

## **A Note to Visitors, From the Superintendent, About Full Moon Fort 2014:**

Last year, 400 people attended Full Moon Fort in 2 hours... I am so excited to bring this event back, adding another, darker, GRISLIER hour. Three hours, three costumed tour guides, and a mountain of unbelievable YET TRUE details of isolation, fear, WEEEEIIIRD coincidences that make the Fort come alive under a (nearly) full moon. What's it like to die of scurvy or - worse yet - what's it like to live through it? Do you wonder if the grounds are haunted? Suffice it to say that the Fort Cemetary was NOT the final resting place for the soldiers and officers that were stationed here. A few things to remember:

- Details on scurvy are not for everyone. Our costumed guides are THAT GOOD. Parents and guardians, please be warned that tours from 8 -9 will include more detail on the frightful bits... It's one thing for a uniformed interpreter, in the light of day, to tell a 6 year-old that soldiers died of scurvy here, kinda like pirates. It's ANOTHER thing for a 6 year-old to watch a costumed, ill-appearing storyteller detail, in first person what it's like to have their teeth fall out, and old wounds open up. Once it's dark at the fort, and with only a small lantern and the moon lighting the way, things get weird. Of course, these are only recommendations. You know the sensibilities of those in your care, this age recommendation is at your discretion.
- Please dress warmly. Most of you are from Wyoming... act like it! Will you really be able to enjoy a story about double-amputations from frostbite, if you're freezing yourself? If it's snowing buckets, or the temperature/wind chill bottom out (below freezing), the event will be canceled. DARN. But let's face it, we want you to HEAR about the terrible conditions at Fort Phil Kearny, not LIVE them.
- Your donation at the gate of \$5 per carload helps us reach those goals. Please help us streamline the process by bringing a bit of cash! Fort Phil Kearny is working toward building better exhibits, more awesome programming (like this!), and improved awareness on the continued stories of soldiers and natives in modern America.

Call me if your questions or curiosities are not answered here! We've moved to our visitor center to "Winter" hours (Wed. - Sun. 12 - 4), but are here beyond those hours. Also, feel free to email me at [misty.stoll@wyo.gov](mailto:misty.stoll@wyo.gov).

And, I hope to see you on Oct. 11... I wonder if you'll know which one I am?

*Misty*