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Celebrate General Joe Wheeler's Birthday

Saturday, September 8

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Pond Spring, The General Joe Wheeler Home, Hillsboro, Alabama



The Alabama Historical Commission is honoring General Joe Wheeler's birthday at his home in North Alabama on Saturday, September 8.

Visitors to Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home, are invited to sample cake made from a family recipe said to be the General's favorite.

Fees: Entrance to the grounds, to view the re-enactment, the live music, and, cake and Pepsi products are FREE. Admission to the Wheeler House is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors/college students/military, and \$3 children 6-18, free for children under 6. Tours will be offered from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The annual celebration begins at 10:00 am. The public can explore the grounds from 10:00 am-3:00 pm and enjoy cake (while it lasts) with drinks donated by Pepsi Bottling Co. Come see re-enactors firing a working Civil War cannon and cavalry officers performing drills; watch various folk artists such as a blacksmith demonstrate their skills; and learn about bees and their ecosystem from representatives from the Tennessee Valley Beekeepers Association.

Lunch will be available for purchase from Copperhead Road Barbeque & Such, a local Lawrence County food truck. At 12:00 pm the grounds will be filled with live music on the front porch of the museum. Re-enactment and concert are sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

For more information contact Kara Long at pondspringdirector@gmail.com or 256-637-8513.

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About Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home

Wheeler was a legendary Confederate general, a U.S. congressman, and a Spanish American War general. Following the Civil War, Wheeler became a national symbol for reunification and reconciliation. His 1870s home is the center point of the 50-acre historic site owned by the Historical Commission. The collection contains around 10,000 objects, furnishings, clothing, and papers associated with the family. Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home, a historic property of the Alabama Historical



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Commission, is located in Lawrence County in Hillsboro, three miles east of Courtland, on Alabama Highway 20 (US Alt. 72).

About the Alabama Historical Commission



Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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