

Event Rules

Notice This event is held on both the Allegany County Fairgrounds and private property. Please observe all local regulations and be considerate of our hosts.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

No vehicles, other than emergency or event authorized vehicles are allowed on the Battlefield or in the camps, from 8 AM Saturday until 4 PM on Sunday. If you arrive after 8 AM on Saturday, plan to walk your gear in. All vehicles on site must be moved by 8 AM Saturday morning to the parking areas.

Please make sure your parking permit is filled out completely and displayed in the dash of your car.

REGISTRATION

Registration will close at noon on Saturday. If you are unable to make it to the event before noon, you must make arrangements with the sponsors, the 136th NY at (716) 498-2465, or via email to Crew7136@yahoo.com.

**Registrations postmarked after August 29th will be charged the walk-on fee when unit members register.

RATIONS AND FOOD PROVIDED

Due to the cost of providing rations and hosting the complimentary meals, rations and meals can only be guaranteed to pre-registered units. Units/individuals will be issued the tickets upon arrival at registration based on the number of members pre-registered on the registration and roster forms. Any walk-ons may be charged for rations or meals.

YOU ARE ASKED TO REMAIN IN PERIOD PERSONA AT ALL TIMES WHILE THE PUBLIC IS PRESENT, INCLUDING ANY EVENING ACTIVITIES.

WEAPONS & BATTLEFIELD RULES

1. No one under 16 will carry weapons on the field.

No one under 16 allowed on the field unless as a functional musician or runner and with field commander permission, and written permission from parent. Persons under 16 are not to be involved in the active fighting. **No children under the age of 12 will be allowed on the battlefield under any circumstances.**

Failure to comply may cause your unit to be asked to leave.

2. Muskets should be Springfield or Enfield 3 banders. Two band rifles will only be used at the discretion of the field commanders, and only used in the front ranks. No non-period weapons will be accepted. No Shotguns . Officers, Cavalry, or Artillery NCOs only will carry pistol. No individual will be allowed more than 2 pistols.

3. **No unit may fix bayonets on the field with the exception of stacking arms, or for parade purposes other than in battle. This rule is not flexible. No use of ramrods on the field is permitted. No tompons permitted at any time.**
4. Cartridges will be of proper loads. 60 grains max for rifles, 25 grains max for pistols. Commanding Officers of each unit and each army are to enforce this rule. Paper should be of proper color, no newspaper etc. No staples or tape. Cartridges may be inspected at any time; failure to comply may result in you and your unit's expulsion from this event and future events. **No live rounds permitted at any time.**
5. "CCI" 6 - wing musket caps should be avoided, and will be allowed on the field only with the permission of the Field Commanders.
6. Unit commanders are responsible for their units conduct on the field, and will be held accountable. All soldiers taking the field will do so with a filled canteen.
7. No unscripted hand to hand combat or taking of flags, unless prearranged with BOTH field commanders.
8. No more than one National and one battle flag permitted on the field per battalion. These battalions must consist of 5 field companies.
9. No unit suicide charges will be permitted.
10. Please, no vulgarities on the field or in camp. The public is near by at all times.

11. Artillery:

- A. **No one under the age of 16** is permitted to work on or around the field pieces
- B. Will use proper signals for misfires etc.
- C. Will not fire on troops when in a danger zone
- D. No smoking within 30 yards of the guns or their ammunition chests.
- E. Proper firing devices will be used, no cigars etc. If this is observed you will be asked to leave the event.
- F. No false signs of misfires etc.
- G. Artillery certification must be presented if asked for by the Commanding officers or the Safety officers.

CAMPS

1. No "reserving" camp areas. Your unit must send an advance party to set up the tentage. No areas may be marked off or saved.
2. Wall and A tents will be located in the "Garrison Camp". Those who wish to camp "campaign" style will have separate camping area available if desired. Please ask at registration.
3. Camps are under the direction of the overall commanders or field commanders, or an individual they may appoint. These folks have final say in the camps.

