

Join Us Under the Tent This Summer!

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 2012, a unique mixture of education and entertainment, will focus on the time *WHEN OHIO WAS THE WESTERN FRONTIER*. In these programs, you can explore the lives and legacies of those who encountered Ohio in its infancy and helped shape the state into what it is today. Characters for OHIO CHAUTAUQUA 2012 are naturalist and folk hero **Johnny Appleseed**, frontier aristocrat **Margaret Blennerhassett**, Iroquois leader **Chief John Logan**, Lewis & Clark expedition member **York**, and hero of the Battle of Lake Erie **Oliver Hazard Perry**.

These frontier-themed programs will visit five communities across the state. The host communities have many interesting connections to the OHIO CHAUTAUQUA characters and theme.

Marietta: June 19-23

2012 will be the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Northwest Ordinance. Marietta is recognized as the first organized permanent settlement developed in the Northwest Territory. Marietta and Washington County are home to many firsts; the area is now a first-class destination for historic tourism.

Urbana: June 26-30

Johnny Appleseed traveled through Champaign County, planting seeds along the way. Although John Chapman is best remembered for his apple nurseries, in Urbana he is also remembered for befriending Milo Williams, one of the cofounders of Urbana University. Today the University houses perhaps the nation's largest collection of papers on the famed horticulturist.

Burton: July 3-7

The Geauga County Historical Society will pitch the tent on the grounds of their showpiece living history site Century Village Museum. Century Village already examines frontier history of the area, and the hosts look forward to presenting new, creative programming – such as showcasing their extensive collection of Native American artifacts – to complement the theme.

Gallipolis: July 17-21

Gallia County, veteran host of OHIO CHAUTAUQUA programs, also has many ties to the frontier. Established by French settlers in 1790, Gallipolis was the second oldest settlement in the Northwest Territory. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark traveled past the young community as they began their famed expedition to the Pacific Ocean in 1803.

Warren: July 24-28

Warren's *Trump of Fame* (known today as the *Tribune Chronicle*) was the first newspaper in America to carry the story of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's victory in the Battle of Lake Erie. In 2012, the newspaper is celebrating its bicentennial with a series of frontier-related community activities that will occur throughout the year.



Beautiful Gallipolis City Park, the OHIO CHAUTAUQUA tent site, was densely forested land WHEN OHIO WAS THE WESTERN FRONTIER.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA programs are fun for the entire family! Each evening, a trained scholar will assume the costume and character of a historical figure, presenting an exciting and engaging living history performance. Everyone meets under the old-fashioned red & white striped chautauqua tent to learn from and talk with famous characters from our past. In addition to major living history presentations, each scholar will present daytime workshops for children and adults in venues throughout the host community.

Make sure your summer plans include a step back in time and a chance to encounter history in its most compelling form - OHIO CHAUTAUQUA.

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