

## **DEMONSTRATORS/PRESENTERS**

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

#### **Registration and Waivers for Attendees:**

Note: Attendees means participants. All attendees must check in with registrars as soon as they arrive, regardless of whether pre-registered or not-knowing that you are here and what camp you are in will help us in case of an emergency. To receive any of the free benefits you must be registered and have filled out a waiver. We appreciate your help and we welcome you to this year's event and educational days.

#### **Fees and Late Registration:**

1. Registration Fee: No registration fees. Just have a good time.
2. Late Registration: No registration fee. You are still welcome to participate but please register upon arrival.

#### **Attendees Requirements:**

1. All demonstrators by invitation and approved.
2. Have a good time.
3. Make positive suggestions on activities that you would like to have to see at this event. Suggestion box is at the registrar table.
4. Take ownership in helping to make this event one you enjoy and want to come back to.
5. Attend with the thought that you are welcome guest of the Blackford County Civil War Reenactment Club, Inc. & the host units: The 19th Ind. Lt. Art. & the 49th Ind. Vol. Inf., Co. F.

#### **General Rules for Camps/Battles/Skirmishes/Tactical:**

##### **A. Participants:**

1. Anyone under the age of 18 must be sponsored and approved by an adult participant who will be responsible for the safety and welfare of that minor.
2. Runners and flag bearers [15 yr. of age and under] must have host unit approval.
3. Minors under the age of 18 will not be permitted out of the camps after midnight unless in the presence of an adult.
4. No hand to hand combat unless approved by host unit commanders.
5. First person impression during public hours.
6. Modern items in the camps are to be concealed out of the sight of the public.
7. 1/2 bale of straw per dog tent. Additional straw can be purchased at the price of a bale of straw. We don't want to purchase more straw than we need to because we have to pick up and move all of the straw after the event is over. Two days after this event is over, you will not know that a reenactment took place here. This ground will be cleaner than before we started the event. This is our guarantee to use this ground for future events.

**B. Alcohol:**

1. Minors will not consume alcohol under any circumstance at this event. Must leave event with sponsor if caught [\*\*\* no exceptions \*\*\*].
2. No excessive drinking. Any alcohol consumed during public hours must be kept in period container and no alcohol is to be consumed 2 hours prior taking the field whether in a skirmish or battle. Unit commanders must see that alcohol is not abused in his camp.
3. Drinks must be in tin cups or period bottles.

**C. Drugs:**

1. Only prescription drugs are allowed.

**D. Vehicles:**

1. By 6:30 a.m. all non-period wagons are to be moved out of the camps into assigned areas.

**E. Camp Fires:**

1. Grass from the fire pits must be saved and put back after the event.
2. Be sure your fires have been put out before leaving.

**F. Weapons:**

1. No firing of weapons without the approval of the host unit commanders.
2. No firing of weapons after 7:00 p.m. unless approved by the host unit commanders. All weapons must be inspected daily before firing.
3. Weapons must be 3 banded unless arrived by the host unit commanders or their designate. Mississippi rifles, Henry's, Spencer, are acceptable. Other models must be approved by the host unit commanders.
4. One weapon per person unless by the host unit commanders - Exception: Cavalry
5. Minors 15 years in age and under will not fire a weapon.

**G. Fireworks:**

1. No fireworks of any kind will be permitted.

**H. Trash:**

1. Trash in the camps must be stored and kept out of sight.
2. Do not put trash in the fires.
3. It will be picked up in the mornings (7:30) and evening [6:30].
4. It is everyone's responsibility to keep authentic camps policed.
5. The parking lot is not a place to throw your trash. If the trash is left in the parking lot as it was in 1998, the re-enactors will be moved to the field instead of the paved parking lot with lights for

security. Please use the trash barrels located in the parking area (please don't create additional work for us).

**I. Flags:**

1. Host unit commanders or their designate will determine the number and which flags can be carried in battle.

**J. Glasses:**

1. Period glasses must be used if you have to wear glasses.
2. Non period and sun glasses are not allowed during the hours that the public is in attendance.

