



# 2015 Convergence



This year the Tinsmith & Coppersmith Convergence will be held at the Fort Museum and Frontier Village in Fort Dodge, Iowa from June 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Fort Museum is modeled after a militia fort built and manned by the citizens of Fort Dodge and Webster County during the Civil War. That fort stood near the Minnesota border and was used for defense during the Sioux uprising of 1862. For more information on the fort see their website at: <http://www.fortmuseum.com/>

**Hotel:** The site Hotel is the Quality Inn. The Hotel has an Indoor Heated Pool, Indoor Whirlpool/Hot Tub, is pet friendly (additional fee) and free Hot Breakfast. Rooms include: Cable/Satellite TV, Free Hi Speed Internet, Free Local Calls, Hair Dryer, In-Room Coffee Maker, In-Room Desk, Individual A/C & Heat, Iron & Ironing Board, Wake-Up Service, AM/FM Clock Radio. See chart below for room rates. When making your Reservations, mention the Tinsmith Convergence to get these rates. Hotel Rooms and Rates are only available until June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Start Date	End Date	Room Type	Single	Double	Suite
6/25/15	6/29/15	Doubles		\$79	
6/25/15	6/29/15	Kings	\$79		
6/25/15	6/29/15	Suite			\$99

Quality Inn  
 2001 HWY 169 South,  
 Fort Dodge, IA, US, 50501  
 Phone: (515) 955-3621,  
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[Quality Inn, Fort Dodge, IA](http://www.qualityinn.com/fortdodgeia)

The above room block is based upon a minimum of a 2 night stay room accommodation. Hotel room rates are subject to 12% taxes in effect at the time of check in.

**Camping:** Period Camping is allowed inside the Fort and there is a parking lot near the Fort where RV's can park (no hook-ups) and the only available restrooms are inside the fort. There is a campground 4 miles away where hook-ups are available: [J. F Kennedy Memorial Park](#). If you have questions about camping inside the Fort or parking your RV in the designated parking lot, direct them to Jim Kimpell at [highhorsetradingco@gmail.com](mailto:highhorsetradingco@gmail.com)

**Lunch:** We will have a catered lunch brought in on both Friday and Saturday. The cost for the lunch is \$7.00 per person per day. The menu is still being worked out but will be items such as Brats, Hot dogs, etc. There is Fast Food restaurants not far from the fort if the catered lunch is not for you.

**Saturday Evening Group Dinner:** The Saturday Evening Group Dinner will be held at the Quality Inn in the Banquet Room. The dinner will be a catered buffet consisting of Roast Whole Pork Loin and Baked Chicken Breast with sides. Iced Tea and Lemonade is also included. Cost for the buffet is \$12.00 per person.

**Agenda:** The agenda is still being put together and will be available before the Convergence. There will be a Tintype Photographer attending so there may be a chance for you to get an old fashioned photo of yourself. If you have period clothes, you are welcome to wear them while at the fort.

Agenda topics:

- Tool sale and swap - everyone is encouraged to participate, bring your extra tools and sell, buy or trade.
- Pattern Swap – Bring any patterns you want to share. It's also helpful to bring a completed piece so that participants can see what the finished item should look like.
- Strut Your Stuff – Bring any items you make to show what you do.
- Basic Tinsmithing – as the fort is open to the public and the Convergence is publicized in the local area, there was a suggestion of putting on a short session on basic Tinsmithing.

As always, we are looking for other ideas and anyone willing to demonstrate or present a topic of discussion. Submit your suggestion to [bob@tintinkers.org](mailto:bob@tintinkers.org) or Jim Kimpell (email address above) or post them on the web site.

- ❖ Looking for something to do Friday evening? You may be interested in attending a concert by the Rock Band "Boston". Tickets go on sale beginning April 4<sup>th</sup> for \$37 each. See: <http://www.shellabration.org/> for more information.

Hope to see you there,  
Jim Kimpell  
Bob Bartelme