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HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT SHAWNEE INDIAN MISSION FALL FESTIVAL

History reenactors, crafts, entertainment highlight October 11-12 event

FAIRWAY, KS—Kansas Historical Society announced that the 2008 Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12 at the mission, 3403 West 53rd in Fairway.

The festival is free and will run 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Festival highlights include a craft and quilt show, spinners, weavers, a blacksmith, American Indian dancers, living history re-enactors, live oxen, storytellers, musicians, food vendors, and pony and covered wagon rides. A special Mountain man program with music and storytelling around a campfire will be held 7 p.m. Saturday. The festival is sponsored by Friends of Shawnee Indian Mission and Kansas Historical Society.

About the site: In the 19th century, Americans wanted more land and settlement moved west. For countless Indians, the American thrust for land meant the end of their traditional way of life. The Shawnee Mission was one of many missions established as a manual training school attended by boys and girls from Shawnee, Delaware, and other Indian nations from 1839 to 1862. Visit this 12-acre National Historic Landmark and learn the stories of those who lived there. The mission is one of 16 state historic sites operated by Kansas Historical Society. For more information visit kshs.org.

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