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### DISCOVER THE ART OF GUNSMITHING AND MORE AT THE HISTORIC DANIEL BOONE HOME JULY 22

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Gunsmithing, a craft that has been part of American history and culture for centuries, is the July featured *Artisan in Residence* program at The Historic Daniel Boone Home, 1866 Highway F in Defiance. The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 22.

With over 20 years of experience in the historic gunsmith trade, Gunsmith Bill Loyd is host of the program and will discuss the make and care of firearms, as well as show some of the replica firearms he has created. Those in attendance have an opportunity to ask questions about the process and history of gunsmithing. This free event is appropriate for all ages and registration is not required.

Additionally, visitors to the Artisan in Residence program are in for a special treat – Daniel Boone and his biographer, John Filson, will conduct guided tours of the Historic Daniel Boone Home every hour starting at 9 a.m. Barney Combs and Robert Pecoraro, Kentucky Colonels and Certified Interpretive Guides through the National Association for Interpretation, bring the famous frontiersman and his biographer to life. Guided tours are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and free for active/retired military and children under 4.

Admission to enter the park and self-guided tours of the village grounds are free. The gift shop is open for guests. Food and drink are allowed on the grounds, but not in the buildings.

For more information on The Historic Daniel Boone Home, visit [www.danielboonehome.com](http://www.danielboonehome.com) or call the park at 636-798-2005.

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#### **About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

*The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and the recently acquired Historic Daniel Boone Home. Plans for a new park at Kisker Road and Highway 94 are underway.*

*For more information and specifics about each park, visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).*

#### **About St. Charles County**

*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*

*With a population of 385,840, St. Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).*