

FORT HENRY DAYS 2021
REENACTOR & ENCAMPMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

A. APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT

1. Participation will be limited to authentically dressed individuals depicting the period 1775 - 1782. All clothing must be appropriate to the designated time period. Bodices and mop caps are not allowed for women. The above applies to children. The event staff will ask those not properly attired to change their clothes or remove any inappropriate items. Participants are required to be in period dress at all times while the encampment is open to the public. Anachronisms such as cameras, cell phones, watches, cigarettes, plastic bottles and cans are not to be used or stored in public view. All coolers must be kept inside tents and covered at all times. No modern jewelry, makeup, speckleware, buckskin trouser or fringe longer than 1". Your camp should be correct to the period, with non-period items concealed at all times. If in doubt, please ask.
2. Participants must be registered to participate, including non-combatants, for insurance requirements. All participants are required to sign in at the Registration Table on arrival. NO Registrations after 10:00 A.M. each day.
3. Military courtesy and discipline will be in effect at all times during the event. Violators will be ejected.
4. Period tentage is allowed in designated camp areas only.
5. No pets are allowed within the encampment area and may not be brought to the event.
6. Fires may be made only at places designated on the camp layouts in approved pits. For safety, a bucket of water must be placed nearby the fire at all times.
7. For safety, all fires must be at least 5 feet from tents, lodge walls, and flies. All internal fires located in the native lodges must be inspected and approved. All fires must be tended by an adult at all times. Children are not permitted to tend fires without adult supervision, and are not under any circumstances, permitted to play with fire. Also, no garbage may be burned in a fire pit. Lanterns and candles shall be kept at a safe distance from tents and flammable articles.
8. Keep modern trash bags out of sight and dispose of all trash in the proper containers located throughout the site. Firewood, water, and straw are provided. Please return any unused firewood to pile. Restrooms are available at all times, and showers are located on the grounds.

B. BLACK POWDER WEAPONS AND SAFETY

1. All black powder rounds must be in the form of prepared cartridges.
2. Cartridge construction will be of sturdy paper only, rolled into tubes with twisted, pinched or folded ends. Use of staples for sealing cartridges is prohibited. Maximum charges are as follows: Muskets 125 grains, Rifles 90 grains. No smokeless powder may be used.
3. Construction of cartridges in camp areas is prohibited.
4. All cartridges must be carried in cartridge box, leather bag or heavy canvas bag (8oz. or heavier), equipped with cover flap. No other articles may be carried in cartridge box or cartridge bags.
5. All reenactors must submit to an on-site safety inspection of their weapon, cartridge box, and equipment before being allowed to participate. All equipment that will be used on the field must be presented at the inspection.
6. No weapons are to be discharged within 15 yards of the enemy (always elevate when firing). Watch for others hiding in cover.
7. All hand-held weapons (war clubs, hawks and scalping knives) must be constructed of foam rubber.
8. The public is not allowed to handle weapons at any time. Knives and hawks should be kept in sheaths at all times.
9. All weapons must have a barrel length of 29 inches or more and must meet the following standards to pass inspection:
 - a. secured flash guard and hammer stall attached to weapon and fits the frizzen firmly
 - b. lock holds properly at the half-cock position when moderate pressure is applied
 - c. flint is secured by leather or lead
 - d. breech of barrel must be clear
 - e. cartridges will be inspected for materials used
 - f. NO projectiles, bullets, musket balls, or loading blocks will be carried at any time at the scene of the event
10. Any weapon not passing inspection will not be fired on the field
11. Ramrods are not permitted to be pulled on the field at any time.
12. No wadding will be used in any weapon.
13. Powder horns may be carried but they must be empty.
14. No one under the age of 18 will permitted to fire a weapon on the field.
15. Reenactors may fire their weapons only at designated times, and only in organized and supervised demonstrations. Visitors are not permitted to fire any weapons.
16. The throwing of tomahawks, knives and axes is strictly prohibited. Except for approved demonstrations
17. No hand-to-hand combat under any circumstances is allowed unless pre-planned and pre-approved by the Safety Director.

18. For safety of all involved, absolutely no climbing of scaling ladders against the fort walls by attackers, and no entering of fort by attackers is allowed during the battle reenactment sequences unless pre-planned and pre-approved. Approved scenarios must be followed at all times.
19. Discharging a weapon too close to the public or another reenactor, or in any other manner that endangers their safety or health, will result in immediate ejection of that person from the event.

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I have signed and dated this document in acknowledgment of my desire to participate in all Fort Henry Days 2021 activities and events and of my agreement to comply with Section A “Appearance and Conduct” and Section B “Black Powder, Weapons and Safety.”

ADULT NO. 1 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ADULT NO. 2 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ADULT NO. 3 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ADULT NO. 4 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

C. WAIVER & RELEASE AGREEMENT

In consideration of the permission granted to me to enter the premises and to participate in the 2021 Fort Henry Days events and activities, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, administrators and assigns, release, acquit, discharge and agree to hold harmless, FORT HENRY LIVING HISTORY ,INC., OGLEBAY PARK, THE WHEELING PARK COMMISSION and their respective agents, officers, employees and representatives of and from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, whether in contract or in tort, for injury, including death, and damages which I may incur as a result of negligence or other fault of Fort Henry Living History, Inc., Oglebay Park, The Wheeling Park Commission and their respective agents, officers, employees and representatives.

I understand that, by participating in this event, which is free and open to the public, I am willingly assuming some degree of risk due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

My second signature and dating are my acknowledgment that I have read Section C “Waiver & Release Agreement,” that I understand that I am giving up rights I might have in order to participate in Fort Henry Days 2021 and that I do so of my own free will.

I understand that I am signing this waiver of behalf of each of the minor children (<18) that I have listed on my registration form.

ADULT NO. 1 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ADULT NO. 2 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ADULT NO. 3 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ADULT NO. 4 SIGNATURE: _____ Dated: _____

ALL ADULT PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN