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Mission San Luis will have a day of free activities for military families on Saturday. GLENN BEIL/DEMOCRAT FILES

Mission hosting free Military Family Day

There will be musket firing demonstrations

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Throughout the summer, military families can get free admission to many museums, zoos, and other attractions nationwide thanks to the Blue Star Museums initiative.

Mission San Luis is pleased to collaborate in this program by hosting a special free day of activities for military families on Saturday, July 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With archery, site scavenger hunts, blackpowder musket firing demos, crafts, an archaeology slide show, a presentation on “Bugs,” activity sheets, a display of 300-year-old military artifacts excavated on site, and living history in the village and gardens, there will be lots for adults and kids to enjoy together. Non-military families are also welcome with a small admission charge.

“The Florida Department of State is proud to host Military Family Day at Mission San Luis,” said Secretary of State Ken Detzner. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our ser-



Garrett Bonesteel aims his arrow under the watchful eye of Arden Jordan at Mission San Luis. SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

vice members and their families to enjoy free heritage and nature activities. We are indebted to the sacrifices that our military make every day, and this is one way that we can give back.”

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation’s service members and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day,

2014.

For information about other participating museums visit arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums.

For more about Mission San Luis, Florida’s Apalachee-Spanish Living History Museum on the site of the 17th-century western capital of Spanish Florida, visit mission-sanluis.org or call 850.245.6406. Mission San Luis is managed by the Florida Department of State and is located at 2100 West Tennessee Street in Tallahassee.