

“Forward on the Works:” FAQs

What: The Friends of Bentonville Battlefield present “Forward on the Works.” This living history tour is a one of its kind opportunity to follow an authentically sized late-war Confederate regiment during the Last Grand Charge of the Army of Tennessee. The costumed living historians will stop along the way so that award winning Civil War historian Wade Sokolosky can narrate the charge. Attendees should expect to walk nearly 2 miles.

When: Camps will open at noon on March 18. The tour narration will begin at 2:15.

Where: “Forward on the Works” will take place at the Cole Plantation. Visitors will depart via shuttle from the visitor center area beginning at noon. The last shuttle will return at 5pm. The Cole Plantation trailhead parking area will be closed on March 18th. Volunteers will orient you upon arrival to the Cole Plantation.

Is this a reenactment: No, “Forward on the Works” is a guided tour that follows a single regiment of living historians, not a reenactment. There will be no battle recreation.

How do I purchase tickets: Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online at <https://fobb-169680.square.site/> and in person at the visitor center. A total of 100 tickets are available for purchase. Members of the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield can purchase beginning on February 15 and the public beginning on February 20. Tickets will be held for pickup at the visitor center on March 18th beginning at 10am. Any remaining tickets will be sold day of at the visitor center but we anticipate selling out before then.

Do I need a ticket to visit the 158th anniversary commemorations: No. Tickets are for “Forward on the Works” only. Living history activities at the visitor center will run from 10am-4pm on March 18th and are free to attend.

Is “Forward on the Works” suitable for children: The living history tour will be in depth and involve a lot of walking. There are no age restrictions, but a ticket is required for everyone regardless of age.

What should I bring: The event will involve a lot of walking so only bring things you are willing to carry. A walking stick, jacket, hat, bug repellent, etc. depending on the weather. Water will not be available at the Cole Plantation so consider bringing some.

Is this event rain or shine: The event is rain or shine.