

## **A Note to Visitors, From the Superintendent, About Full Moon Fort 2015:**

Last year, over 600 people attended Full Moon Fort in 3 hours... I am so excited to bring this event back, adding 2 more GRIMM hours. Five hours, three costumed tour guides, and a mountain of unbelievable YET TRUE details of isolation, fear, and abandonment that make the Grimms Brothers tales at the Fort come alive under a (nearly) full moon. What's it like to die of scurvy - or, worse yet, 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 -10 will include more detail on the frightful bits... And a bit more interaction with our "special effects" along the way. 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 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.
- Please be prepared for a bit of a wait. Because of the popularity of this event, we're working hard to group visitors in manageable groups so that everyone can hear the guide and move comfortably through the route. When you arrive, you will be assigned a tour time, and MAY have to wait your turn.
- Your donation at the gate of \$5 per carload helps us reach our 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.

I hope to see you on Oct. 24... I wonder if you'll know which one I am?

*Misty*