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**A DAY OF KIDS' PLAY AT THE REDDICK MANSION**

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Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00pm to 8:30pm, is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kids' Day at the Mansion. This event provides 8-12 years with the opportunity to experience life in the 1860s while they learn about the history of Ottawa and the history of the Reddick Mansion.

After getting dressed in period costumes, the children will walk to the canal tollhouse and meet the toll keeper. He will tell the kids about his life and his work as a toll keeper. Back at the Mansion, the kids will have a hands-on learning experience with goats, talk with the people that removed the beehive from the Mansion, and practice "wheat weaving"—a craft from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They will also help with "chores" like hauling water, stacking firewood, and tending the garden. Their indoor chores will include making butter and helping prepare their dinner of stew, cornbread, and applesauce.

The kids will also enjoy stories from a costumed storyteller and a flashlight tour of the Mansion.

The cost is \$25.00 per child and attendance is limited to 20 participants. Please contact the Reddick Mansion (815-433-6100) or Diane Sanders (815-252-4639) for more information and to register for the event.