

# Civil War comes to Felton

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FELTON — Union and Confederate forces of the National Civil War Association will converge on Roaring Camp & Big Trees Railroad this weekend when the park sponsors its third annual Civil War Days encampment.

The event will feature battle re-enactments with period artillery pieces, cavalry and infantry units.

Battle re-enactments are scheduled for noon, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and noon and 2:30 p.m. Monday.

The Roaring Camp Steam Train excursion will leave the depot every hour and 15 minutes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The grassy meadows of the 1880's era railroad will begin to bloom with red Civil War tents Friday. Gradually, opposing camps will take shape, down to authentic bed rolls and field gear.

For many of the participants, Civil Wars Days is a family affair, with ladies and children dressed in period clothing as camp followers.

At 7 a.m. Friday a small group of "Rebs," uniformed with full mountain gear, will march from the summit of the Santa Cruz Mountains on Zayante Road 14 miles to Roaring Camp in a scouting maneuver similar to those performed by troops during the Civil War.



Union forces battle 'Johnny Rebs' in earlier Civil War Days

The scenario for the encampment is that Roaring Camp, held by the Union Army, is an important rail supply depot. Scouts from Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army are to infiltrate the area, leading to the next three days of battle.

In addition to the Civil War Days activities, visitors to the railroad will also sponsor a western huckwagoo barbecue served under the ties, and Saturday evening Civil War square dance in costume with live music and a champion caller to teach the steps.

Admission to the Civil War encampment is \$3 per person, with train barbecue extra. The \$3 fee will be refunded to those who buy a ticket on the road.

For more information call 333-4480 or 335-4484.