**The Great Folle Avoine Fur Trade Rendezvous**

**General Rules for Traders**

**All items offered for sale must be pre-1850 era.**

All traders must act in a courteous and professional manner. Those who do not, or who show blatant disregard for the rules of the festival, may be asked to leave the event immediately and not be allowed back.

Please keep in mind that this is a fur trade event and maintain your trade area appearance as such. This includes the look of your trade tent, the way items are displayed and the items displayed.

**All tents, signage, displays racks, shelving etc. must be pre-1850 style and materials**

Credit card signs must be of pre-1850 style and materials.

**Packaging, price marking and advertising**

**No sticky tags, modern string tags, rubber bands or plastic bags** should be used in the display of merchandise. Packaging, price marking and advertising should be made of pre-1850 materials, such as; leather, wood, canvas, period fabric or paper**. No plastic, Styrofoam, cellophane, etc.** can be displayed. Stock that is stored in modern packaging must be kept out of sight or covered at all times. If you have items you feel need to be protected by modern packaging leave one out of the package for display and cover the rest with something acceptable.

**Metal jar lids or bottle caps should be covered in fabric.**

**All trade goods** should be of pre-1850 design and materials. Certain concessions for safety are acceptable only when a reasonable pre-1850 item cannot be substituted.

**This is a family friendly event.** Items that do not meet that standard should not be displayed.

Any Federal, State, Tribal, and local law must take priority even if the item is period correct. Items like eagle feathers and other sensitive artifacts will be treated with respect and total compliance with the law.

**Food:** We realize that health laws prohibit the sale of some food items that are not packaged. If you feel you must use plastic packaging, contact us and we will address this on an individual basis.

**Customers must be 18 years or older** to purchase or trade for knives, tomahawks, blades, firearms, clay pipes, tobacco or other smoking-related items.

**No tailgate sales, basket sales, etc. Blanket Trading is acceptable if the trader pays the camp fee even if not camping or only staying one day.**

**Please remember that this is a FUR TRADE Rendezvous. Items being sold should reflect that era and region.**

**“UNACCEPTABLE” items include (but are not limited to):**

**Artificial Sinew** Is accepted as a thread, not a decoration

**Arts and Crafts animals** must be from North American Continent

**Artwork and artistic depictions** of Native American and Early America subjects should be of the period, on canvas. No depictions with fluorescent, chrome, or iridescent paint.

**Australian Goods** – Musical instruments, cloths

**Badges** – Texas Ranger, Regulator Badges etc.

**Baja pullovers**

**Ballpoint Pens** – unless disguised in a quill

**Bead Work** – Taiwan, modern plastic, Fima, African design

**Belts or Belt Buckles** – Any modern design

**Bird Houses** – decorated or painted gourds

**Boot knives** or Pakistan knives of the fantasy nature

**Candles** – Anything modern, unnaturally scented and/or colored

**CD’s, and DVDs** should be covered at all times with a sign saying the items are available. The sign must be pre-1850 style.

**Ceramics** – Modern vases, cups, pots, masks

**Chinese ring neck feathers** (these are late 1800’s)

**Civil War Era Goods**

**Claws and Teeth** – Any illegal animal or animal not in keeping with the spirit of the rendezvous

**Clothing** – no zippers, plastic buttons, unnatural materials, etc. No civil war (hoop skirts) or later date clothing. No halter tops or Dance hall dresses. Acrylic yarn for sashes, etc. is ok but must be of appropriate design and marked as unsafe around fire.

**Cowboy Era Goods** – Clothing, riveted jeans, hats, boots

**Crafts** – Non-period

**Crystal Ball** – Necklaces, earrings (claw, hand, wizard)

**Dolls** – Modern porcelain, rubber, Kachina, plastic parts, etc. except "period-correct"

**Dream Catchers** – steel ringed and modern wooden rings

**Face painting –** no “ren fair” designs (dragons, unicorns etc.) North American animals, plants, floral and geometrical are acceptable.

**Fantasy jewelry or fantasy pewter**…no dragons or wizards

**Fasteners** – snaps, Velcro, zippers

**Feathers** – Unnatural colors, illegal birds of prey, etc (feathers dyed natural colors are ok)

**Fima** – Beads and jewelry

**Flags** that are not period correct

**Flutes** – No bamboo or cane. Ceremonial Native American Pipes are acceptable

**Furs –** Fake, dyed bright colors, fake coonskin caps, fake fur bags

**Fuzzy animals or dyed rabbit feet**. Natural color is ok

**Glasses** – "John Lennon" sunglasses with plastic ear or nose pieces

**God's Eyes** – Or other glass objects of a modern decorative nature

**Guns** – Non-period revolvers. Inline ignition system firearms or composite materials or stainless barrels

**Hangers** – Modern wire (wood with metal hooks ok)

**Hat tacks, Pins** – No modern design

**Hats** – Non period; non period hatpins, tacks, fake fur hatbands

**Horns –** Exotic carved or raw, horns not native to North America

**Incense/Scented Oil** – no modern containers

**Jewelry** not correct for this period. No cheap trinket necklaces, modern plastic beads or fluorescent feathers.

**Key Chains** – For Rabbit foot, turkey foot, remove the chain.

**Knives** - folding fishing knives, plastic or multi-colored handles, snap sheathes, Pakistan-type with unnatural handles, boot knives, Malaysian-style kriss knives (wavy blades), Stainless Steel

**Lanterns** – Pakistan-type (brass with etched glass), kerosene

**Magazines, Books** – Period subjects or American History are okay

**Mandalas**

**Masks** – Any modern design

**Mexican Blankets** – fluorescent colors (old colors like Rio Grande are ok)

**Money Clips** – Any modern design

**Musical instruments** – modern design: bamboo flutes, hand drums with two twisting beads, magnets, rotating drums. (Harmonicas and Jews harps are acceptable)

**Novelty Items** – Road Kill items, rubber animals that jump out of a box, rattle snake eggs

**Oval Conchos** – Oval Conchos is a later period than the Fur Trade.

**Pencil Sharpeners** – No modern metal

**Pendants** – No modern metal

**Plastic:**  Modern beads, bags, hatbands, charms, canteens (unless leather covered with cork or wood stopper), buttons, harmonicas, hair pipe. **Good replicas of animal parts** to replace the ones on the endangered list are acceptable.

**Quilts** – Discretionary item (no synthetic fabrics or modern prints)

**Rain Sticks**

**Rubber**: Rubber-band guns, Native American items, insects or animals. Rubber bottle stoppers can be used if covered.

**Stained Glass** – jewelry and novelty items

**Stainless steel** items such as knife blades or cooking pans

**Stones** – Polished stone jewelry, modern cut stones, onyx, Hematite, Magnetite, Zingers. Polished stones are acceptable.

**T-shirts**

**Turquoise or Coral Jewelry** – modern cut or production. Strung turquoise, coral beads or nuggets are acceptable

**Utensils –** chrome with or without antler handles (ice cream scoops)

**Velcro Items**

**Weber Grills**

**Wind Chimes**

**Wooden snakes** – ordinary garden snake varieties are acceptable

**There will be some leniency shown for children’s items.**

(Such as a wooden weaving kit that comes with synthetic yarn.)

**If you are unsure about an item, please email a photo and description to fahp@centurytel.net.**

**The Trade Committee will address your questions regarding trade items and are the final say on any trade rules.**

**These rules are subject to change without notice.**