



COVERED WAGON AND BIKE PARADE

Did you know that the first Covered Wagon to head west from Massachusetts left from what is now Hamilton on December 3, 1787?

Dr. Manasseh Cutler organized a group of 48 villagers to head west to Marietta, Ohio by covered wagon. These settlers planned to establish the first permanent settlement in Ohio and to survey the land promised to soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War.

To commemorate this local history, you are invited to

**MAKE YOUR OWN COVERED WAGON
Head West to Patton Park!
Community Block Party & Parade
Saturday, June 25th at 4:00p.m.
Hamilton-Wenham Public Library**

Covered Wagon Contest Guidelines

The Covered Wagon Contest is meant to be fun and educational for the whole family. Use your imagination to recycle and re-purpose everyday items you may have at home to create your covered wagon and be sure it is ready for travel in the parade!

- **Turn your "little red wagon" or equivalent into a covered wagon.**
- **Use rope, wire, hula hoops, pool noodles, or other flexible things to create the bows that arch over the wagon bed.**
- **Use bed sheets, blankets, or other kinds of cloth to make the cover for your wagon.**
- **Think about what you might have packed on your trip, and fill your wagon with supplies you will need on your journey.**
- **Think about the animals that may have pulled the covered wagon west on its journey. Find stuffed animals or toy animals to pull your wagon.**
- **For fun, dress-up like one of the first settlers traveling to Ohio may have dressed.**

Wenham Museum "Any 5" memberships will be awarded to the
3 Most Creative Covered Wagons in the Parade!

To learn more about covered wagons, we encourage you to visit our local library!

The Covered Wagon Contest is free and sponsored by the Wenham Museum, a family-friendly history museum and nonprofit institution.

We kindly request you complete the entry form available at www.wenhammuseum.org

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