

# Schedule of Events 2018

Please call ahead for event times & costs at 231-843-4808 or visit our website at [www.masoncountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.masoncountyhistoricalsociety.com).

On **Member Days**: Bring a friend and they will receive half off their admission & 20% off Gift Shop Purchases!

## Historic White Pine Village

HWPV offers a living-history, family-friendly, fun-filled tour of a late 19<sup>th</sup> – early 20<sup>th</sup> century pioneer village. The Village boasts 30 historic exhibit buildings, including the original 1849 Mason County Courthouse (on the National Register of Historic Places ) and an authentic turn-of-the-century steam locomotive, tender car, and flat car loaded with logs and headed toward the Village's working sawmill. Visitors come face-to-face with early settlers: first-person interpreters with scripts carefully prepared by staff and historians, they interact and improvise with visitors in the persona of historical characters and recreate actual personages from Mason County. The buildings contain thousands of authentic artifacts and archives depicting the rich lumbering and agricultural history of its area. Thousands of area school children, families, individual visitors and residents thrill to their tour the Village annually. Historic White Pine Village is open early May through October and takes around 2 hours to tour through.

**Saturday, May 5<sup>TH</sup>**    **Opening Day** – Celebrate our 42<sup>nd</sup> season opening!

**Thursday, May 10, 17, 24, 31<sup>st</sup> & June 7<sup>th</sup>**    **History in Action**

Thousands of area school children from around West Michigan take a thrilling step back in time and relive the hardscrabble existence of their intrepid ancestors in a stimulating, immersive, hands-on experience. History in Action Days are educational and fun-filled days, providing students with a chance to encounter our pioneer past. Visitors may meet a blacksmith as he fires up his forge, view cooking in the farmhouse kitchen, glimpse historic good being sold in the old General Store, watch candles being made, learn about earlier medical remedies in the Doctor's office, climb aboard an authentic turn-of-the-century steam locomotive, and behold a sawmill cutting logs into lumber. Mini-school sessions are held throughout the day in an authentic 1898, One Room School. Students and their chaperones have an opportunity to talk with interpreters at most of the 30 sites as they share their own insight into village life.

**Friday & Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**    **Pioneer Kids Day (Saturday only) & Civil War Muster (Friday & Saturday)**

Parents and children of all ages delight in participating in pioneer children's games and activities from yesteryear, while Civil War re-enactors provide a revealing and exhilarating glimpse into that most defining moment in US History – our Civil War! See soldier and civilian camp life up close and personal – experience hair-raising cannon fire.

**Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**    **Member Day**

Members have the opportunity to bring a friend to tour the Village and they will receive half off their admission and 20% off all Gift Shop Purchases!

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**    **Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

The Mason County Sports Hall of Fame Committee inducts its annual class of famed athletes from Mason County into our Sports Hall of Fame.

**Saturday, July 14<sup>TH</sup>**    **Mason County Day & Old Time Base Ball Game**

“Batter Up!” Old Time Base Ball and the Ludington Mariners are a rich part of Mason County Historical Society and the storied history of our area. We are proud to present an Old Time Base Ball game, replete with uniformed players in *America's favorite pastime*, in its original form!

**Friday, July 27<sup>TH</sup>**    **Member Day**

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**Tuesday, August 14<sup>TH</sup> Music Fest & Corn Roast - FEAT. SCOTTVILLE CLOWN BAND**

Feast on hot dogs or brats, chips, roasted ears of corn, and a drink, and then sit back and be prepared to be thoroughly entertained under the open skies of the beautiful White Pine Village Ampitheater by the matchless Clowns of Musical Mayhem – the incomparable Scottville Clown Band!

**Friday, August 24<sup>TH</sup> Member Day**

Members have the opportunity to bring a friend to tour the Village and they will receive half off their admission and 20% off all Gift Shop purchases!

**Saturday, September 29<sup>TH</sup> Lumber Day**

Commemorate the lives of our forebears during a day of hardy celebration. Enjoy a lumberjack flapjack brunch, cooked and served by a local Boy Scout troop with flapjacks, sausage, juice or milk and 100% real, local maple syrup. Play a game of pumpkin tic-tac-toe, watch a horse log-pulling demonstration or take a tractor hay ride while visiting the Pioneer past!

**Thursdays October 4, 9, & 11<sup>th</sup> History in Action**

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**Saturday, October 20<sup>TH</sup> Spooky Trick-or-Treat**

“Sweets for the sweet!” Children of all ages love to tour the Village and fill their Halloween sack with goodies!

**Friday & Saturday, October 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> Ghosts of White Pine**

“Ghoulishly” delicious evenings await those brave enough to encounter the “Ghosts of White Pine” – a delightful evening of scary goodwill in the spirit of fun and fright for adults.

**December 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Pioneer Christmas**

Come memorialize Christmas as your ancestors celebrated this blessed and festive season over a 125 years ago!

**Port of Ludington Maritime Museum**

**Sunday, June 10th One Year Anniversary**

**Saturday, August 4th USCG Birthday & Dedication of USCG Exhibit**

**Saturday, November 9th Veterans Day (free entrance for Veteran's on the Saturday before Veteran's Day)**