



FRONTIER COUNTRY FAIR ACTIVITIES – Each night, prior to the Nauvoo Pageant, a Frontier Country Fair takes place from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the field adjoining the pageant site. Cast members in costume invite visitors to participate in 1840s games, dances, handicrafts, and activities including log sawing, a children’s puppet show, stick ball, round dancing to a live folk band, sack races, rag-rug braiding, relay races, and other fun and family-oriented events for all ages.



PAGEANT PERFORMANCES - The Nauvoo Pageant begins each night at 8:30 p.m. with the stirring strains of bagpipes leading a parade of cast and audience members, young and old, from the fair grounds into the pageant venue. A core cast of 20 actors delivers its lines live each night, joined on stage by a volunteer ensemble of 150 cast members. Together, they share the story of Nauvoo, how it came to be and what it meant to those who lived there in the 1840s. In doing so, the Nauvoo Pageant pays tribute to the Prophet Joseph Smith, commemorates the building of the original Nauvoo Temple, and celebrates universal themes of faith, family, and community. After the performance, audience members are invited to linger at the pageant site to meet and mingle with cast and crew members. **The Nauvoo Pageant: See it this summer; remember it always.**

NAUVOO REMEMBERED HISTORICAL VIGNETTES

Nauvoo Remembered Historical Vignettes give visitors a chance to meet pageant cast members in an intimate setting and learn more about events related to Nauvoo and the pageant. Each of these six sketches is performed twice weekly at various locations in Old Nauvoo [see descriptions and calendar below].



TRAIL OF HOPE — Visitors strolling Parley Street to the riverbank can listen to stories of those who walked this road in the 1840s as they left their homes and headed west. From the Seventies Hall on Parley Street, small groups will begin the trail every few minutes from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

(July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31)



KING FOLLETT DISCOURSE — In the West Grove, the actor portraying Joseph Smith presents portions of one of the Prophet’s last major discourses, a funeral sermon given in honor of Brother King Follett. In this speech the Prophet shared profound insights on the nature of God and the immortality of man. Performances will be held on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

(July 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30)



WOMEN OF NAUVOO — Emma Smith, Eliza R. Snow, Ellen Briggs Douglas, and other women of Old Nauvoo share their experiences with and love for the Relief Society. This society, begun with a handful of sisters under the direction of a prophet of God, has since grown to be the largest women’s organization in the world. Performances will be held in the Relief Society Garden by the Historic Nauvoo Visitors’ Center on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.

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LETTERS OF EMMA AND JOSEPH — This vignette offers poignant insights into the life of the Prophet Joseph and his beloved wife Emma through quotations from their actual letters. Performances by Joseph and Emma, with narration by Lucy Mack Smith, will take place Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. by the Mansion House at the corner of Water and Main Streets.

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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD — Visitors are invited to laugh and ponder with Elders Parley P. Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, Heber C. Kimball, and Brigham Young as they share their missionary experiences and their testimonies. Performances take place in the Seventies Hall on Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

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YOUTH OF ZION — All ages will enjoy this vignette about the young people of Old Nauvoo. Mary and Caroline Rollins, George Q. Cannon, and Robert Dennison share with visitors stories of bravery, testimony, and good old-fashioned fun every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. across from the Print Shop on Main Street.

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