

Fort de Chartres Colonial Market Fair Guidelines

1750 - 1790 Time Period

This event is intended to be as authentic to the 18th century as possible. That's what sets the Market Faire apart from other events in the Midwest, and that's what makes it special. Please make every effort to abide by these guidelines, for your own enjoyment as well as for the enjoyment of the visitors and for your fellow re-enactors.

The authenticity team will be on site to gently remind participants of these guidelines if they happen to forget.

**The clothing guidelines are in a separate document.
Make sure you review them before sending in your application.**

1. Modern eyeglasses, modern shoes, cigarettes, and phones are strictly prohibited on the event grounds. Have respect for your fellow re-enactors and refrain from using these items in camp.

2. Your appearance, camp, accouterments, goods, etc. will be inspected by members of the authenticity team. If you have questionable items, be prepared to provide documentation. The burden of proof shall be on the bearer of disputed items.

3. While on the Fort grounds, **YOU ARE IN THE 18TH CENTURY.** All items are required to reflect this philosophy. Once you've finished setting up your camp, 18th century style clothing must be worn and 18th century style accouterments are to be used until camp is taken down. Participants must remain in period clothing until tear-down on Sunday at 3 pm. For example, do not bring out lawn chairs after 5:00, and do not walk to the port-o-potties in pajamas or sweatpants in the morning.

4. Absolutely no plastic items are to be visible in the event area. Modern items are allowed inside tents, but they must be covered and used discreetly. There should also be no modern sounds or sights coming from your tent - no crinkly plastic tarp, no squeaky cooler lids, no sounds or blue glow from your phone, etc. **Make sure that when your tent is open, no modern items are visible to people outside.**

5. All items used or sold at the Colonial Market 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, toy weapons, etc. are to be sold.

6. Shelters accepted include simple lean-tos, marquee, wedge, or wall tents. The following are UNACCEPTABLE: Tipi's, Whelan Lean-tos, Baker tents, and One-pole tents.

7. No food or drink is to be consumed unless it is in a proper 18th Century vessel. Modern packaging of all consumables should be switched out for period appropriate packaging.

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8. 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).
9. Minor children are the sole responsibility of their parents.
10. NO PETS allowed.
11. Vehicles are not permitted on the grounds between 8:00 am Saturday and 3:00 pm Sunday.
12. The competition shoot will be put on by the American Long Rifle Association - Rob Park, Captain. The line will be open from 9am – 3pm Saturday, and registration will close at 2:30pm. Safety rules will be announced before the shoot begins. 'X' board competition, rifle class and smooth bore class. Participants may compete in one or both classes. A blanket prize of at least a \$25.00 value must be provided for each class.
13. The 'Shuetzen Challenge' will be held for both rifle and smoothbore on Sunday, April 12th, between 10:00 and 12:00 at the shooting range. The cost is \$5.00 in each category for one shot at a beautiful target, hand painted by Darrell Duensing. Participants may compete in one or both classes. Firearms with a rear sight cannot be used.
14. To ensure the safety of visitors and participants, all guns must be checked upon arrival. Guns shall be loaded only on the shooting range. **FIRING OF BLANK ROUNDS IS PROHIBITED.**
15. Violence or disorderly conduct **WILL NOT** be tolerated.
16. Straw and firewood **CAN NOT** be left in camp at the end of the event. 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.
17. No modern camping.
18. No digging firepits. **Ground fires only.** No fires are permitted within the Fort walls.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to send an e-mail to Djuana (dooWAHnah) Tucker at fdcmarketfair@gmail.com, call or text her at 618-975-8897, or send her a Facebook message, and she will work with you to come up with an acceptable resolution. Let's use this weekend as an opportunity to step up to the challenge, refine our portrayals and equipment, and make this a memorable event.

Les Amis du Fort de Chartres appreciates your respect for these guidelines, and your attention to them will help keep events and activities alive and well at Fort de Chartres. Thank you for your attendance, and we hope you have a great time.