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Wilderness Road State Park hosts the 6th Annual "Raid at Martin's Station"

This place is fifty miles in advance of the frontier, and on the road to Kentucky. In 1776 the great Cherokee war broke out, the Cherokees were then a great and powerful people, and their strength unbroken, living not far from Powell's Valley, they commenced a sudden, devastating war, on the whole frontier border... William Martin's words describe the situation at Martin's Station in the year of 1776.

Ewing, VA - May, 12th - 14th 2006 – Each year thousands of people come to the Wilderness Road State Park to watch as the embers of discontent burst into flame as over 300 Reenactors, Merchants, Artists and Artisans bring history to life at the "Raid at Martin's Station".

The 6th annual "Raid at Martin's Station" will be held May 12th to 14th, with activities Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm with special evening programming beginning at 8pm. Sunday activities will last from 10am until 3pm. Visitors will be able to walk through an 18th century Market Fair, visit a woodland Indian village, listen to Colonial music or take a tour of Historic Martin's Station, a re-created 1775 frontier fort. The highlight of the event will be a Raid on Martin's Station by Woodland Indian Reenactors, Saturday the 13th. There will be both daytime and nighttime battles, the daytime battle will begin at 1pm and the night battle will start at 8pm.

The Wilderness Road State Park Visitors Center will be hosting world-renowned frontier artists such as Doug Hall, Andrew Knez Jr., Dennis

Muzzy, Steve White and H. David Wright. There will also be an Artists show by the Contemporary Longrifle Association. Visitors will be able to shop for 18th century reproductions by the nation's top Artisans. There will also be free seminars on 18th century topics by Mark Baker, Wallace Gusler, Eve Otmar and Kelly Taylor. In addition to these activities the Powder Horn Gift Shop will be open and the 20-minute high definition film "Wilderness Road, Spirit of a Nation" will be playing in the Visitors Center theatre.

Wilderness Road State Park is located in Ewing, Virginia. Less than 2 hours drive from Knoxville, Kingsport, Bristol and Lexington. For more information contact Wilderness Road at 276-445-3065, WildernessRoad@dcr.virginia.gov or Rt. 2 Box 115, Ewing, VA 24248 on the web at <http://www.martinsstation.com>.

Historic Martin's Station is the re-creation of Captain Joseph Martin's Fort originally built in 1775. The fort was located near present day Rose Hill, Virginia and played a key role in the settlement of the American frontier and Westward expansion during the Revolutionary War.