



FORT DOBBS

MANDATORY GUIDELINES

1. Camp set-up will begin at 3:00 pm Friday. At that time vehicles will be allowed in the camp, but will be prohibited in the program area after 8:00 AM Saturday until 4:00 PM Sunday.
2. Your appearance, camp, accouterments, food, etc, will be reviewed by site interpretive staff for authenticity. All items used or sold at the event will be authentic to 1754-1763. This includes clothing, furnishings, guns, knives, shoes, hats, baggage, eating utensils, cooking utensils, trunks, etc.
3. 18th Century style eyewear only. No modern eyeglasses are acceptable.
4. No cigarettes at any time. Clay pipes or hand rolled cigars only.
5. No modern jewelry or watches.
6. *General Clothing:* Please remain in period clothing at all times. Remember that this event focuses on the 1750's so wear clothing that reflects that period, this may mean altering your impression if you portray later periods.
7. *Men's clothing:* Shall be typical mid-18th Century clothing as befitting the age, background and station of the person you portray. The following items are not allowed: Caped, fringed hunting shirts, calico or bright colored shirts, long fringed buckskins, "Mountain man" clothing, Kilts, western clothing, and capotes and Dyer-type moccasins. Facial hair is discouraged and inappropriate for men in the 18th century. Absolutely no sideburns or goatees.
8. *Women's clothing:* Appropriate mid-18th Century colonial apparel includes a short gown, jacket, or gown, petticoats, shift, stays and cap. Jewelry should be appropriate to the 18th Century only. Proper foot wear is 18th Century shoes, mules, woodland moccasins, or barefoot (if portraying Scotch-Irish). Remember, a proper woman kept her elbows and head covered, hair should be worn up and under a cap. The following items are not allowed: makeup, nail polish, calico print, and off-the shoulder shifts, and French bodices. Please cover all modern haircuts with a cap or kerchief.
9. *Footwear:* 18th Century style shoes and moccasins are required. Modern footwear, modern moccasins, slippers, Mary Jane's, or Chinese slippers are not acceptable.
10. *Children's clothing:* Children shall be properly attired for their age in the 18th century, including footwear, at all times.
11. *Shelters:* Accepted shelters include simple lean-to's, marquee, wedge, or wall tents, or just a blanket under the stars.
12. All food or drink is to be consumed in 18th Century period cups, mugs, Plates, etc. Cooking ware shall be 18th Century design NO speckled ware.
13. ALL non-eighteenth century items must be kept out of sight at all times. This includes packaging and containers for food and cooking items. Put them in a proper container.
14. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted by order of NC State Historic Sites.
15. Camp furniture must be appropriate to the period. NO slatted buckskinning chairs.

16. Pets are not allowed, except horses and similar pack animals. Anyone who wants to bring horses to an event must contact Fort Dobbs Historic Site staff two weeks prior to the event. There are special equine regulations that must be followed.

17. Minor children are the sole responsibility of their parents. Children will not be allowed to run around unattended or play around fires, tools, or animals at any time. Young children need to be supervised by parents at all times.

18. No cameras are to be used while you are attired in period clothing.

19. No firearms can be carried outside of the historic area. Firearms are allowed in period camps only. Firearms cannot be carried by minors at any time. Only adults will handle edged weapons or tools. Fort Dobbs safety officers will oversee all activities related to fire arms demonstration and inspections and will adhere to the HS-1 guidelines established by the State of North Carolina.

20. To participate as provincials or militia in battles one is encouraged to carry a musket or fowler, rifles are acceptable but in smaller numbers and of mid-18th century styles. Barrels on all weapons carried in battle must be at least 38" in length.