

# ***Summer Sundays at the Colonel Palmer House***



**Sunday, June 6, 2010  
“Before the Covered Wagons Came”  
1-4pm Free Admission**

**This is the first in a series of three open houses held at the Colonel Palmer House. This event is co-sponsored by the Crystal Lake Historical Society and the Crystal Lake Park District. June 6th will focus on the natural and cultural life of the Crystal Lake area before our first settlers arrived. Costumed interpreters will provide information about the pre-Civil War-era home and the Palmer family who lived there. A craft related to the topic will be available for the children.**

**In addition to our regular staff we are very pleased to have the following presenters who will bring the history of our area alive. Join us!**

**Native American, Sal “Redhawk” Camacho, will portray a member of the Potawatomi, who once lived and traveled in the area. Mr. Camacho is recognized by the American Indian Center in Chicago and active since 1975 in historical interpretation.**

**La Compagnie du Pays d’Illinois will present key characteristics of the early fur trade. As living history interpreters they portray Potawatomi métis life-ways at living history events, in schools, and for home school groups and private events.**

**John Fiorina, Manager of Natural resources for the Park District, will talk of the Illinois landscape. John works out of the Crystal Lake Park District Nature Center in management and maintenance of Wingate Prairie Sterne’s Woods and Fen and other Park District natural areas.**

**Retired teacher, Pat Hartman will bring some of her extensive collection of Native American objects to display in the home along with items on loan from the Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures. This is a display you don’t want to miss. See you on June 6th!**