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OLD ST. STEPHENS DAY CELEBRATION ANNOUNCED

On Sat., Oct. 5, Old St. Stephens will celebrate Alabama’s state bicentennial. At 10 AM, a ceremony will kick off the commemoration at the site of Alabama’s territorial capital. Activities include living history vignettes performed by local school children, historical re-enactors and demonstrations of traditional arts and skills. Guided tours of the St. Stephens archaeology site will offer a fascinating glimpse into the history of the town and its residents. Music and food will round out the festivities, which are open to the public with a small admission charge of $2 for students and $5 for adults.

The town site of Old St. Stephens is one of the most important historical and archaeological sites in Alabama. During a brief three decades, beginning in the 1790s to its decline in the 1820s, St. Stephens was the site of a Spanish fort, an American fort and “factory” or trading post, frequented by Choctaw people, and it was the Alabama Territorial capital.

Today old St. Stephens is a historical and recreational park. For more information about the Alabama Territory and St. Stephens’ role in the creation of the state, visit http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/article/h-1674.

For directions to the park and more information about Old St. Stephens Day, visit www.oldststephens.net. or call the park at 251-247-2622.

Old St. Stephens Day is part of a three-year commemoration of the bicentennials of the Alabama Territory and Alabama’s statehood. Activities and events will happen throughout the state. For a calendar of events and information about how you can participate, visit www.Alabama200.org.