**K. Dress Code:**

1. Uniforms, clothing, accouterments and equipment must be of the Civil War era in pattern and material [authentic reproduction].
2. No Indians unless in military uniform or unless approved by host unit commanders.
3. No buckskins or trappers
4. No participants in blue jeans or non-period clothing including foot ware.

**L. Company Size:**

1. Companies with less than 10 men will be combine as a unit with larger units.
2. Companies with less than 20 men cannot have a commander higher than the rank of captain unless approved by the host unit commanders or their designate.

**Parking:**

1. Absolutely no parking or unloading in the cemetery. Vehicles will be towed out per the cemetery staff.
2. Park in the designated area (paved parking lot and not the camps). Do not park in the section on the south end of the North paved parking lot which is designated and marked for 3M employees working at the plant. We have to remember that the parking lot belongs to 3M and not the Blackford County Civil War Re-enactment Club; they are letting us use it as long as we abide by their rules. Also, no parking along the fence section by the cemetery to the north of the artillery camps. Vehicles will be towed away at the owner's expense.
  - a. North parking lots: Car, pickups, artillery trailers, and vans.
  - b. South parking lots: Car, pickups, vans, light trailers, artillery trailers horse trailers, sutlery trailers, and RV's.
3. Trash and fire wood is not to be left in the paved parking lot. Use trash barrels.

**Command:**

1. The host units have the authorization to choose the overall commanders for the US and CS for this event.

2. Any units such as (example: Cumberland Guard, Indiana Brigade, Western Brigade, Medich's Battalion, Independent Guard, Iron Brigade, etc.) may serve under their own command and staff. Chain of command: Battalion - four or more companies; Regiment - two battalions. Any numbers less than the above must be approved by the host units.
3. Regiment, Brigade, or Battalion commanders will report to the overall commanders.
4. All commanders are to follow the event schedule unless approved by host units  
or changed by the event sponsor (Blackford County Civil War Re-enactment Club).

**Provost Rules:**

1. Anyone found drunk, disorderly, or destroying another person or person's property will be asked to leave and pay for the items destroyed and or report the claim to the local authorities. Destruction of another person's property will be the responsibility of the person destroying the property to replace the item or items and not the responsibility of the Blackford County Civil War Re-enactment Club, Inc. to pay for the items destroyed by other participants. There must be proof and a witness, not hearsay, before an individual can be asked to leave the event. The host commanders have the authority to have anyone removed that breaks this rule.
2. Campfires must be attended.
3. After 10 p.m. have fun but remember the person next to you be trying to sleep. Turn the volume down a little.
4. After midnight; Please no unnecessary disturbance.
5. No one is to enter another person's tent without the approval of that person.
6. Threats are not to be made by anyone to another person. Read the rules and take your complaint to your commander. Remember you are here to have an enjoyable, safe, and fun weekend. Try to resolve your problems as adults and listen to both sides.
7. **Units will be responsible for providing security to guard the camps.** Report all missing or stolen item immediately to the host unit commanders. This information will be relayed to the appropriate authority. Leave name and address on a piece of paper with a description of the item taken or see host commanders or registrar for missing item forms.
8. Other regulations based on common sense and common decency [each person respecting the rights of others and remembering that this is a family event with women and children].
9. Any person, persons, or unit that violates any of the event rules [general, common sense, or safety] will be ejected. The host unit's commanders and the designated representative of the Blackford County Civil War Reenactment Club, Inc. will have the authority to eject anyone violating these rules.
10. Treat with full respect any re-enactor portraying a guard on sentry duty. Respect and comply with any requests he makes of you with regards to your entering or leaving the camp he is guarding. Any confrontation, disrespect or harassment hindering the re-enactor from performing his sentry duty will be grounds for dismissal from this event. This does not include previously arranged skits, which have been approved by the guard on duty, the commander of the guard, and the overall commander.

**Note:** *These rules have been established as a guide line to follow to prevent problems before they occur. They have also been setup to protect the sponsors, host units, commanders, owners of this property, the property of the neighbors joining this site, and the cemetery.*