

History Center of Olmsted County

Living History Fair Regulations

The History Center of Olmsted County will provide:

Once an event has been scheduled, the History Center of Olmsted County will generally supply the following:

- Restrooms and/or portable toilets
- Firewood
- Camping area on the History Center of Olmsted County grounds
- Re-enactor's discounts in our gift shop

Logistics and Camping Regulations:

- During public hours (9am-5:00pm), no vehicles in camp, and nothing modern in camp. All participants must be dressed in period clothing and ready to receive visitors.
- No modern day anachronisms in camp or on uniforms/clothing, including pins, badges, nameplates, etc.
- Abuse of alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated.
- Groups must show respect for the History Center of Olmsted County by maintaining a low impact on the grounds: clean up camp area, remove trash, use caution when driving on the grounds and keep in mind preserving the archaeological & natural features of the area.
- No unattended camp fires
- Weapons and ammunition must be secured at all times

Black Powder Regulations:

To ensure the safety of participants and our visitors, a high degree of firearm discipline is expected of each and every participant. The following are the Historic Weapons Guidelines for military groups:

- Any violation of the regulations will result in the immediate cancellation of the program and removal of the individual or group from further demonstrations.
- Only reproduction weapons are allowed.
- No projectiles will be fired or allowed in cartridge boxes. Cartridges may not be stapled.
- A fully functioning lock mechanism is required on all weapons (half-cock must work).
- Cartridges must be made prior to the event; do not bring bulk powder and roll cartridges on site.
- Cartridge box tins are required.
- Maximum loads for Enfield and Springfields are 60-65 grains FFg.
- Pistols may be carried, but not fired during demonstrations.
- Participants under the age of 16 may not handle weapons (firearms or edged weapons).
- All weapons must be clean and in good condition prior to inspection.

- No weapon is to be left unattended.
- Visitors are not allowed to handle or touch a loaded weapon.
- Visitors may touch an unloaded weapon so long as the owner gives permission and is standing next to you.
- Do not hand your weapons to visitors (including edged weapons & pistols).

Misfire Procedure:

Hold weapon in place for 10 seconds, re-prime and try again. After three (3) tries, the weapon will be removed from the demonstration area and cleared.

Arrival, Logistics and Camping

When your living history group is scheduled for an event at the History Center of Olmsted County, your arrival must be timed so as to take into account all set up time that you will need. If the unit is staying for the weekend, members are welcome to set up Friday afternoon or evening, provided that such arrangements have been made with the education & programs coordinator.

Camping areas will be laid out well before the event by the History Center of Olmsted County and a representative of the participating unit. Restrooms are close by, as is the parking area. For larger events, portable toilets will be provided as necessary. All tents must be period style. We ask that you keep tentage and camp equipment to a respectable minimum. In general, all the items visible to the public should be such as can add to the historic impression (without risking health or safety of participants and visitors).

Food, gas and other supplies may be obtained in Rochester, MN, two (2) miles from the History Center of Olmsted County.

Horses

Units planning to bring horses to the History Center of Olmsted County must be in healthy condition, familiar with gunfire noise and well trained in the maneuvers they will perform at the event.

Campfires

Digging of a fire pit is acceptable. However, up to two fire pits per camp site is allowed.