NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FORT SCOTT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

**SCAVENGER HUNT**

**(Questions)**

**POST HOSPITAL**

1. Name three common health problems at Fort Scott.
2. List three things near the beds in the patient ward.

**INFANTRY BARRACKS (DOWNSTAIRS)**

1. What were used as temporary quarters for the military in 1842?
2. When did the last troops of the Civil War leave Fort Scott?
3. Fort Scott was a guardian of this. (3 words)
4. What trail did the dragoons help protect in 1843 because of Texas renegades?

**INFANTRY BARRACKS (UPSTAIRS)**

1. Passage of this act sparked a conflict that plagued two presidents and the Supreme Court.
2. The upstairs exhibit follows six characters that mirror real people. Which character started off as an enslaved person and became a nurse and teacher?
3. Richard Hinton, a Union officer, stated that these soldiers fought like tigers and it was useless to talk any more of their courage.
4. This Fort Scott soldier’s saber is prominently on display in the exhibit. He was wounded while on patrol in Missouri with the Sixth Kansas Cavalry. Who was the soldier? Where is he buried?
5. According to the wagon exhibit, Fort Scott was the center of a vast network with trains of up to 200 wagons.
6. This 83 year old Creek chief refused to ally with the Confederacy and led several thousand people from Indian Territory toward Kansas.
7. In 1864, Price’s Confederate Army was defeated at this location, north of Fort Scott.

**DRAGOON STABLES**

1. List three grooming tools used for the horses.
2. What four colors of horses were used by U.S. Dragoons?

**DRAGOON BARRACKS**

1. What two types of troops were used at Fort Scott?
2. List three fatigue duties of the dragoon soldiers at Fort Scott
3. Who had a separate room in the upstairs part of the barracks from the corporals and privates? There were four of them.
4. Name three things soldiers did in their free time.
5. What insects were described as “annoying and disgusting”?
6. Who did the company laundry? How many were assigned to each company?

**POST HEADQUARTERS**

1. Who had offices here?
2. Who was court martialed on September 28, 1843? What was his penalty?
3. Who was in charge of post discipline?
4. What two types of artillery pieces are stored in this building?

**OFFICERS QUARTERS #1**

1. What officer and his wife lived in these quarters?
2. What two rooms were used for formal entertaining and dining?
3. On December 10, 1844, Captain Swords wrote a letter to his friend stating that these two things “constituted their thoughts by day and their dreams by night.”
4. How were the officers’ quarters heated?

**OFFICERS QUARTERS #2 (WILSON-GOODLANDER HOME)**

1. What year was this officers’ quarters finished?
2. From 1861-65 during the Civil War, this house was divided, How was it divided?

**QUARTERMASTER BUILDING**

1. Name two kinds of meat packed into the barrels for the soldiers to eat.
2. Who was responsible for designing and building the buildings at Fort Scott?
3. This department was responsible for the rations consumed by the men.
4. What route did the army use to get supplies here and what two modes of transportation did they use?

**BAKE HOUSE**

1. How many ounces of bread a day did a man receive as a ration?
2. If the men wanted to eat fresh bread, what had to be done to the bread first?

**GUARDHOUSE**

1. How long did guard duty last?
2. What was the wooden platform used for? (Hint: Look at the picture on one of the exhibit signs to see how it is being used)
3. Identify three things that contributed to problems of morale and discipline.
4. Name two kinds of punishments of the 1840s military.