

# Battlefield House Museum & Park National Historic Site



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## **39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek 2020** **Merchants' Information**

Please initial the bottom of each page to indicate that you have read, understood, and accepted the following guidelines and **return the initialed pages to Battlefield House Museum with your completed application form, floor plan grid, proof of insurance and payment. Your registration is not complete without all five sections. Incomplete registrations will not be considered.**

### **Important Information:**

- **HISTORY IN ACTION DAY, the annual education day for students, takes place on Thursday, June 4**
- **Re-enactment dates and times:**
  - **Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.**
  - **Sunday, June 7, 10:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.**
- The site will open for set-up and camping on Wednesday, June 3 at 12:00 noon
- Space for participants is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- There is no modern camping available on-site. The nearest campground is at Fifty Point Conservation Area <http://www.conservationhamilton.ca/fifty-point-conservation-area>
- Firewood will be available for pick-up by participants in two select locations on-site. Staff will not be available to deliver firewood to your camp.
- There is absolutely NO parking on-site for this event.

### **Eligibility for Merchant Space:**

Merchant spaces are available to merchants of historic, antique, and historically-inspired merchandise. All merchants will be juried by the Re-enactment Committee. If any non-indigenous merchant chooses to offer indigenous crafts for sale, the items must be labeled with the name of the indigenous artist and a letter of agreement between the indigenous artist and the merchant identifying the merchant as a bona-fide distributor must be provided. All merchants are expected to adhere to the guidelines included in this package, as well as to the rules of general good taste and conduct throughout the event, including during set-up and tear-down. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in a refusal of next year's application and may result in a request for the merchant in question to immediately depart from the event without monetary recompense for merchant fees or potential sales.

**You must have applied and paid in full by May 4, 2020** to be considered for a space. There will be no exceptions. Merchants are required to provide proof of insurance. Such proof can be obtained from your insurance agent or your military unit's insurer in the form of a letter.

The Re-enactment Committee reserves the right to refuse an application from any party, for any reason, at their sole discretion. Getting your application in on time does not mean that you are automatically accepted as an event participant. You will receive an acceptance letter upon approval of your application.

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## **Payment for Merchant Space:**

Full payment must accompany the Merchant Application. The non-refundable cost per exhibit is \$65.00 CDN. Payment may be made by cheque, money order or credit card. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to Battlefield House Museum.

**Cheques that are returned for any reason will result in the cancellation of your application.** Upon payment of the merchant fee by other means, plus an administrative NSF fee of \$28.00, we will reconsider your application, but it will be placed in sequence according to the date upon which the replacement funds and the NSF fee are received by us.

## **Merchants Selling Food:**

Merchants selling food are required to fill out and return a City of Hamilton vendor health form. This mandatory form must be submitted to Battlefield House Museum on or before Monday, May 4, 2020.

## **Set Up:**

Merchants may set up in Battlefield Park during the following times:

- Wednesday, June 3, after 12:00 noon.
- Thursday, June 4, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and after 2:30 p.m.
  - No set-up will be allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, when over 1,000 students will be on-site for History in Action Day.
  - All vehicles and trailers must be removed from Battlefield Park by 8:30 a. m. or else they will be tagged and towed at the owner's expense.
- Friday, June 5, after 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 6, before 8:30 a.m.
  - All vehicles and trailers must be removed from Battlefield Park by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, or they will be tagged and towed at the owner's expense.

## **Tear Down:**

You may begin moving out as soon as the event closes at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. **Vehicles will not be permitted on-site until this time.** Please do not begin to pack or load before we close, as this gives a very unprofessional appearance to the whole event and drives any remaining customers away.

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## **Merchant Space Rentals:**

The space that you have rented is for your company or group only. No subletting of space is permitted without authorization and written consent from staff at Battlefield House Museum. Every effort is being made to ensure that this event is of highest quality in terms of authenticity, appearance, and atmosphere. Merchants who are not pre-registered and pre-paid in full will not be allowed to set up under any circumstances.

Each merchant's space will be indicated by stakes and rope. Please strictly observe these markings and please work with your neighbours to ensure that these boundaries are respected. Please do not move or remove any of the stakes and rope. **Do not exchange places with other merchants or otherwise make changes to the layout without prior permission from event staff.** Anyone making such a change without permission will be asked to leave, without any recompense for merchant fees or potential lost sales. We will ensure that ropes, pegs, and markers are gone before the event opens.

Each merchant space will be measured out according to the measurements you provide. Please measure accurately and complete the floor plan grid that is attached to the Registration form. The space you request will be the space you receive. There will be no room for adjustment at the last minute. Be sure to include your entire tent, rope and fire pit requirements and give us the overall dimensions of your site **including the space used by your ropes.** Please let us know if there are any special requests or special space requirements, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Stay behind the marked lines, as roads and pathways are specifically measured to allow access to your area by emergency vehicles.

## **Items Offered for Sale:**

Please help us in maintaining the quality of this event by displaying and selling **only** items that are historically accurate and reflective of the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. This time period does not include items made of plastic, mass-produced "offshore" items, or other distinctly questionable or non-period products. Please use your highest level of discretion to ensure that your display reflects the finest quality and level of historical accuracy possible. This will aid us in presenting a top-quality event to the public and re-enactors alike - which will in turn aid everyone in maximizing their sales.

That being said, historically oriented modern items, such as CDs, DVDs, and T-shirts will be allowed to be sold as long as they are in good taste, of good quality, and are displayed tastefully in a historically oriented unit or setup. These items should not be displayed prominently at your site. Similarly, packaging and labeling as required by the Department of Health and/or Health Canada is of course allowed. Goods of any kind other than food items packaged in plastic packaging may not be displayed. Such goods must be removed from plastic or may be enclosed in sheer or opaque fabric for display. It is permissible to have one item, not in plastic, as a display, then provide items in plastic bags upon request as they are sold. These back-up items must be kept out of plain sight.

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It has come to our attention that pirated items are now being offered for sale within our community. Pirated items are unauthorized copies of items (original pieces or reproductions) that are owned or copyrighted by a third party. No pirated items may be offered for sale. Similarly, articles that are being offered for sale in violation of exclusivity contracts are not permitted. Any articles that are suspected of being, or deemed to be, pirated items or articles in violation of exclusivity contracts must be removed immediately upon the organizers' request. **The sale of any item acquired by archaeological excavation is strictly prohibited.** Failure to remove these items upon request will result in immediate expulsion from the event without monetary recompense for booth fees or lost sales.

This is clearly not the proper venue for items reflecting a flea market or modern craft sale. Plastic items of any sort, regardless of wrapping or positioning, are not acceptable under any circumstances. 'Grab bags' containing plastic items of any nature are not acceptable. Other unacceptable items include, but are not limited to: dream catchers, modern pow-wow items, turquoise jewelry, Mexican or Navajo blankets, food items produced outside of a health-inspected commercial kitchen, sling shots or pistols using rubber bands or surgical tubing, medieval items, parts of products deriving from any threatened, endangered or otherwise protected species, granite ware or enamelware, percussion weapons, goods of any kind other than food items in plastic packaging, clothing pertaining to periods other than the War of 1812 or made from materials not available during the War of 1812, and other non-period items. The 'plastic police' **will** be by to inspect your wares and setup several times during the event.

If you have any question as to whether any items that you propose to sell might present a problem, please contact us. **Merchants not observing these guidelines will be asked to remove the offending items on the day of the event. Merchants who do not cooperate with such requests will not be invited back.**

## **Exhibit Appearance and Vendor Behaviour:**

All merchants and all persons working in merchants' tents must wear period clothing during all public hours. Proper period tents are required. Please help us to enhance the atmosphere of the event by making your exhibit as authentic as possible - avoid or cover all plastic, Plexiglas, cardboard, or other non-authentic display units, tables, chairs, and so forth. Please do not use Coleman stoves, hibachis, etc. Cooking fires must be properly supervised and extinguished when not in use. Unsupervised fires will be extinguished and any merchant responsible for such a fire may be excluded from future events at the site. Bringing your own fire extinguisher is highly advisable, just in case.

Merchants are expected to conduct themselves in a business-like, reasonable manner, whether dealing with other merchants, other participants, the public or site staff or volunteers. Contravention of these guidelines may result in expulsion from the event without monetary recompense for fees or potential sales. Verbal or physical abuse directed at any site staff or volunteers will result in immediate expulsion without recompense of any kind.

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## **Modern Camping:**

There is no modern camping available on-site. The nearest campground is at Fifty Point Conservation Area <http://www.conservationhamilton.ca/fifty-point-conservation-area>

## **Parking:**

There is no on-site parking available. Off-site parking is located at the corner of King Street and Centennial Parkway.

## **History in Action Day**

**Thursday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

A day of education and fun! We have over one thousand students registered and are looking for Merchants to participate by setting up and selling wares.

To ensure the best possible experience for the students, we would also welcome your participation by providing demonstrations. Please indicate on the registration form if you could contribute to this event by sharing your knowledge about a certain aspect of 19<sup>th</sup> century history with the students.

Teachers are informed that there will be items for sale at the site; it is up to their discretion whether or not they want their students to bring money on their school trip.

## **The following will be provided for the weekend:**

- A bag lunch on Thursday, June 4 for those who participate in History in Action Day
- A BBQ lunch on Friday, June 5 for those who participated at History in Action Day
- Ticket for one meal on either Saturday or Sunday, **for those who pre-registered and pre-paid.**
- Breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning, **for those who pre-registered and pre-paid.**
- Firewood and fire pit trays
- Water connections on site
- Overnight security Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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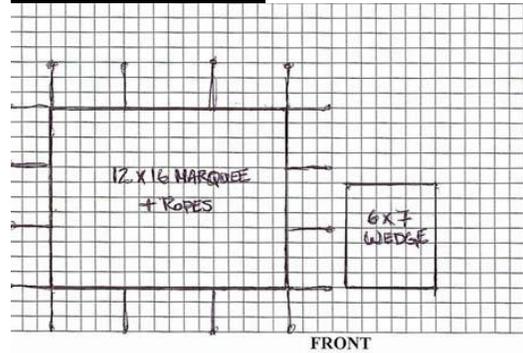
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## DRAW YOUR FLOORPLAN BELOW

- Please be precise; 1 square = 1 foot.
- Draw in your ropes and include your ropes in your space requirements.
- The maximum site depth is 30'.
- The space you draw will be the space you receive.
- We are not concerned with the inner layout of the tent(s), just the layout within your site.

## Floorplan Sample:



Side (including ropes): Total # feet \_\_\_\_\_

Front: (including ropes) Total # Feet \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **The Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek, June 4, June 6 & 7, 2020 – Merchant Application** **Application and Payment Deadline: May 4, 2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Listing of Wares (continue on back of sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Make of Car: \_\_\_\_\_ Car Licence Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer Licence Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of people attending in your group: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

Do you require a fire pit tray? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (digging of fire pits is not permitted)

Please check off which meals you require: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast

Are you available to participate in HISTORY IN ACTION DAY on Thursday, June 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If yes, what will you demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending on HISTORY IN ACTION DAY (**limited to the adults actually participating in your demonstration and a maximum of two dependent children**) \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children

**Please make cheque for \$65. 00 payable to Battlefield House Museum. Payment may also be made by credit card by calling 905-662-8458. Return the completed registration form (including attached floor plan grid and initialed copy of the merchant package) with payment to:**

**P. O. Box 66561, Stoney Creek, Ontario, L8G 5E5 by May 4, 2020**

*Acceptance of this invitation implies an agreement warranting that all products and services that you offered to the public and re-enactors alike will be of the highest quality and appropriate to the War of 1812 period, and further, that you agree to abide by the guidelines and standards of behaviour and presentation as outlined in the Merchant Information Package.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

**IS YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE? Applications without all five of the following will be refused.**

*(Your merchant fee will be refunded in full if your application is not accepted)*

- Signed and completed application form
- One initialed copy of each of the pages of guidelines
- Non-refundable merchant fee paid in full
- A completed site plan (the grid)
- Proof of insurance