



# MISSISSINEWA 1812

P.O. BOX 1812 • MARION, INDIANA 46952 • INFO@MISSISSINEWA1812.COM

Dear Merchant, Blanket Trader, Traditional Craftsman:

The Mississinewa Battlefield Society would like to extend an invitation to you to apply to participate at this year's Mississinewa 1812 on October 1-3rd, 2021 at the Mississinewa Battlefield seven miles north of Marion, Indiana on State Road 15. **Registration deadline is June 1st. After June 1, please add a \$20.00 late registration fee.**

We are very excited for this year's Grand Reopening of Mississinewa 1812 and the many upgrades to our site and event that will be unveiled this year! These changes and improvements include an estimated 350+ tree saplings planted throughout the event site (please help us care for them) to restore the woodland shade, an expanded battlefield and viewing mound that will make the battle reenactments much more interesting and enjoyable for the reenactor and visiting viewer, a brand new road on the north side of the event running parallel to the North Vendor road which will add space for new vendors and demonstrations, a new British Military Camp allowing much more space for participants and visitors, as well as a much improved British parade ground, and much, much more!

Our Directors and Society Volunteers have stayed working hard over the past year, even though we were not able to hold an event in 2020, so when you see and meet them, please give them a big "Huzzah!" and "Thank you".

Reminder: We have moved to an all online platform for registration. Please follow our website, social media, and email communication moving forward. That being said, it is critical that you provide me with your most updated and used email address.

**Indiana Retail Sales Tax Number.** You are responsible for contacting the Indiana Department of Revenue ([www.in.gov/dor](http://www.in.gov/dor)) to determine if you are required to register as a retail merchant in Indiana. Telephone number is (317) 233-4015. **Most, if not all, civic organizations will be exempt.** If you are exempt, please note that on your application.

If you desire hotel accommodations, please contact them immediately. Please identify yourself as an 1812 participant as some have special rates and reserve your room early!

**Please complete and return the DNR vendor permit application. Please note that the DNR fee is included in the Mississinewa 1812 vendor fee. Do not make a separate check to the DNR.**

Sincerely,

Anthony Decker  
PRESIDENT

president@mississinewa1812.com

# VENDOR APPLICATION FORM

## 2021 Mississinewa 1812

October 1-3, 2021

### MERCHANT, BLANKET TRADER, & TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMAN

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Merchants, Blanket Traders and Traditional Craftsmen **June 1, 2021**. Applications must be received by the deadline in order to be considered for participation. Only registered Food Booths will be allowed to prepare, serve, and sell food at Mississinewa 1812. Although, **If you are a registered merchant selling packaged food items such as dried fruit, historically approved candy, coffee and tea, and etc. and/or are serving the public and using hand to hand contact you must register a separate licence with the Grant County Board of Health.**

Send this application form, photos, descriptions and fees (make checks payable to the Mississinewa Battlefield Society) to:  
Mississinewa 1812, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952.

**FOR ALL FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS: You must send colored photos of your clothing, merchandise, and shelter. Failure to provide this information will result in the denial of your application for participation in Mississinewa 1812.**

Please Indicate by circling, Are you **NEW** or **RETURNING** ?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home/Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Indiana Retail Sales Tax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to participate as:*

\_\_\_\_\_ **MERCHANT.** Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( add \$20.00 late fee after June 1, 2021)

[ ] I wish to rent a 20 ft. frontage at \$140.00\*

[ ] I wish to rent a 25 ft. frontage at \$145.00\*

[ ] I wish to rent a 30 ft. frontage at \$150.00\*

[ ] I wish to rent a 35 ft. frontage at \$155.00\*

[ ] I wish to rent a 40-55 ft. frontage at \$165.00\*

\* **Frontage is measured tent stake to stake.**

**We do not guarantee maximum depth 25 feet.**

List all merchandise to be sold: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMAN.** Enclosed is check for \$75.00 (add \$20.00 late fee after June 1, 2021)

