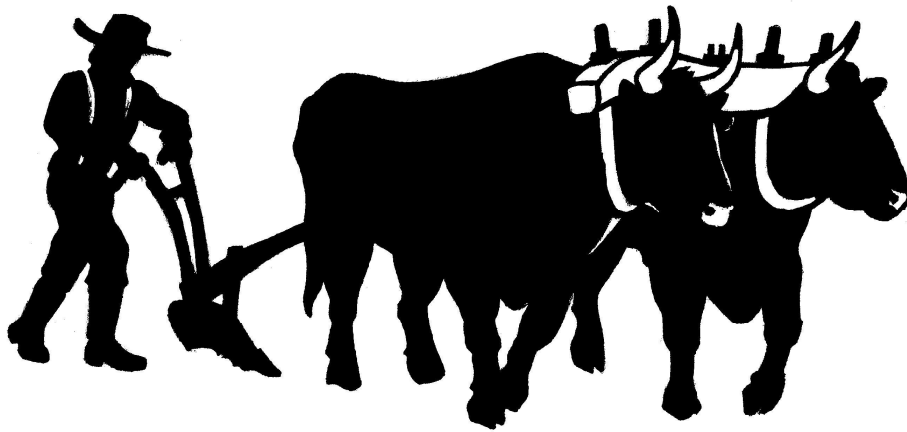


Beasts of Burden

The Basics of Yoking and Driving Oxen
Presented by Barrington Living History Farm



February 11-12, 2012

Beasts of Burden will teach participants the basics of yoking and driving oxen in a mid 19th Century setting. This program is hosted by Barrington Living History Farm and will be taught by interpreters Jim Lauderdale and Mark Sanders, using two teams of Pineywoods Oxen; Slim and Shorty – Tippy and Tex. Participants will gain a new understanding of working animals and experience life as a farmer of this time period. The basics of yoking and driving oxen will come alive with our *Beasts of Burden*.

Barrington Farm offers:

- Potable water and two lunches will be provided for workshop participants.
- Structures available for changing clothes, warming by the fire and personal hearth cooking.
- Camping available, so long as you provide your own bedding. Furnishings may not be used.

All participants will be expected to portray farming folk of the 1840's or 1850's; including dressing in period clothing during the workshop*. A photo of your impression will be required along with your registration form and fee. This is not an immersion event, so participants will not have to provide a 1st person impression to accompany the photo. Breakfast and dinner, as well as, hotel accommodations should you choose them are on your own. Participants may be allowed to use the facilities for hearth cooking, (supervised by staff), but you provide the food. Restrooms are available, but there are no showers in the park and no electricity on site. Camp gear and accoutrements must also be of correct period materials and manufacturing.

The schedule for the program is as follows:

Saturday

9:30am Introductions
10:00am Bringing in the Oxen
10:30am Familiarize Oxen and Participants
11:00am Ins and Outs of Yokes
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00pm Yoking Oxen
2:00pm Principles of Driving
2:15pm Oxen Games
2:45pm Break
3:00pm Demonstration Driving
3:30pm Supervised Driving
4:30pm Return Oxen - End of Days Program

Sunday

9:30am Review
10:00am Bringing in the Oxen
10:30am Yoking Oxen
11:00am Supervised Driving
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00pm Yoking Oxen
2:00pm Supervised Driving
3:00pm Break
3:15pm Implement Hook-up
3:30pm Supervised Driving with Implements
4:30pm Return Oxen - Program Conclusion

All participants will be expected to follow the guidelines and direction of the program interpreters. *No Exceptions Shall Be Made.* Please keep safety in mind at all times and be sure to drink plenty of water. The event is open to all those that have attended previous Texas Civilian Workshops/Events or members of the Refugio Militia Living History Organization. At least one of these pre-requisites is mandatory to register. The first 15 participants to register will be admitted into the workshop. A waiting list for registration will be maintained, if the need should arise. No minors may participate in the workshop due to liability. Processing time requires registration to be cut off by **January 3, 2012**. Please fill out the Registration Form and return with the Registration Fee (\$16) and Photo, by the deadline to complete the registration process.

Send registration to: Barrinton Living History Farm
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Washington, TX 77880

For all questions concerning the workshop, please contact Jim Lauderdale at jim.lauderdale@tpwd.state.tx.us or (936)878-2214 ext.248

*A clothing guideline is provided in the program booklet. Copies of the booklet will also be available at the workshop.