FORTS FOLLE AVOINE CAMPER SITE RULES

One of the most important purposes of the Forts Folle Avoine Encampment is the promotion of authenticity among the participants. These rules were given to us by traders, campers and people concerned about the appearance on not only Trader’s Row, but at the overall event. Let’s work together to ensure everyone’s safety and enjoyment!

The Forts Folle Avoine Encampment showcases the pre-1840’s way of life. Authenticity in the campsites, clothing and all things visible is essential. Respect for other campers, the public, our grounds and the safety of all is important. Please abide by the rules to make this event fun and safe for everyone.

***PERIOD CAMPING:*** Period camping is required on rendezvous grounds. No visible modern conveniences such as flashlights, glow sticks, Coleman lanterns, coolers, etc. Cameras are allowed.

***CLOTHING AND SMOKING:*** Period clothing is required at all times while on rendezvous grounds. Please use only period smoking methods while in public view. No modern cigarettes, e-cigarettes, modern cigars, etc.

***TRADER’S ROW CAMPING:* ONLY people selling items to the public or doing demonstrations are to be camped on Trader’s Row.** You may sell in your camps, but remember to portray the time period in how you sell and what you sell. Trader rules apply in blanket sales and in camp sales.

***MODERN CAMPING:*** Modern camping is located outside the rendezvous grounds. RV’s are welcome but cannot be guaranteed an electrical hook-up as they are very limited. There is an additional fee for electric hook ups.

***GENERATORS:*** Generator use is allowed outside rendezvous grounds and preferably in the back parking lot/shop area. We do understand some need sleep apnea/oxygen machines, but be considerate of your neighbors.

***TENT SPACING:*** There must be at least 3 feet between each camp’s fly, tent ropes and stakes unless a family or group wishes to set up in close proximity to one another. Please be sure to leave an 8 foot space every 5th camp as a fire break.

***WATER SITES:*** Potable water is available at designated locations throughout the property. Please do not use these sites as dish washing facilities as it causes mold and accumulated food stench which draws in critters. No garbage disposal of any kind is to be done at or near the water sites.

***FIRES MUST BE CONTAINED*** in a fire pit. Pits must be refilled neatly before you leave the grounds at the end of the event. Each fire pit must have a bucket of water, sand or hidden fire extinguisher nearby. In hazardous fire conditions, fires may be banned.

***PORT-A-POTTIES (HOOTERS):*** DO NOT PUT GARBAGE OR ANYTHING ELSE IN THE FACILITIES THAT YOU WOULD NOT FLUSH DOWN YOUR TOILET AT HOME! We are doing our best to have our port-a-potties cleaned each day, but if there is an exceptional problem, contact Fort’s staff in the Gift Shop or a Dog Soldier.

***TRASH:* Remove ALL trash** from your site frequently and definitely before you leave the grounds at the end of the event. A large dumpster is provided for you in the main parking lot area. Leave your site at least as good as you found it, and better is best. Keep your campsite clean and presentable at all times.

***VISITOR CENTER:*** The visitor center is open from 10am to 4pm, Wednesday through Saturday. Sunday during special events (like the pancake breakfast), the visitor center may have different hours that will be posted. Please do not enter the visitor center outside these hours.

***MUSEUM BUILDINGS:*** All buildings are for museum purposes only and are not to be used as hang outs. Please remind children of this.

***FUR POST BUILDINGS:*** Please do not enter these building except at tour times when an Interpreter is present.

***INDIAN VILLAGE:*** Feel free to look around but **DO NOT TOUCH THE ARTIFACTS**. Items may be fragile. Please remind children of this.

***WEAPONS:*** Hawk and knife blocks are available to be used by all, except during competitions. We ask and recommend that all children be accompanied by an adult. For events that offer black powder shooting, follow all rules set forth by the range master.

***SET-UP: Set up can be done from 8am-10am and after 4pm when the park closes for the day.*** We ask that all rendezvous campers **register at the Visitor Center between the hours of 10AM and 4:00 PM**. If arriving after hours, please pre-register in advance or register asap in the morning.

**PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE ROADS DURING SET-UP OR TEAR-DOWN.** Others need to come and go also. We want to avoid a traffic jam or hard feelings among one another. Try to unload as quickly as possible, remove your vehicle and then return to camp to set-up. And during tear-down, have your camp packed and ready to load prior to bringing in your vehicle.

***TEAR-DOWN:*** Tear down begins 1pm on Sunday. We ask that if at all possible, NO VEHICLES enter Trader’s Row until at least after 3 PM, preferably 4 PM. And we also ask that those camped in Middle Earth and Primitive use the back road access from Sayer’s Field. We are open to the public until 4 PM daily, so there is always the possibility of people strolling about. And this is also true of after hours as campers, especially children roam the grounds at all hours of the day and evening.

**THERE WILL BE NO VEHICLE ACCESS ALLOWED ON RENDEZVOUS GROUNDS WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY EXCEPT TO SET-UP. *NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN CAMP SATURDAY 9AM TO SUNDAY 3PM.*** If you need access to your vehicle in one the parking lots, or have walking issues, contact the Forts' staff, bourgeois, or a dog soldier to assist you by providing a ride on a golf cart to and from your vehicle.

 ***PETS:*** Proof of up-to-date vaccinations/vet exam are required. Dogs must not be left unattended at any time and must be leashed or tied securely at all times. **REMOVE THE POO!!!!** No animals, except certified service animals, are allowed in any building.

**AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR OF ANY KIND WILL RESULT IN YOU BEING ASKED TO REMOVE YOUR PET FROM THE PROPERTY.**

ABSOLUTELY NO METAL DETECTING ALLOWED ON PROPERTY AT ANY TIME**!**

 For any questions, contact Fort’s Executive Director, BCHS Board President, Bourgeois or Dog Soldiers.

If you have a difficulty, please ask yourself 2 questions before jumping to conclusions, gossiping or worse yet, becoming combatant or disgruntled:

1) Is this a problem I can solve on my own?

2) Is this really big enough of an issue that I need to make it an issue?

Our goal is; first of all, the **safety of everyone**, even YOU!

Second, **education** of the public and the younger, future generations of rendezvous families.

And thirdly, **to really enjoy our time together as rendezvous family.**