Must demonstrate early 19th century craft at least **75 percent of the time**. May sell only like items that are demonstrated. If you sell items other than those demonstrated, you must be registered as a Merchant, as listed above. **Please note, if checking this box you will be jurried throughout the event and will be given a Craftsman tag that must be on display and visible at all times.**

Traditional Craft demonstrated: \_\_\_\_\_ I require \_\_\_\_\_ ft. frontage X 25 ft. depth.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BLANKET TRADER.** Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( add \$20.00 late fee after June 1, 2021)

I am enclosing \$60.00 for each 72"x90" (4-point blanket) sales area. All merchandise must be sold on blanket(s). **Please note, if checking this box you will be jurried throughout the event and will be given a Blanket Trader tag that must be on display and visible at all times.**

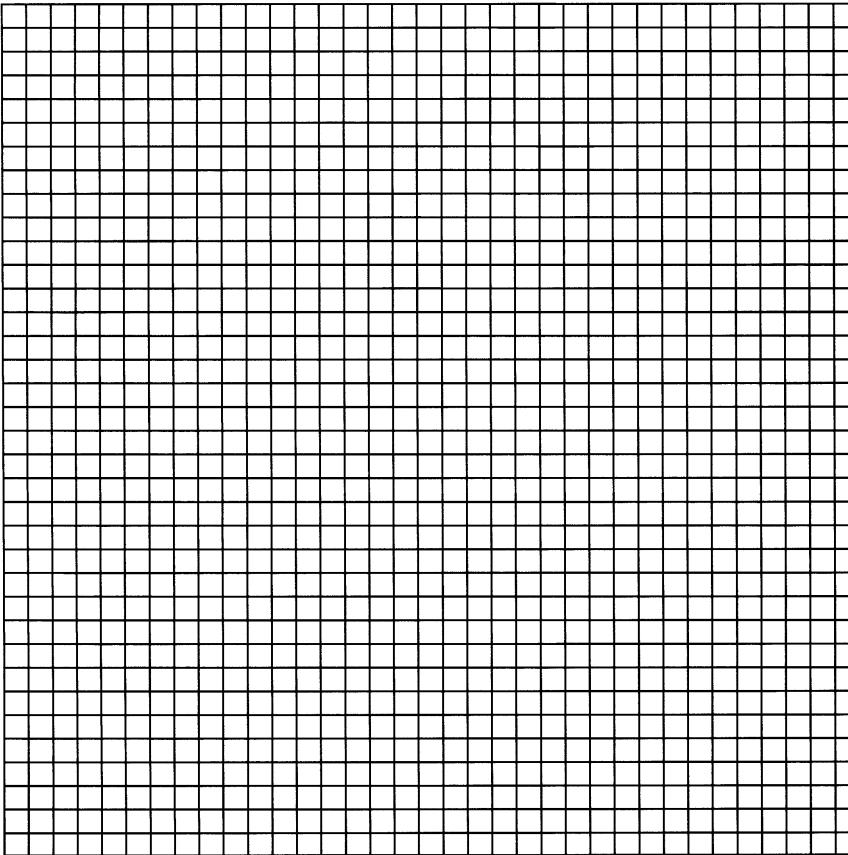
List all merchandise to be sold: \_\_\_\_\_

Please see Next Page. \_\_\_\_\_

A sketch of my site is as follows: **All distances in feet with guy ropes included.**

**Side**

**Scale: 1 sq=1 ft.**



**Front of your booth (Roadway)**

### **AGREEMENT**

I, the undersigned, have read the rules and regulations to "Mississinewa 1812" and agree to abide by the polices stated therein.

I agree that I and all members in my group or organization will wear the proper 1812 period clothing at all times during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and conduct ourselves according to the customs of the period at all times so as to cause no offense to any other person. I acknowledge that Mississinewa 1812 is a living history event and should I fail to observe these rules I and the members of my group may be asked to remove ourselves from the event site.

In consideration for the permission granted to me and my organization to participate in Mississinewa 1812, I and each member of my group or organization hereby forever release and discharge the Mississinewa Battlefield Society, Inc., its members and staff, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Released Persons) from any and all liability for injury or damage to my person or property or that of any member of my unit arising out of or in any way connected with said event and battle re-enactments.

