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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 4TH ANNUAL “KIDS’ DAY AT THE MANSION”

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A Day of Kids’ Play at the Reddick Mansion!

Saturday, September 14th, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, is the 4th Annual Kids’ Day at the Mansion. Aimed at children 8-12 years old, this year’s event will feature professional storyteller, Andy Talley, as Andre’ Ste. Pierre, an 18th century French-Indian fur trader. Mr. Talley/Ste. Pierre will talk about life in the wild country of northern Illinois in the 1700s. He will also teach the children about 18th century commerce--using beads and furs for bartering and trading. Arnie Bandstra, cooper (and Ottawa’s assistant city engineer), will also be at the Mansion, demonstrating the proper way to make a wooden barrel, using techniques and tools from the 19th century.

During the afternoon, the children will be dressed in period costumes and then will help with “chores” like hauling water, stacking firewood, and tending the garden. They will also play games of the era including marbles, hoops and “Hide the Peanut”. Their indoor chores will include making butter, stringing popcorn and decorating ornaments to hang on the Mansion’s Christmas trees. They will also learn to make corncob dolls. Dinner this year will include chicken legs, baked potatoes, and baked apples.

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 (by September 10th).

The Reddick Mansion, built in 1858, is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites. The Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street, Ottawa, IL is open to the public for tours and also has meeting/reception rooms available for rent for special events.