

Redcoats and Rebels meet at Old Sturbridge Village

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STURBRIDGE - The Redcoats are coming!

And so are the Rebels as part of Old Sturbridge Village's eighth annual "Redcoats & Rebels Revolutionary War" reenactment that will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

Named by Yankee Magazine as a "Best of New England" event and one of the largest in the country, the two-day fair will feature more than 800 historic military reenactors from across the Northeast and more than 40 units will portray mock battles with musket, cannon and artillery fire as well as demonstrating marching and drilling.

There will even be authentic fife and drum music.

British units and their Irish, Welsh, and Scotch allies will camp the Old Sturbridge Village Common, and units portraying Colonial Minutemen and their French allies will be camped throughout the village countryside.

"We want to be as accurate as possible in bringing the American Revolution to life," said Brian Mixter of Hudson, a participant in the portrayal.

The event is free with village admission and visitors may attend both days for one admission price each.

Admission for adults is \$20; seniors, \$18; children 3 to 17, \$7; children under 3, free. Parking is also free.

While the village is usually open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, there will be extended hours to 8 p.m. on Saturday for "Twilight Encampment," where guests can mingle with the troops around the campfires.

For more information about this event, visit www.osv.org