the first time ever experience a nighttime wagon ride and a candlelit walk through the woods of Bentonville. Guided walking tours will take visitors through vignettes showing the aftermath of battle. Tickets are \$20 and will be available for purchase in early October. (*Warning: This program will simulate combat trauma and may not be suitable for young audiences.*)

November 6: Fall Festival, 10-4pm, \$5 Per Vehicle

Bring the family and celebrate fall at Bentonville Battlefield! Planned activities include wagon rides, old timey kids' games, music, antique tractors, historic demonstrations and more! Bring a blanket or chair and listen to live music. Food and beer trucks will be onsite!

December 4: Civil War Christmas, 10-4pm, Free Event

Come celebrate a Civil War Christmas during this Holiday event. Visitors can enjoy cookies and cider

by the fire, period music, or stroll through the soldier's camp. Kids of all ages are welcome to help make period decorations for the kitchen and Christmas tree.

December 4: In Heavenly Peace, 5-8pm, \$5 Admission Fee

This holiday season, you are invited to tour the home of John and Amy Harper as it may have appeared after the conclusion of the Civil War. For the first time ever, experience the Harper House as a family residence, not as a Civil War field hospital. Come enjoy the beauty of a 19th century Christmas aglow with candlelight. Also enjoy period refreshments in the kitchen and sing carols by a warm campfire. Tickets are limited, do not miss your chance to experience Christmas by candlelight at Bentonville Battlefield!

Bentonville Battlefield is at 5466 Harper House Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524, three miles north of Newton Grove on S.R. 1008, about one hour from Raleigh and about 45 minutes from Fayetteville. For more information, visit <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/bentonville-battlefield> or call (910) 594-0789.

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