



## **NOV 17, 2017 PRESS RELEASE**

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Howdy Folks at Westways,

We are a team who is passionate about our sixth annual Ramona Old West Days educational event for elementary school 4th & 5th grade students in 7 Ramona school group tours May 3 – 4 and **then open to the public May 5 - 6**. Guests can tour Rendezvous Encampments that represent the various conditions that would have actually existed during our country's history, as brave people came West. Because of these extraordinary pioneers, who persevered through many challenges, we now enjoy our life out West! The weekend public event also features the best of the best in reenactment skit performances at "Showdown at Sundown" with prizes awarded to the skit and costume contest winners, many 1800's period vendors, and a variety of excellent food vendors including delicious Mexican food by the local Ramona Los Amigos restaurant.

### **Kids Explore Groups, May 3-4, 2018**

*James Dukes, Barnett, Mt Woodson, Hanson, Ramona Elementary, Ramona Community School, Montessori*

Teachable moments for the kids as HISTORY COMES ALIVE and learning is through experiencing the past ...

### **RENDEZVOUS ENCAMPMENTS PERIOD TIMELINE**

**EARLY 1800s** - Government funds western exploration with Lewis & Clark Pacific Expedition. Early Western migration families

**1825 to 1840s** - Rendezvous Period of Mountain Men. Economy based upon beaver trappings & trade

**1840 to 1860** - Continued Western migrations. Buffalo hunting, early treaties with Native Americans

**1860 to 1865** - Civil War (War of Northern Aggression) stalled much of Western activities

**1865 to early 1880s** - Cattle based economy with rise of American Cowboy culture. Indian Wars period with military presence expanding. Buffalo Soldiers. Explosion of stern migration, hostilities with Native Americans, towns become cultural centers bordellos'/saloons/churches/schools. Prevalence of females throughout the West

**1890s** - Statehood arrives in many areas supporting a "civilized" atmosphere

### **Old West Days Public Event, May 5, 9am – 5 pm & May 6, 2016, 9 am – 3pm**

In addition to 1800's Encampment exploration, we feature "Showdown at Sundown", a collection of Old West reenactment groups who aim to please as they fire away in fun and historically authentic skits. Guns of the Round Table host this event and have invited the BEST of the BEST reenactment skit groups in the Southwest for an exciting "Showdown at Sundown" competition ending with the coveted prizes for skits and costumes.

The Reenactment Guild of America, which is dedicated to the preservation of and education regarding the history of America's 19th Century, funds the competition prizes and ensures safety is always first in skits.

Rounding out the weekend will include many al 1800's period vendors and a variety of food vendors including delicious Mexican food by our local Ramona Los Amigos restaurant.

**Learn more at our web site**

<http://www.ramonaoldwestdays.com/>

**Please contact me for more information or to interview our experts, Jim Cooper and Steve Johnson, for print, television or radio.**