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Fort Caspar Museum Announces Extended Hours and Upcoming Programs

Casper, WY — Fort Caspar Museum offers extended hours in the summer along with special programs.

The Museum and fort buildings are open daily from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm starting June 1st. The Museum features exhibits on prehistoric peoples, Plains Indians, the western emigrant trails, frontier army, the City of Casper, the energy industry, and sheep and cattle ranching. The fort is a reconstruction of Platte Bridge



Station and visitors experience life at an 1865 military post located at a major river crossing on the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, California, Pony Express, and transcontinental telegraph trail corridor.

Fort Caspar Museum is a Blue Star Museum from Memorial Day, May 30th to Labor Day, September 5th. During this time, over 1,300 museums across America will offer free admission to all active-duty military personnel and their



immediate families (military ID holder and five immediate family members). Active duty military include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as active duty National Guard and active duty Reserve members. A list of participating museums is available at

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www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. This program is a partnership with the National Endowment of the Arts and Blue Star Families.

Frontier Army Forts, a special traveling exhibit from the Wyoming State Museum, opens on Friday, June 3rd. This photographic exhibit chronicles the presence of the military, primarily the U.S. Army, in Wyoming. The purchase of Fort Laramie in 1849 began a military presence here that continues today with F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne. For sixty years, the Army established posts ranging from crude cabins for a handful of men to sprawling complexes of more than 100 buildings. Today, several of those forts are Wyoming State Historic Sites.

For more information call the Museum at 235-8462 or check our website at www.fortcasparwyoming.com. The Museum is open daily in May from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and from June to August from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Admission fees are: Children 12 and Under are FREE, Youth 13-18 are \$2.00 and Adults 19 & Over are \$3.00. Fort Caspar Museum is located at 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604.



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