

American Festival at the riverfront

Detroit's sixth ethnic festival on the Cobo Hall riverfront will focus attention on all nationalities that have made America great. It will be the American Festival, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A variety of ethnic groups will be represented in entertainment, food and artifacts.

The American Festival is being coordinated by the Allied Veterans Council under Wayne Birdsong, president.

The festival will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with a posting of the flags, the National Honor Guard of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association.

THERE WILL be continuous entertainment featuring the musical Sinnett Family, a group

including six daughters and their parents.

The cultural booth will feature artifacts from the Detroit Historical Museum and the Fort Wayne Museum.

In addition, representatives of the North American Indian Association will feature authentic Indian craft items for sale.

Saturday's entertainment starts at noon with the St. Mary's School of Dance, folk singer and organist Randy Herkness, baton twirler Cindy Law and the Bell Telephone Chorus and Orchestra.

Sunday's program will have performances by the Wadsworth School of Dance, the musical Sinnett Family and Tahitian dances by Queen Debbie Kavelle.

At Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling, one of Michigan's most popular parks, a visitor may walk among huge, towering white pine and relive the state's past lumbering era or just enjoy the quiet offered by a deep forest, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

The park features 85 acres of virgin white pine, the last such remaining tract in the Lower Peninsula. Hartwick Pines is a living, lasting monument to the lumber era between 1840 and 1900 when Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

Hartwick Pines is seven miles northeast of Grayling on M-93. A tour of the park will cost a carload of visitors either \$1 for a one-day entrance permit or \$5 for a season entrance sticker that can be used at all Michigan state parks. Campers pay \$3 a day for a site at the campgrounds.

"Before viewing the Lower Peninsula's last large stand of virgin pine, visitors should stop first at the Interpretative Center building," said Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager.

"EXHIBITS AND pictorial displays will provide a better understanding of points of interest in the forest. On display are many of the tools used for logging, and miniature replicas of the camps, railroads and mills that turned trees into lumber. Early photographs are convincing evidence that the life of the lumberjack was rugged and lonely," Ratke said.

After learning that 160 billion board feet of white pine went to the saw mills from Michigan's forests between 1840 and the start of the 20th century, visitors should set out to see the woods, he added. The forest walk is about one and one-half miles long and can be made in 45 minutes.

Down the trail lies the original cedar cross-ties of a logging railroad that once passed through the forest.

Then halfway through the walk the visitor comes to the Monarch pine, largest tree in the park.

Standing 155 feet tall and 45 inches in diameter, this white pine contains enough lumber to build a five-bedroom house. The Monarch is estimated to be 300 years old and lumber in the tree is valued at more than \$5,000.

Planners set festival

The Festival with the French touch will be presented on the Kern block Saturday and Sunday.

Among those helping to plan and man the event are Elizabeth Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Melkon Braham and James W. Whitney of Birmingham.

Others are Mrs. William Daines and Renee Benison of Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Jesse Pitts and Kim East of Rochester also will be helping along with Mrs. Conrad Heyner, Ralph Mayer, Mrs. Pierre

Borel and Joseph Cornell of Southfield.

Mrs. Evelyn Jackson and Mrs. Diane Hall of Troy are also on the committee with Mrs. Jeanne Richard of West Bloomfield Township.

The festival will feature a market place where French food and goods will be sold. Money raised will be used to help develop the French Room of the Wayne State University bicentennial "Nationality Rooms Project."

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