

# Join the activities & dress



## for the 40s



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## Camp Hearne Historic Site

### *“Dress for 1940s”*

**T**he 1940s were defined by a specific style that was the direct result of the needs of war. Whether dressed for work, play, or evening, a clean and slim silhouette dominated the scene and ultimately gave way to a fashion history that is still admired and copied today. Though WWII brought about changes in in the fabric and materials normally used in both men and women's clothing (fabric rations), men and women adapted and still stepped out in style. For women, skirts were short, close-fitting, unadorned and jackets and blouses sported sharp shoulder pads. Men's attire, though void of flaps, pants cuffs (unless cuffed at home), and vests was styled to make "a man feel larger than life". Tailors were kept busy repairing or re-purposing older garments to work around the clothing restrictions in place by the United States Production Board. A study in the history of 1940s clothing, will reveal what makes it different from any other era. The fabric rations, clothing restrictions and the innate need to look their best no matter the circumstance, is what truly made the 1940s a decade to remember.



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## ***“Dress for 1940s”***

**F**or a "Dress for 1940s" contest, study the styles, get some ideas and go shopping (don't forget hair and makeup of the time!):

Grandparents' attic (handbags, gloves, hats, jewelry, shoes, Zoot Suits, trousers)

Vintage patterns and sew your own— [www.decadesofstyle.com](http://www.decadesofstyle.com)

Good Will Stores

Online stores:

- ♦ [ebay.com](http://ebay.com)
- ♦ [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)
- ♦ [modcloth.com](http://modcloth.com)
- ♦ [lovemissdaisy.com](http://lovemissdaisy.com)
- ♦ [glamourdaze.com](http://glamourdaze.com)
- ♦ [vintagedancer.com](http://vintagedancer.com)
- ♦ [wikihow.com](http://wikihow.com) -"How to Dress in American 1940s Fashion, 13 Steps"



Facebook:

[The Vintage Hat Shop](#)

[TopVintage Vintage & Retro Boutique](#)

[Vintage Clothes and Accessories](#)

Books:

Target has a paperback, *Fashion in the 40s* - \$7.63

*1940s Style Guide* by Debbie Sessions

*Fashions of a Decade: The 1940s*, by Patricia Baker

