

Civil War Weekend in Rising Sun

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The Civil War returned to Rising Sun over the weekend. This annual reenactment features a living history program where Civil War buffs of all ages can experience the past.



After the church service let out, Dale Stoltzfus of Shippensburg, Pa., walks back to his camp site on Sunday morning. "It's a lot different than a modern church service. It's all about the word. There's no flashy messages," Stoltzfus said. Stoltzfus is in the 9th Virginia Company B.



Pastor Andy Gelfert from Pasadena, Maryland, conducts a church service in Rising Sun Park on Sunday morning. "I'm a believer wanting to serve my Lord Jesus," he told a fellow re-enactor after the service. Gelfert, who was with the 37th North Carolina, kept things simple and to the point during his sermon. "The hymns we sang were from the period and the service was as accurate and authentic as it would have been presented to the soldiers in the Civil War period," Gelfert said. "The soldiers didn't know when it could be their turn to meet God." Photo by Bill Hughes.



Reenactors relax in camp between events Sunday in Rising Sun. Photo by Bill Hughes.



Having a little fun while all was quiet, Audry Rowe, 9, from Mullica Hill, N.J., plays in the stream with a squirt gun on Sunday morning. Her dad, reenactor Scott Rowe, was taking part in the weekend event. "My job is bringing the rounds up to the cannon and I get to pull the lanyard," she said. "I like going to the events and seeing all these places," she said. "I get to go to forts like Fort Mott, (Pennsville, New Jersey). It's cool. And sleeping in the tents." Photo by Bill Hughes.



Relaxing before the day's skirmish, Ron Jagers of Rising Sun talks with fellow re-enactors of Battery C North Carolina Artillery on Sunday morning. "I like teaching a lot and our unit does a lot of work with schools, Jagers said. Being outdoors isn't everyone's idea of fun, but for the re-enactors it's a pleasure. "I've liked camping since I was a little kid. This is a good excuse to go and I like the smell of the firewood." Photo by Bill Hughes.