Confederate and Union troops face off at Chretien Point Plantation.

Historic war battle recreated

SUNSET — The North and South will meet again on the field of battle when historical re-enactors converge at Chretien Point Plantation on Saturday and Sunday.

For the very first time, two Civil War battles, which were fought on Chretien Point’s grounds in the Autumn of 1863, will be re-enacted on the actual battlefield.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, visitors to the plantation will step back to October 1863 and the battle of Buzard’s Prairie, a Union victory.

The Confederate forces will, however, make a dramatic comeback at 2 p.m. Sunday when the two armies meet in the Battle of Bayou Bourbeau in which the Federal Army was routed.

Chretien Point, located between Lafayette and Sunset, is an antebellum plantation widely acclaimed by both architects and historians as one of America’s most distinguished estates.

Visitors will have the opportunity to relive an important chapter in Louisiana’s past.

Historical re-enactors in authentic civil war uniforms and civilian dress, along with infantry, artillery and cavalry, will recreate history on the actual site on the 130th anniversary of the conflict.

Spectators are welcome to visit with the soldiers in both the Confederate and Union camps and experience army life during Civil War time.

The plantation grounds and mansion will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Drills, artillery firings, cavalry exercises and tours of the mansion will take place throughout both days.

Admission, which includes the activities and tour of the mansion, is $7 for adults, $3 for children 4-12 and free for children under 4 accompanied by their parents.

A “mess” wagon will be available both days serving cold drinks, beer and food.