

Clash for Empire:

Fort Ticonderoga and the French and Indian War

Mandatory Event and Participant Guidelines

Current: November 15, 2010

LOGISTICS

1. This is a juried event. Participants / units / merchants must be pre-approved by Fort Ticonderoga, pre-registered, and each unit / merchant must submit proof of insurance to Fort Ticonderoga prior to attending the event. Each person attending this event must be affiliated with a pre-registered unit. Units not approved and registered in advance will not be permitted to participate in this event.
2. Vehicles are not permitted in the encampment area after 8:00 am Saturday and before 4:00 pm Sunday.
3. All participants are required to park in reenactor-designated parking areas only. You will be directed where to park upon registration.
4. Water, wood, straw/hay, and portable toilets will be provided by Fort Ticonderoga
5. Fort Ticonderoga's living history events are intended to serve as educational programs for the visiting public and we expect a high-level of accuracy from the event's participants. Units and persons approved to participate in this event must adhere to these guidelines at all times.

CLOTHING

1. Participants must remain in period clothing for the entire duration of the event and are expected to be properly attired by 8:00 am Saturday morning through 4:00 pm Sunday.
2. *Men's clothing:* Must be worn according to proper 18th-century custom and fashion for the individual's portrayal and shall be typical 18th Century colonial. The following items are not allowed: calico or bright colored shirts, long fringed buckskins, and "Mountain man" clothing.
3. *Women's clothing:* Must be worn according to proper 18th-century custom and fashion for the individual's portrayal. Appropriate 18th Century colonial apparel includes a chemise (shift), petticoats, bed gown, stays, neckerchief and appropriate head covering. Jewelry should be appropriate to the 18th Century only. Remember, a fashionable woman kept her elbows and head covered. The following items are not allowed: makeup, nail polish, calico print, off-the shoulder shifts, and "French bodices" (this is not an 18th century item!). Please cover all modern haircuts with a cap or kerchief.
4. *Children's clothing:* Children shall be properly attired for their age, including footwear, at all times. (Understanding that children's feet grow at a fast pace each year we suggest that they wear moccasins or inexpensive black tie shoes.)
5. *Footwear:* 18th Century style footwear is required. Proper foot wear includes 18th Century shoes, clogs, woodland moccasins, or bare feet. Modern footwear, modern moccasins, slippers, Mary Jane's, or Chinese slippers are not acceptable.
6. Participants portraying Native peoples are expected to dress appropriate to customs in 18th century northeastern North America. For more information see *Guidelines for Portrayals of Native Peoples*.

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

1. If you must wear prescription glasses they must conform to 18th-century style ie. they must have steel or brass (or silver if appropriate to your interpretation) frames and round lenses. Modern-style eyeglasses are not acceptable.
2. No modern jewelry (except wedding / engagement rings) or watches shall be worn.

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3. Facial hair beyond two to three days growth is highly discouraged and was generally not fashionable in the 18th century. However for persons portraying French grenadier troops, mustaches are appropriate and encouraged to present an authentic appearance. Absolutely no sideburns or goatees.
4. Modern-style tattoos must be covered at all times.
5. Clay pipes or Micmac-style pipes may be used for smoking. Cigarettes, cigars, post-18th-century-style pipes may not be smoked while dressed in period attire.

CAMP APPEARANCE

1. Camps will be laid out in military fashion by Fort approved quarter masters prior to general reenactor arrival. Participants may not relocate tents without approval of the appropriate quarter master.
2. *Shelters*: Accepted shelters include simple lean-to's, brush tents, marquee, wedge, wall tents, and Native shelters appropriate to northeastern America.
3. *Camp kitchens*: Due to the archeological sensitivity of the site, digging of period camp kitchens is not possible. Cooking may be done over a controlled fire and we encourage event participants to cook foods appropriate to a seasonal military encampment in northern New York. Keep cooking equipment to an absolute minimum remembering that kitchen flies, vast amounts of ironware, tables, benches, and chairs of any sort are not reflective of a campaigning military encampment.
4. Food and drink must be served in appropriate 18th-century style plates, cups, mugs, etc. using proper 18th-century cutlery and table wares.
5. Lanterns must be of 18th-century style. Lantern stands are prohibited.
6. ALL non-eighteenth century items must be kept out of sight at all times. This includes packaging and containers for food and cooking items.
7. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted during public hours. Irresponsible consumption of alcoholic beverages at any time will not be permitted. Under no circumstances shall alcoholic beverages be served to anyone under the age of 21 (NYS law).

MERCHANTS

1. All items used or sold at the *Clash For Empire* event will be authentic to 1754-1763. This includes clothing, furnishings, guns, knives, shoes, hats, baggage, eating utensils, cooking utensils, trunks, etc.
2. No antique or archeological objects may be sold or traded at this encampment.

GENERAL TOPICS

1. Pets are not allowed.
2. Minor children are the sole responsibility of their parents and or legal guardians and must be supervised at all times.
3. No weapons may be brought into museum buildings. Firearms and edged weapons cannot be carried by children under the age of 16 at any time. (Minors portraying drummers may carry swords as appropriate for their portrayal, but must leave them sheathed at all times.) See additional guidelines on firearms.
4. Quiet hours begin in camp at 11:00pm.