If, despite this agreement, I do sue a Released Persons, I agree to pay all costs and expenses (including actual attorney fees) incurred by the Released Person in defending the suit.

I agree that neither the Mississinewa Battlefield Society nor the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is liable for loss, damage, or injury to myself or my property during the course of Mississinewa 1812.

### **Registration deadline June 1, 2021**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**NO APPLICATION WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE and correct fee.**

Return this form to Mississinewa 1812 Registration, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952. Make all checks payable to Mississinewa Battlefield Society. If you have any questions, email Anthony Decker at [president@mississinewa1812.com](mailto:president@mississinewa1812.com)

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**By completing the application, I am agreeing to the following:** Only 1812 era trade goods indigenous to the Great Lakes area may be sold. Participants cannot sell modern bath bombs, compound or recurve bows, bird whistles of non natural materials, pow-wow items, bottled water, carbonated drinks, plastic honey sticks, rattlesnake eggs, zingers, magnetic torpedoes, cicadas (and like novelty items), dream catchers, hairpipe, turquoise jewelry, Mexican blankets, southwest pottery, bamboo flutes, African baskets, totems, prayer drums, Claymore swords, broad swords, walking sticks with modern heads, artifacts, plastic items, souvenirs, key chains, crystals, holiday items, neon-colored feathers or furs, artificial fur items, mass produced and foreign made items (unless historically appropriate), photographs, modern stationery, cards, items using the trademark "Mississinewa 1812," raffle tickets, or books (except for a limited, small selection related to your specialty) are forbidden. CDs and DVD's of period music may be sold, but not displayed (a period appropriate sign may be used to advertise them for sale), children's toys offered for sale must be of wood and of the 1812 era, containing neither sharp edges nor plastic, cork or pop guns. Except for the individual vendor's own sale catalog or newspaper, no catalogs, modern magazines or newspapers may be displayed (a period appropriate sign may be used to advertise them). The sale of sleeveless bodices and polyester clothing are prohibited. The Society reserves the right to sell trademark items of a non-period nature.

**CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR VENDOR PERMIT & RULES**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
402 West Washington Street, Room 298W  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

DIVISION OF PARKS & RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT

VENDER'S PERMIT FOR OPERATION  
AT MISSISSINEWA LAKE

The Department of Natural Resources, herein called the Department, in consideration of the covenants and representations made herein by the Permittee, hereby grants to:

**Permittee** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please PRINT)

hereinafter called the Permittee, permit(s) to operate and perform services as indicated below:

to sell traditional goods or food at Mississinewa 1812 living history event for October 1-3, 2021.

The Permittee, as a fee for the permit(s) herein granted, shall have paid to the Department a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). The permit shall not be assignable.

The Permittee shall give the business his personal supervision and operate his business under this permit in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations of the State applicable to the Department, and will establish, maintain and operate in such a manner as required to provide accommodation and comfort to the public, and to provide services according to the best standards prevailing for a similar business.

The Permittee shall carry Public Liability insurance as required by the Department to cover his liability for injury to persons and/or damage to property in the operation of his business, including the operation of automotive equipment.

Upon failure of the Permittee to comply with any provision, stipulation or condition herein contained, this permit may be canceled and terminated at the option of the Department.

This instrument contains the entire agreement and all representations of the parties hereto, and no modifications or additions made subsequent to the date of this permit shall be valid and binding on the Department unless made in writing and signed by an officer thereof duly authorized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this permit has been executed in triplicate this \_\_\_\_\_(month) \_\_\_\_\_(day), 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Inns and Concessions

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division Director

I hereby accept the within permit and expressly agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions therein contained.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_(month) \_\_\_\_\_(day), 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor/Permittee (sign)

SP 47  
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GM:dsl

Prepared in Triplicate: (1) Original to Vendor, (2) Copy to Property Manager, (3) Copy to Division Manager.

