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Civil War Sampler Weekend Event launches Cowtown's spring/summer season

Old Cowtown Museum is kicking off its spring/summer season with extended museum hours and its first communitywide event of the year. The 2nd annual Civil War Sampler Weekend will take place April 17-18 throughout the museum's grounds at 1865 W. Museum Blvd. Regular admission rates apply (see information below). The event is open to the public during Cowtown's new weekend hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and noon-4:30 p.m. Sunday (see below for complete schedule and admission prices).

The Civil War Sampler Weekend will give adults and children a glimpse into the daily lives of Union and Confederate soldiers and their families. Such authenticity is made possible by these Civil War re-enactment groups: the 8th Kansas Volunteer Infantry; 9th Texas Infantry; McClain's Independent Battery Colorado Volunteers; 3rd Kansas Artillery; and Elliott's Scouts.

The two-day event includes lectures on Civil War-era music and fashion, a quilt-making workshop (pre-registration required), re-enactments of battles between the North and South, displays of period weaponry and military drills. On Saturday night from 8-10 p.m., there will be a period dance with music by the Flatland String Band held in Cowtown's Turnverein Hall. Admission to the dance is \$5.

In addition, a big section of Cowtown will be devoted to Sutler's Row, where vendors will be selling an array of period reproductions and souvenirs.

For more information about the Civil War Sampler Weekend, contact Cowtown at (316) 219-1871 or visit oldcowtown.org.

Cowtown hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday. Admission prices: Adults, \$7.75; senior citizens, \$6.50; youth ages 12-17, \$6; children ages 4-11, \$5.50; children under 4, free. Old Cowtown Museum members also admitted free of charge.

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