4. Smaller units are asked to share a company street and will be brigaded with larger units. This will help to give a better camp impression and field impression.
5. Quiet hours are 12 AM each night. Please stay quiet after this time. Remember some reenactors have long drives ahead of them on Sunday.
6. In military camps there will be one fire pit per company street. **All fire pits must have water buckets by them at all times.** Fires shall not be left unattended at any time. No trash is to be placed into the pits, and pits must be filled in before you leave camp Sunday.
7. No colors in the company streets. All colors will be placed on the officer's row. No flags made of nylon, rayon, etc. will be used. Camp commanders reserve the right to ask that non-period flags be removed.
8. Please protect your personal property. The event hosts or organizers are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please keep your vehicles locked at all times.
9. **NO DRUGS OR EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION.** This will not be tolerated and will be turned over to the local authorities. Any infractions of this rule may result in the expulsion of you and your unit from this and future events.
10. As straw is free, we ask that you use only ¼ bale per person. Hay and straw should be gathered into piles after the camps are torn down
11. All trash to be bagged and left at the roadside for collection.
12. Dogs must be kept under control and on a leash of no more than 6 feet at all times.
13. Do not set up tents or dig fire pits in the public walkways. If you do, you will be required move it.
14. It is suggested for you to have any important medical information on yourself and unit/family members readily available in case of emergency.

AUTHENTICITY

1. Authenticity will be enforced. We are here to educate the paying public and ourselves. Many reenactors and spectators come from long distances for this event and deserve to participate in an authentic environment. Non-authentics will be asked to change into proper 19th century clothing. If they do not, they will be asked to leave the event. No participant should be seen in the camps during public hours in sweat pants, jeans, etc. Event co-coordinators will appoint a person who will be the final say in matters concerning authenticity. They will be permitted to conduct walk through inspections. **Persons with out of the norm impressions should bring documentation of such.**
2. Federal uniforms should be light or dark blue wool pants. Dark blue wool sack, shell or frock coat. Proper headgear for your unit, no straw hats.
3. Confederate uniforms should be of gray or butternut wool, Jeans cloth or period cotton.

4. Shirts should be wool, cotton, or muslin. White or gray military issue, or civilian made calico or solid print. No plastic buttons. No t-shirts, modern flannel or other modern shirts please. Socks should be solid color wool or cotton. No athletic socks please.
5. Footwear should be brogans, in a pinch, black desert or combat boots will be accepted, no non-period laces or metal eyelets visible.
6. Accouterments should be the usual leather gear. Cartridge box, waist belt, cap box, haversack, and canteen. Proper box and belt plates should be used. Suspenders should be proper period issue.
7. Eyewear should be as close to period as possible. No modern eyeglasses unless absolutely necessary. No sunglasses unless documented.
8. Camp equipment should be proper to the time period. No air mattress, sleeping bags, tarps or coolers should be visible.
9. If you smoke, please use a pipe or cigar. Cigarettes were uncommon and not used by troops. No smoking in the ranks (unless given orders to smoke) or around the artillery..
10. Civilians should be properly dressed at ALL TIMES. For safety, please no hoop skirts around the fire. No nail polish, wristwatches, or 20th century makeup. Ladies hair must be confined in a snood, cap, hat, or bonnet. Adult women should have their arms, shoulders, chest and legs covered during the day. Proper footwear is expected.

DRESS PARADE AND DRILL

Both Armies will be involved in dress parade Saturday on the main street through the town. All units will participate in Dress Parade; failure to participate may exclude your unit from the battle scenarios. Drill will be held at the company level and at the battalion level as per your prospective commanders, and according to the posted schedule. Failure to participate in drill may exclude your unit's participation in the battles. Units are required to drill for safety. Please discuss any questions/concerns with your Field Commander.

HORSES, DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

Horses must have proper paperwork - Coggins and Rabies.

Dogs must have proof of rabies or they will not be let into the event. All animals must have adequate food and water during the weekend. All dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times. Owners must provide their own feed.

Thank you once again for your cooperation and continued support.

Civil War Event Coordinators:

- Event Chairpersons
- Co. Chairpersons/ Reenactor Coordinators
- Sutler Coordinator
- Registration Coordinator