

1810 Camp Fire – Council at the Grove

“Council at the Grove” is an educational reenactment event to be hosted on the “Council Grounds” of the Vincennes State Historic Sites (next to Grouseland), where families and visitors can tour camp fire “stations” to enjoy storytelling and cultural demonstrations of life in the Indiana Territory in 1810. Demonstrations encompass early American pioneer, Native American and soldier/militia life.

Participants should check in at the registration tent before entering the encampment.

Demonstrations and storytelling will be held from 7:00—10:00 PM on Saturday, August 21.



Co-Sponsored By:

Vincennes University and
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An Official Event of the
Vincennes War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

Directions to Grouseland:

From US 41 (North or South);
Take the Hart St. Exit
(turn left from south / turn right from north);
Go west on Hart St. to 2nd St.;
Turn left on Harrison Street;

From Illinois; take IL 33 across Lincoln Memorial Bridge
(Vigo St. / IN 441);
From Vigo St., turn left on 2nd St. to Harrison;
Turn left on Harrison;

Grouseland is located at 1st and Scott Streets



Grouseland was built from 1803-04 and served as the residence of the Indiana Territorial Governor, William Henry Harrison, until 1812. It was the first brick home built in Indiana. Harrison later served as the 9th President of the United States (1841). The mansion was saved by the Francis Vigo Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in 1909 and has been open for tours since 1911. Grouseland was named a National Historic Landmark in 1961.

William Henry Harrison's
GROUSELAND SM

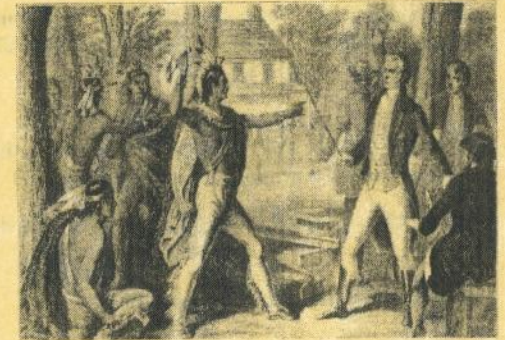
INDIANA TERRITORIAL MANSION

Presidential Home & National Historic Landmark

WALNUT GROVE

New Park Dedication &
Living History Experience

1810 Camp Fire
“Council at the Grove”



Saturday, August 21, 2010

1:00PM - Dedication Ceremony

7:00-10:00 PM - Camp Fire Demonstrations

and Storytelling of Life in Indiana, 1810

Walnut Grove - a new commemorative historical park

Walnut Grove commemorates the 200th anniversary of the meetings of territorial governor, William Henry Harrison, and Shawnee leader, Tecumseh, from August 1810–1811. Harrison was unmatched in opening up the western frontier to American settlement by treaty with the Native American tribes. Tecumseh opposed these treaties and became a symbol of Native resistance, pride and their struggle to retain their land and heritage.

This new park area was acquired by the Grouseland Foundation through the generosity of Vincennes University and provides much needed green space to the campus of historic sites at 1st and Scott Streets. The landscaping is designed and cared for by Dallas Foster of Vincennes. In addition to the mosaic of the Walnut “treaty tree” and the official State of Indiana historical marker, the park contains



The Walnut Grove once stretched from Grouseland to Vincennes Frenchtown

native species of prairie grass, walnut trees, flowers and shrubbery.

Walnut Grove provides Grouseland Foundation with a new focal point to interpret the history of Grouseland, Harrison and the Indiana Territory from a Native American point-of-view. This allows Grouseland to engage in an honest dialogue and objective assessment of our history, without resorting to ideological biases or revisionist interpretation.

May this park always serve as a reminder of the beauty of our land, and the diversity of cultures that populate it.

May it also remind us of the aspiration for peace and the importance of peaceful negotiation and the price paid in lives when war prevails over justice and understanding.

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 20 - Some reenactors may be arriving to set-up encampment on VSHS “Council Grounds;” Grouseland will begin setting up site

Saturday, August 21

6:00 AM – 11:00 AM ... Major set-up period in the morning (reenactors’ encampment and ceremony site)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ... Arrival of guests for the dedication ceremony

1:00 PM ... Dedication ceremony begins

2:30 PM Grouseland will be Re-Open for tours

4:00 PM ... Cook-out / Potluck for reenactors

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM ... 1810 Camp Fire “Council at the Grove” Educational demonstrations of Native American and soldier/militia/pioneer camp life

Sunday, August 22 Breakfast served to reenactors at 8:00 AM; Target time for final clean-up of site is Noon.

Grouseland will be open for tours throughout the day, including Candlelight Tours from 7:00–10:00 PM during “Council at the Grove.”

Please Attend

The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend the Dedication Ceremony and the Council at the Grove. Council at the Grove is designed to be an educational event for families and people of all ages. Visitors are encouraged to tour Grouseland and enjoy the many sites in Vincennes between events.

Please Participate

Costumed reenactors are encouraged to attend and participate, even if they are not specifically providing demonstrations at Council at the Grove. It our sincere hope that this event can serve as a gathering to enrich and grow Vincennes’ thriving “living history” community through fellowship and dialogue.

Please Help

To successfully host a public gathering of this size, many volunteers will be needed throughout the week-end to help with set-up and clean-up and serving as guides around the encampment and in Grouseland for tours.

Grouseland is accepting inquiries by non-profit groups who want to sell food and beverages to benefit their organizations.

If you would like to help, please contact Dan Sarell at (812) 882-2096 or at Grouseland@sbcglobal.net.

Response and Registration Form

Please send me more information about:

- Participating as a Demonstrator
- Participating as a Reenactor
- Participating as a Storyteller
- Camping on the site
- Volunteering to help with Grouseland tours
- Volunteering to help with set-up/take down
- Providing a food/beverage booth to benefit my non-profit organization
- General information about the event and/or Grouseland**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____



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