

BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD

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Emergency Contact Information

The emergency phone number for this event is (910) 594-0789. This is the primary line for Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. Site personnel and event staff will relay messages only in the case of actual emergencies (i.e., death or illness). Please have your family tell us your unit/brigade so we can get the message out as soon as possible.

Rules and Regulations

1. North Carolina General Statute G.S. 124-4 states that a person may not disobey an order of the historic site manager when that order is related to the preservation of historical material, the protection of historic sites property, the safety and well-being of the visiting public, or the equality of access of all citizens to the resources of the site.
2. North Carolina General Statutes 70-12(3), 70-15, 70-16, 70-17 prohibit digging, excavating, disturbing the ground, or the collection of artifacts on State property, including Bentonville Battlefield. Violations may result in: (1) criminal penalties involving fines of up to \$2,000, or up to six months imprisonment, or both; (2) civil fines of up to \$5,000 and, (3) the forfeiture of vehicles and equipment (including metal detectors) used in connection with the violation of these laws.
3. This event will be held on portions of the original battlefield. Conduct yourself accordingly. No cans, bottles, or other debris should be placed in fires.
4. Conspicuous consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs will result in immediate dismissal from the event site. Drunkenness and abusive or unruly behavior will not be tolerated. Individuals in violation of this regulation will be turned over to the Johnston County Sheriff's Department.
5. Only a 1st Sgt. or above may pull a ramrod in the field, and only if to clear the weapon and at a distance of 20 paces behind the firing line.
 - a. There shall be no ramming of cartridges - no exceptions.
6. Each battalion - each Colonel or his staff, including medical staff - shall carry a yellow flag as a visual signal of a real injury requiring professional medical attention and for direction to that emergency.
7. Bayonets can only be fixed for inspections and to stack arms while staging for battle scenarios.

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8. There will be no hand-to-hand combat.
9. During battle scenarios, do not come within 50 yards of the muzzle of an artillery piece.
10. No firing of small arms without 40 yards of clearance.
11. No black powder weapons of any kind will be carried or fired by any participant less than 16 years of age. Participants 16-18 years old must have parental or signed guardian supervision.
12. Cartridge paper will not be placed in the barrel, and no wadding or ramming will be permitted except in the use of handguns.
 - a. Absolutely no wonder wads
 - b. Multiple loading is not permitted.
13. Infantry cartridges will not be carried anywhere except in a hard cartridge box.
 - a. Infantry black powder will only be carried in the form of cartridges and will be properly stored in camp.
14. Cartridges for rifle-muskets should not exceed 60 grains of powder for rifles or 100 grains of powder for smoothbores.
15. ALL campfires shall have one full bucket or other container of water
 - a. Digging fire pits is strictly prohibited.
16. "Unscripted" or "spontaneous" battles are expressly forbidden.
17. No fireworks or pyrotechnics allowed at any time.
18. Weapons will be discharged only in designated areas while under the supervision of the unit commanders. Weapons shall not be discharged in camp or sutler's row.
 - a. Participants will not allow spectators to handle and/or fire their weapons during the period of this event.
19. All clothing must accurately represent the fashion and style of 1865, e.g., natural fibers, period cut and color.
20. Modern plastic glasses frames are not permitted.
21. Women portraying soldiers in the ranks should make every reasonable effort to hide their gender.
22. Vivandiers and "ice angels" will not be allowed on the field during scenarios.
23. Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site reserves the right to remove any person or unit from the event at any time for violation of previous and above-listed regulations, glaring safety infractions, or authenticity violations.
24. As noted in GS 124-4, failure to comply with the Historic Site Manager or NC Historic Sites Safety Officers may result in the eviction from the property.

Questions or Comments should be Directed to:

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