

2021 Mississinewa 1812 Rules and Regulations

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

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, or camp during the weekend. Remaining in period attire is encouraged for the ambiance and enjoyment of all participants.

THIS IS A JURIED EVENT AND AUTHENTICITY WILL BE MONITORED BY OFFICIALS.

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

Camp sites must reflect the 1812 time period. Wilderness, voyager, and Native American camps should be sparse and avoid the arts and crafts look and that includes flower arrangements. Modern equipment must not be visible from any direction. That includes anything not of the 1812 era such as: 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. Cameras and cell phones may be used with discretion.

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.

Only 1812 era trade goods indigenous to the Great Lakes area may be sold. Participants 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.

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

3. WEAPONS. All weapons must be flintlock and of the 1812 era. Weapons must have frizzen stalls and an operating half-cock. Flash guards are recommended, unless otherwise required by unit leaders, or coordinators of special events. There will be no discharging of weapons in the various camp areas. Firing of weapons will be done only in designated areas set by the Society except during pre-approved program demonstrations or events. Loading from powder horns is strictly forbidden. There will be no ramming of charges except for cannon. Ramrods are not permitted on the field of battle. Only black powder may be used. There shall be no gluing, waxing or stapling of cartridges. Live firing with shot is strictly forbidden. No leveling of muskets within 40 feet of an opposing line. **No closing with weapons or hand to hand engagements unless by pre-arrangement and approval of the President of the Mississinewa Battlefield Society.** All edged weapons must have a scabbard or sheath.

4. 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, 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. Please be aware the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Public Law 101-644, Section 104a, reads in part that it is 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. FIREWOOD. Limited amounts of firewood will be furnished by the Society to all participants. **DO NOT HOARD FIREWOOD IN YOUR CAMP.** 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.**

6. 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.

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-6 a.m. in any event.

8. GRAY WATER. All **Gray Water** from camps must be put in the "Gray Water" containers located at the Port-a-John sites. **No cooking oil or sewage may be dumped in containers. 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.

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

10. STRAW. All straw on the site is for the Society's use for period camp sites. **Limited straw is available by request,** and is to be used for bedding or wet ground ONLY. **DO NOT TAKE IT FROM THE DANCE TENT.** It is not to be used as tables or benches. Merchants, Artisans, and Food Purveyors must furnish their own straw.

11. VEHICLES. Except for service vehicles, no vehicles will be allowed on the grounds between 8:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 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 8:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. Anyone violating this rule shall have their vehicle towed immediately.

12. 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.

13. CLEAN-UP. Condition of sites must be left the same as or better than they were found.

14. PETS. Participants may have leashed pets in their camp only, upon request and approved by the President. The public may not bring pets on the grounds except for certified assist animals.

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

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

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

18. HOURS. Public hours are 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.

19. 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.

20. DRONES. The flying of drones and/or other unmanned aircraft is not permitted.

21. QUIET HOURS. 11pm-6am.

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