

Bledsoe's Fort Colonial Fair

February 5, 2008

Dear Participant,

The Board & Members of Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association are so excited to inform you of our First Annual Colonial Fair. The event will be held Saturday & Sunday, May 3rd & 4th, 2008 at Bledsoe's Fort in Castalian Springs, Tennessee. Event hours will be from 9:00 am 'til 5:00 pm Saturday & 9:00 am 'til 3:00 pm Sunday.

We plan to offer a Native Encampment featuring Authentic Native American Camps indicative of the Eastern Woodland period at Bledsoe, a Longhunters camp, and a camping area for 18th Century Tent Campers, as well as special areas for French, English & Scottish Encampments. Traders Row will feature arts and crafts, clothing and glassware, pottery, and household items from the 18th Century. Educational demonstrations, informative seminars, game areas for colonial games, a children's area, musicians and street performers will be only part of the offerings presented at the Colonial Fair. A highlight will be a shooting contest sponsored by ALRA. We are very enthused by the level of excitement already being generated about this competition.

Enclosed please find a list of rules and an application for the event. In order to provide the most authentic experience for participants and visitors, we ask that you observe all guidelines and comply with jury requests. Upon receipt & approval of your application for participation, we will notify you with an acceptance card.

Registration will begin Thursday morning, May 1st at 9:00 am at the Gatehouse, at which time you will receive your information packet, passes & space assignment. Please understand that staff will not be spending the night at the site until Friday night. We will have staff on site Friday & Saturday night. All vehicles and non-period items must be out of the Market Fair and historic area by 8:30 am Saturday morning.

We will furnish one bale of straw, firewood & water. Ice will be available for purchase. All fire pits should be replaced with sod when you break camp Sunday, May 4th. It is extremely important to preserve the integrity of the event and give each of our visitors a unique experience, so we ask that all campsites, displays & merchants remain in place until closing at 3:00 pm Sunday, May 4th.

Saturday evening, you are invited to attend "Bledsoe's Tavern Under the Stars" and enjoy Music, Dancing, Sing Alongs & 18th century Games & Fun.

Bledsoe's Colonial Fair is completely organized & supported by volunteer labor, so your cooperation, understanding and support will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone at 615-206-9777. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your Humble Servants,

The Bledsoe Colonial Fair Coordinators

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Mandatory Rules

This Colonial Fair is being hosted for reenactors who demand the utmost authenticity. To facilitate total immersion, the following rules will be strictly enforced and are enacted to provide the most authentic experience for participants and visitors. Failure to comply with these rules may result in expulsion from the event.

General Rules:

1. By signing the accompanying application form, the participant agrees to abide by the rules set forth by Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association.
2. **Vehicles will not be allowed into the Fair Grounds after 9am Saturday or prior to 3pm Sunday.**
3. Minor Children are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Children must be under constant supervision by the parent or guardian and will not be allowed to play around fires, tools or the Live Fire Demonstration Range at any time.
4. Pets are allowed, however, all dogs should fit into your persona and **must** be restrained on an 18th Century style leash and collar and under the control of the owner **AT ALL TIMES**.
5. No cameras will be used while attired in period clothing.
6. Firearms are allowed on the Fair grounds, but shall be unloaded at all times. Weapons will be inspected upon arrival and are subject to inspection by the Fair Master or his/her designee at any time. No demonstration or blank firing of firearms is permitted unless prior approval by the Fair Master or his/her designee has been gained.

Clothing, Camp and Appearance Rules:

