

POND SPRING

The General Joe Wheeler Home



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Celebrate General Joe Wheeler's Birthday

Saturday, September 9

10:00 am

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, 9.

Visitors to Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home, will be able to sample cake made from a family recipe said to be the General's favorite. There will also be a special giveaway (made possible by the Friends of the General Joe Wheeler Foundation) featuring a Pond Spring t-shirt, tote bag, swig bottle, honey from the site's beehive, Wheeler biography, and more!

Fees: Entrance to the grounds to view the re-enactment, the concert, cake (while it lasts), and Pepsi products are FREE. Admission to the Wheeler House is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors/college students/military, \$3 children 6-18, and 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. Come see re-enactors firing a working Civil War cannon and cavalry officers performing drills; watch folk artists such as a blacksmith demonstrate their skills; enjoy a pit-fire cooking demonstration; view handmade quilts based on designs from the 1860s; 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 food truck. At 12:00 pm the grounds will be filled with live music featuring country music performer Wade Oliver on the front porch of the museum.

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 Alabama Historical Commission. The collection contains around 10,000 objects, furnishings, clothing, and papers associated with the family.



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Pond Spring, a historic property of the Alabama Historical 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 <http://ahc.alabama.gov/>

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