

56th Annual Fort de Chartres Rendezvous – June 6-7, 2026

1720-1820 time period - Primitive Camp Information

In the effort to continue to have special events at Fort de Chartres, Les Amis du Fort de Chartres obtains an Activity Permit from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Historic Preservation Division for the duration of the event. As part of the regulations spelled out in the permit and restrictions/guidelines given by the event insurance provider, **site rules must be abided by**. We ask that you be patient and abide by these rules as they are not only requirements passed onto us, but are important elements to providing a safe and pleasant environment for everyone.

REGISTRATION:

Saturday – May 30st Event site prep will be from 9:00 am until it is complete, generally 4:00 pm. Registration will open at the completion of site prep through 8:00 pm.

Sunday – May 31st through Friday – June 5th Starting at 8:00 am until 8:00 pm daily.

The Main Primitive Camping Area Registration Tent will be set up in the Front of the Fort along Rte. 155. Please pull off the Highway into the camp area and stop to register, then drive into your campsite. **You will enter and exit through the Front.** Food vendors and demonstrators ONLY will be allowed to drive in the Back access. **THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ALLOWED ALONG RTE. 155 IN FRONT OF THE FORT OR ON THE PAVEMENT “CIRCLE-DRIVE” AT THE BACK OF THE FORT!**

NEW THIS YEAR, there will be a secondary Registration Tent on the paved access road to the west of the fort grounds. This Registration Tent will be for the Secondary Primitive Camping Area and our new Modern Camping Area, please refer to the Fort de Chartres Rendezvous Participant Camping Area map for locations. For the primitive camping areas - Within a reasonable amount of time you should be unloaded and/or set-up, in Rendezvous clothing, and move your vehicle to "Participant Parking". Once in Participant Parking you cannot drive your vehicle back into the event area! This means that whatever day you set up, your vehicle goes to "Participant Parking" and does not return into the event area until after the closing ceremony, June 7th. After 8:00 pm Friday, June 5th, you will have to carry your gear into or out of camp.

***Vehicle Access into the event area is at the sole discretion of the FDC Rendezvous Committee.**

THERE IS NO SAVING CAMPING SPOTS. Any ropes, canvas or poles laying on the ground will be picked up. Only Standing canvas with current registration ribbons can mark camp spots.

*** No overnight parking/camping, no campers, RVs, or trailers on paved parking lots, except for handicapped participants in designated area.** No parking in the grass visitor parking lot on the Rocher side of the Fort, or in the STAFF/HANDICAPPED paved circle drive at the back of the Fort.

There is a camp fee of \$25.00 per each sleeping tent or RV.

Event Rules

- Insurance prohibits participants to the event from having pets on site during the event there are several kennels in the area if you travel with your pets.

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- Digging is prohibited. No fire pits, post holes, etc.
- Within the Primitive Camping Areas, no non-period items and/or modern conveniences in sight of public in the camp areas.
- No disorderly conduct.
- Period dress must be worn once the event starts and throughout the duration of the event, within the event area.
- No modern firearms permitted on site.
- No loaded firearms or knife/hawk throwing permitted outside of competition area.
- Noise curfew of 1:00 am.
- No driving around the camping areas. Drive directly to your camping spot, unload, and drive the safest path back out of the camping area to the participant parking area.
- Bringing firewood to the site is prohibited.
 - **PLEASE return all unused firewood to the firewood piles at the end of the event!**

Trade Information

If you plan to trade at this event, please review and fill out the separate paperwork applicable to trade at this event. There is a tab on the website, www.fortdechartres.net, under Events/56th Annual Fort de Chartres Rendezvous for Trade Application, Rules and Information. **Camp fees will still need to be paid at onsite camping registration when you arrive, trade application and fees will also be collected during the event by our Trade and Authenticity Committee for those who didn't get to pre-register.**

As always, there may be changes, so when you arrive, check in with the registration tent for the latest info.

This event is organized and managed solely by volunteers, the Fort de Chartres Rendezvous Planning Committee, who dedicate hours of their personal time to ensure the safety and success of the event. Your cooperation with the rules above, not only helps the continuation of the event, but allows these volunteers to have an enjoyable time at the event as well. Please be safe, abide by the rules and have a great time at the event. Thank you!