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2017 Come and Take It Re-enactment: Gonzales Pioneer Village October 6 - 8, 2017

This is an open event sponsored by the Crossroads of Texas Living History Association (COTLHA) and the Gonzales Pioneer Village. All re-enactors are welcome provided they have the proper clothing, weapons, accouterments and camping gear for the 1836 Texas Revolution time period. COTLHA Safety Rules are in effect. No ramrods in the field. No pistols on the field. Load from paper cartilages only. No paper down the barrel of any weapon. Flintlocks should have flash guards. Clothing can be machine sewn, square toe boots of two or three piece leather or period shoes, modern eyeglasses accepted but discouraged in favor of period eyeglasses, period tobacco products.

Friday: Oct. 6

12:00pm to ? Set Soldado and a Texian Camp—Electricity is available at campsites; bring an extension cord and a fan but hide in tent when grounds are open. Check with Event Coordinator David Scott for camping spots!—i.e., you camp in the battle ground-you move! Bring mosquito and chigger repellent!! Shower available. Meals are on your own at a restaurant or you can have a campfire and cook any and all meals. You can bring a period sleeping bag and accoutrements. You may sleep in some of the buildings but the beds in the houses are off limits . Evening will be a living history encampment for re-enactors

Saturday: Oct. 7

?-8:00am Breakfast on your own

9:00 Load up for trip downtown

10:00 Pioneer Village opens with Living History presentations and demonstrations for the public.

(If you have a craft to demonstrate please bring it out. We want to make it a village of craftsmen.) 10:30 March in the parade trip downtown.

2:45 Weapons safety check. Both Texian and Mexican

If you are not present for safety inspection you will not participate in the reenactment. NO EXCEPTIONS! 3:10 Re-enactors start discussions and arguments on porch of the Gates House in favor of following positions:

Federalist, Centralist, Revolution, Pacifist, or Loyalist

Three Soldados come into town and search for the cannon then are disarmed, arrested and escape. Soldados take up positions—A few men on picket duty and the rest in reserve out of sight.

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Texian forces prepare for battle

Flag raising

Reading of Rev. W. P. Smith's speech

Texians march out of town Texians march to battle re-enactment positions!

Texian fire on Salado's Picket line.

Cease fire when Dr. Launcelot Smithers breaks from the Mexican Line to arrange a parley. Rest of the Mexican forces reinforce the picket line.

Castaneda and Moore parley but break with no resolution to the argument. Moore shouts back, "If you want the cannon, come and take it!"

When he clears the field, the cannon fires and both sides open fire.

The Texian line advances and the Mexican's retire into the pasture.

End of battle 'til 5:00 Living history discussions and presentations with public.

5:30 Evening meal for Re-enactors provided by Pioneer Village staff and Board Members.

6:00 Break camp if you have to leave. The rest of the evening is a period living history time for re-enactors. Sunday, Oct. 8

? to 12:00 Pack up and head for home.

Directions to back gate and re-enactor parking: Traveling South on US 183: Turn left on to Alt. US 90. Traveling North on US 183: Turn right on to Alt. US 90. From Alt. US 90 Turn north on FM 794 toward Harwood. Follow highway to Pioneer Village Back Gate sign. Turn left and follow gravel road to gate. Check with the Event Coordinator David Scott on where to park.

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