

Mandatory Rules - Fort De Chartres Colonial Trade Faire and Rifle & Musket Frolic

This event is being put on for reenactors who demand the level of authenticity achievable. We understand these regulations may be hard to abide by. There will be no exceptions to the rules, so if you cannot comply, please do not apply.

1. Your appearance, camp, accoutrements, goods, etc. will be inspected for authenticity by the Chasseurs du Datchurat and/or their agents. If you have questionable items, please be prepared to provide documentation. The burden of proof shall be on the bearer of disputed items.
2. While on the Fort grounds, **YOU ARE IN THE 18TH CENTURY!** All items are required to reflect this philosophy. Participants must remain in period clothing at all times.
3. **ABSOLUTELY NO PLASTIC IS ALLOWED!** This means **NO PLASTIC GROUND TARPS, WATER JUGS, TABLES, PACKAGING...** Bottom line - if it's not right, don't bring it!
4. All items used or sold at the Faire will be authentic to the 1750 - 1790 time period. This includes clothing, furnishings, guns, knives, shoes, hats, baggage, cooking and eating utensils, trunks, etc. All items will be germane to the Illinois country of 1750 - 1790. No bamboo flutes or toy weapons are to be sold.
5. **MODERN EYEWEAR IS UNACCEPTABLE,** - 18th Century eyewear, facsimiles, or contact lenses are acceptable.
6. Men's Clothing must be typical 18th Century Colonial dress. The following are examples of **UNACCEPTABLE** garments: calico shirts, long fringed buckskins, "Mountain Man" and Plains Indian clothing, Cowboy hats, and Rocky Mountain style Capotes. Modern Scottish Highland Dress & 20th Century Native American Ceremonial Dress not allowed.
7. Women's Clothing must be typical 18th Century Colonial dress; simple petticoats, shifts, short gowns, bed jackets. White or off-white caps should be worn by ladies 15 years of age or older - documentation is available for women in the Illinois country wearing their hair down without caps, however this practice is considered unbecoming. Jewelry should be appropriate to the 18th Century. 18th Century Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Indian Dress is appropriate. The following are **UNACCEPTABLE:** Plains two and three hide dresses, makeup, calico prints, "prairie dresses", and "prairie sunbonnets".
8. Footwear allowed includes 18th Century style shoes, boots, and moccasins **ONLY!** The following are **UNACCEPTABLE:** Dyer and Poppen Moccasins, engineer boots, cowboy boots, slippers, Victorian era lace up boots, and Chinese slippers.
9. Shelters accepted include simple lean-tos, diamond shelters, marquee, wedge, or wall tents. The following are **UNACCEPTABLE:** Tipi's, Whelan Lean-tos, Baker tents, and One-pole tents.
10. Once setting up camp is complete, appropriate clothing must be worn until camp is taken down.
11. All coolers and other non-period items should remain in your vehicle. The parking area is a short distance from the grounds, so keep perishable foods in your car.
12. No food or drink is to be consumed unless it is in a proper 18th Century vessel.
13. **NO CIGARETTES, OR BROWN CIGAR-LIKE CIGARETTES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS AT ANY TIME.** Only 18th Century period style pipes and segars are permitted.
14. All musical instruments must be appropriate to the 18th century. Songs, whether bawdy or not, must be appropriate to the 18th century (no bluegrass, cowboy, or country and western music).
15. Minor children are the sole responsibility of their parents.
16. Sorry, but unfortunately **NO PETS** are allowed on the Fort grounds. This is a mandate that is being enforced by the state. The event hosts or the Fort management have no say so in this matter.
17. Cameras shall not be used while attired in period clothing.
18. Guns shall be loaded only on the shooting range. **FIRING OF BLANK ROUNDS IS PROHIBITED.**
19. Vehicles are not permitted on the grounds between 8:00 am Saturday and 3:00 pm Sunday. Participants should be prepared to pack in or pack out in the event of wet grounds.
20. Both the Musket and Rifle Frolics are blanket shoots, requiring each participant to provide a prize of a minimum \$20 value.
21. Violence in the Tavern will not be tolerated. Violators will be banned for life.
22. Straw and firewood **CAN NOT** be left in camp. All Participants shall police their camps and any remaining straw and unused wood must be dumped in one of several pre-designated areas. We will provide carts or tarps to carry.