# Mississinewa 1812 Rules and Regulations

## (Sutlers, Artisans, Food Purveyors, Blanket Traders)

**1. REGISTRATION.** All participants must pre-register. Sutlers, traditional artisans, food purveyors and blanket traders must register by June 1. All other participants by August 1. The Mississinewa Battlefield Society reserves the right to exclude those who fail to properly pre-register by their respective deadlines.

Applicants must include photographs of trade goods, their period shelter and their 1812 era clothing. All applicants will be judged on space available, appropriateness, and clothing. No horses may participate without having current Coggins papers *and* the prior written approval of the Society

Refunds will be made if the Society is notified before September 1. Acceptance or rejection of applications will be sent as soon as possible and no later than September 1.

All participants must check-in at the registration tent upon arrival at Mississinewa 1812. Registration is Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. immediately before Mississinewa 1812 weekend.

**2. AUTHENTICITY.** Mississinewa 1812 has a tradition of being a quality educational and cultural experience for the participants and the visitors. During the public hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, every attempt shall be made to maintain a high level of authenticity in your interpretation, dress, camp or trade booth during the weekend.

**No non-participant visitors are permitted in the camps after the public hours Friday and Saturday nights.**

Modern equipment must not be visible from any direction. That includes anything not of the 1812 era such as: plastic ground cloths, ice chests, flashlights, Coleman lanterns, plastic containers, foil, enamel ware, sleeping bags, etc.

Appropriate clothing includes anything that is appropriate to Indiana in 1812 and must be worn at all times during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Period dress is strongly encouraged after public hours. Non-appropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to wrist watches, sun glasses, modern eye glasses, modern jewelry, tennis shoes, nylon items, etc. Please use common sense. Cell phones and cameras may be used with discretion.

Only 18th and early 19th century trade goods of the Northwest Territory may be sold. Only 18th and early 19th century shelters may be used by participants. No tipis, lean-pees, one-pole (square or circular), hunter's, coureur du bois, or baker tents will be allowed. Only canoe and diamond shelters will be allowed in the voyageur camp.

The Society reserves the right to prohibit any item, dress, or conduct inappropriate to 1812 time period.

**3. BOOTHS.** All booths must reflect the 1812 era and be approved in advance by the Society if it is not an 18th or early 19th century shelter. All booths must be set-up by 7 p.m. Thursday of the weekend of Mississinewa 1812.

Booth decoration must be in a manner consistent with the 1812 era. Do not decorate your booth with any flowers. No metal display cases may be used. Tables must be skirted to the ground. All non-period items must be covered with canvas, blankets, burlap, period appropriate cloth or plain white sheets to conceal them from public view. No staples. Booth signs must be of the 1812 era. Modern organizational names may not be used. Booths cannot be dismantled until 4 p.m. Sunday

**4. ARTISANS.** Individuals registering as traditional artisans must demonstrate their craft using tools and equipment of the 1812 era and must demonstrate seventy-five percent (75%) of the time. They may sell only like items demonstrated.

**NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISANS.** Native American artisans may sell articles made by them and created in the Indian village if they are registered as traditional artisans by July 1, have paid appropriate fees and are registered with the Indiana Department of Revenue. Native American artisans must contact Mississinewa 1812, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952, for vendor registration form before July 1. Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Public Law 101-644, Section 104a, makes it unlawful to offer or display for sale or sell goods, with or without a Government trademark, in any manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. If a Native American Indian makes the items you sell, make sure you have the paperwork to prove it. If a Non-Native American makes your items, some statement to that effect must be displayed and attached to each item. sold. **No selling of Native American artifacts is permitted under Indian Law. Sale of reproductions is permitted.** Under Public Law 101-601, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Native American burial site, cultural or sacred artifacts may not be bought or sold on the site.

**5. MERCHANDISE.** Individuals registering as Merchants, Artisans, Blanket Traders, or Food Purveyors must sell food or wares appropriate to the 1812 era and pay the appropriate fee as set forth in the application form. All vendors will be inspected to insure inappropriate trade goods are not sold or displayed.

