

Marion FoxTrot Festival

P.O. Box 1454, Marion, SC 29571

And now, the 18th annual Marion FoxTrot Festival is around the corner. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. The City of Marion comes alive with so many activities for all ages that it even amazes us! This little section of South Carolina was originally settled by Native Americans who were attracted to the Little Pee Dee River and Great Pee Dee River and its tributary Catfish Creek. Shown at right are members of the Hugh Giles Reg't, Britton's Neck Militia, reenactors, as they interact with festival goers at the 2009 FoxTrot Festival.

They help tell the story about the English settlers who migrated inland from the South Carolina coast. Who by the late 1700s were prospering in the area, leading to the establishment



of present-day Marion. So, to pay honor to our namesake and hero and a group of reenactors depict what it might have been like to have served with the famed General. The Hugh Giles Reg't, Britton's Neck Militia, Reenactors have become an annual feature of the day's events, with musket drills, firing demonstrations and camping on the square, all offering glimpses into the year 1780.

Marion's historic district is convenient to Interstate 95 and minutes from U.S. Highway 501, a main thoroughfare to the Grand Strand which is within an hour's drive. Attractions in the city include the Marion County Museum, Old Town Hall & Opera House and 1854 Courthouse. Chuck Wiegert and Sharon Grice are co-chairs of the Marion FoxTrot Festival Committee and have been involved in the festival for several years. Anyone interested in participating in any of the events or volunteering to help out during the festival may e-mail Wiegert at hmra@theswampfox.com.

See you in Marion in May!