1. Participants must remain in period clothing at all times from 9am Saturday until 3pm Sunday.
2. While on the Fair Grounds, **YOU ARE IN THE 18th CENTURY!!** All items used and worn are to reflect this.
3. Your appearance, camp, accoutrements and goods, etc, will be inspected for authenticity by the Fair Master and/or his/her agents. The burden of proof shall be upon the bearer of a questionable item, therefore, the bearer should be prepared to provide documentation.
4. Only 18th Century eyewear is permissible. Contact lenses are allowed. Modern eyewear is prohibited.
5. Only 18th Century footwear is permissible, to include shoes, boots and moccasins.
6. Men's Clothing - Must be typical 18th Century colonial apparel. *Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: calico shirts, long fringe western buckskins, mountain man clothing, western clothing and blanket capotes.*
7. Women's Clothing - Must be typical 18th Century colonial apparel. Gowns, petticoats, shifts, short gowns or bed jackets. A cap or kerchief should be worn to cover the hair. Jewelry should be appropriate to the 18th Century. Make-up should be conservative and not detract from the Colonial appearance. *Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: calico prints, off-the-shoulder shifts or bodices worn as outer garments.*
8. Shelters accepted include simple lean-to's, diamond fly's, marquees, wedge and wall tents, and documentable Native American shelters. Civil War tents, teepees, Bakers, Walens, centerpoles and nylon tents are prohibited.
9. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited by Sumner County ordinance.
10. No cigarettes, brown cigar-like cigarettes or cigars are allowed at any time while in period clothing.

Live Fire Demonstration Rules:

1. Weapons shall only be loaded while within the physical boundaries of the Live Fire Demonstration Range.
2. The Range Master is responsible for the safe operation of the Live Fire Demonstration. All commands and instructions given by the Range Officer will be followed implicitly.
3. **NO** loaded weapons will be taken from the Live Fire Demonstration Range. Weapons are subject to inspection at any time by the Fair Master, Range Master and/or their designee.
4. Anyone wishing to participate in the Live Fire Demonstration shall supply a blanket prize in the amount of \$20.

Merchant Rules:

1. Tables must be correct to the 18th Century or skirted to the ground.
2. All items sold at the Fair will be authentic to the 1750-1790 time period, excluding modern media (CD's, books or magazines) that pertain explicitly with the above time period. No western or Plains Indian articles should be sold. The following items may NOT be sold: bamboo flutes, popguns, Archaeological artifacts, any item that represents post 1790, holiday items, mass-produced items (T-shirts, etc), furs of domestic animals, souvenir type items, photographs, pictures or stationary.
3. All goods may be inspected by the Fair Master or his/her designee at any time. Any item that is deemed to violate the above rule shall be removed.
4. No food or drink is to be served unless prior approval is gained from the Fair Master or his/her designee. Any food or drink that is served, must be served in an 18th Century cup, mug, plate or other vessel.

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Participant Application

All participants must submit photographs of their camp, gear and themselves in 18th Century attire. Demonstrators and Merchants must submit representative photographs of their merchandise and/or craft. Applications received without photographs will be discarded. Photos will be returned if requested.

1. Participants. *Anyone attending the Fair in 18th Century attire and not wishing to camp.*

_____ Number of Adults NOT camping. Cost is \$5.00 per adult

_____ Number of Children 6-12 NOT camping. Cost is \$3.00 per child

_____ Number of Children 5 and under NOT camping. Free

Type of Person: _____

2. Campers. *Anyone attending the Fair that wishes to set up a camp.*

_____ Number of Individuals in Camp. Cost is \$10 per camp

Nationality: _____

Type of shelter or tent: _____

3. Merchants. Please check one of the following:

_____ **Tent Merchant.** Cost is \$50

Size requirement for display (including ropes) _____ w _____ d Type of merchandise to be sold _____

_____ **Blanket Trader.** Cost is \$25

Display size limited to the size of a 4-point blanket (72"x90") Type of merchandise to be sold _____

_____ **Artisan/Craftsman (with sales).** Artisan/Craftsman must demonstrate their craft during Fair hours. \$25.00

Size requirement for display (including ropes) _____ w _____ d

Type of craft _____

Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Group or Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Relation to you: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Do you have any medical conditions that you would like the Fair staff to be aware of? If so, please explain briefly: _____

I have read and understand the application and the mandatory rules and agree to abide by policies as set forth. Furthermore, I agree that the organizers of said event have the right to expel anyone from the event who does not abide by those policies. Likewise, the organizers have the right to inspect attire and merchandise and those items that do not meet authenticity requirements will need to be removed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: **Bledsoe's Fort Colonial Fair**

Return completed application, photographs and registration fee to: **Bledsoe's Fort Colonial Fair**
116 North Water Ave.
Gallatin, TN 37066