Vendors cannot sell the following articles, including, but not limited to sleeveless bodices, bath bombs, compound or recurve bows, bird whistles of non natural materials modern pow-wow items, bottled water, carbonated drinks, plastic honey sticks, hematite and magnetic novelty items, dream catchers, hairpipe, turquoise jewelry, Mexican blankets, southwest pottery, bamboo flutes, African baskets, totems, prayer drums, Claymore swords, broad swords, walking sticks with modern heads, artifacts, plastic items, souvenirs, key chains, crystals, holiday items, neon-colored feathers or furs, artificial fur items, mass produced and foreign made items (unless historically appropriate), photographs, modern stationery, cards, items using the trademark "Mississinewa 1812," raffle tickets, or books (except for a limited, small selection related to your specialty) are forbidden. CDs and DVD's of period music may be sold, but not displayed (a period appropriate sign may be used to advertise them for sale), children's toys offered for sale must be of wood and of the 1812 era, containing neither sharp edges nor plastic, cork or pop guns. Except for the individual vendor's own sale catalog or newspaper, no catalogs, modern magazines or newspapers may be displayed (a period appropriate sign may be used to advertise them). The Society reserves the right to sell trademark items of a non-period nature.

**6. FOOD PREPARATION.** All food cooked in public view must be over an open fire. For public safety, all open fires must be approved by the Mississinewa Battlefield Society. All perishable food items must be kept cool with dry ice (or ice if proper temperature is maintained). All food purveyors must comply with all state and local health regulations. All **Gray Water** must be put in the "Gray Water" containers at Port-a-John sites. **Do not dump cooking oil or sewage in Gray Water containers. No electrical generators are permitted.**

**7. ELECTRICAL GENERATORS.** No electrical generators may be operated except in **Parking Lot 1** (upper off-site parking lot) and not after 11 p.m in any event. **No electrical generators are permitted in vendor areas.**

**8. FIREWOOD.** Limited amounts of firewood will be furnished by the Society to all participants except food purveyors. Food Purveyors are required to furnish their own firewood. Participants from counties or states under an Emerald Ash Borer quarantine cannot bring any fire wood with them except **pine or scrap, kiln-dried lumber, or packaged firewood that has a federal certification label or a state-compliance agreement label.**

**9. CAMP FIRES.** Keep fire pits shallow (eight inches) and carefully remove sod to side of the fire pit and save for backfilling. All fires must be extinguished and pits must be backfilled. No rocks are allowed around fire pits.

**10. ALCOHOL/DRUGS.** No alcoholic beverages may be consumed during public hours. Intoxication, disorderly conduct or use of drugs (controlled substances) without a valid prescription will not be tolerated at Mississinewa 1812. **No loud noises after 11:00 p.m.**

**11. WATER.** Will be furnished on the site from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**12. STRAW.** All straw on the site is for the Society's use for period camp sites. All vendors must furnish their own straw.

**13. GRAY WATER.** RV and Motor Home campers are prohibited under Indiana Law from dumping **Gray Water** on the site. Gray Water may be dumped at the Marion City Utilities site, 1540 North Washington St., Marion, IN 46952. Phone 664-2391.

**14. VEHICLES.** Except for service vehicles, no vehicles will be allowed on the grounds between 7:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. Saturday to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Vehicles servicing food booths may be on the grounds only from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. Anyone violating this rule shall have their vehicle towed immediately.

**15. SECURITY.** Do not leave valuables unattended as the Society does not assume any liability for loss or damage to you or your property. Security on the grounds is for civil disturbances only.

**16. CLEAN-UP.** Condition of sites must be left the same as or better than they were found. Participants failing to do so will be banished from future events.

**17. PETS.** Participants may have leashed pets in their camp only. The public may not bring pets on the grounds except for assist animals.

**18. RAFFLES and TIPS.** Raffles may not be held or advertised. Tips may not be solicited directly or indirectly.

**19. FIRST AID.** First aid/emergency services will be available at the entrance gate or at Rivertown First Aid tent.

**20. CHILDREN.** Must be under the care, supervision, and control of their parent, guardian or sponsor at all times.

**21. HOURS.** Public hours are Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**As to all matters, the decision of the Mississinewa Battlefield Society, Inc. is final.**