Hi I'm Danielle Hershon. Coming up…

we’ll take you to Boone Hall Plantation..

site of a big Civil War re-enactment

this weekend.

(Nat sound- cannons/shooting :06)

This may be the closest most of us will

ever come to being in a real battle or

seeing one in person. Except for the

bullets and cannonballs and the pretend

casualties, the Battle of Secessionville

re-enactment is about as real as it gets.

(Nat sound :03)

Fought in 1862, the battle ended in a

Confederate victory, as the Rebels

turned back a Union attempt to capture

Charleston, which was the birthplace of

secession.

Hundreds of re-enactors, young and old,

come from around the state and region to

help portray this living history.
The emphasis is on authenticity from the weapons and uniforms to the tactics and speech.

(Nat sound: :08)

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SOT: Charles Hiers :40
IN: How authentic?
OUT: as humanly possible
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Here at Successionville, women get their due as well. The colorful pageantry of the elaborate dresses, hats, and other accessories are well represented.

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SOT: Jackie Hayes :15
IN: It’s a wonderful
OUT: it’s great

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After walking around and seeing all these women dressed in beautiful gowns, I decided to try something on for myself.
They didn’t quite have my size but I did find this bonnet and shawl. How do I look?

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Visitors can also learn about life on the Civil War homefront.

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SOT: Lynne Dukes :14
In: You see the men
Out: live and survive

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Event participants stress that they are not attempting to glorify war. Instead, they say re-enactments offer a unique visual and hands-on learning opportunity…not found in the text books.

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