

General Regulations and Information

The battles will take place at 2 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

Country Park is administered by the City of Greensboro, Parks & Recreation Department.

1. Onsite Registration

Registration for all participants will be at Country Park, at the Main Entrance (notated on the map provided) between Jaycee Park and Country Park.

Registration will be open from 10 AM – 9 PM on Friday, and reopen from 8 AM – 10 AM Saturday morning.

Country Park VIA Jaycee Park:

3899 Jaycee Park Dr, Greensboro, NC 27455

This will be the only entrance and exit this year

2. Vehicles

- Space for unloading vehicles and trailers is very limited. When you arrive, unload your vehicle or trailer, move the vehicle or trailer to a designated parking area, and then set up. Please also be aware Country Park is a one-way loop, which means horse trailers are also traveling by the infantry camps to get to the Dragoon Camp. Please leave them room to get by. Parking information is notated on the map provided.
- No unit or sutler trailers are to park in the smaller reenactor parking lots. Trailers are to be parked in the Jaycee Park lot.
- **Per the Fire Marshal, the roadways must be kept clear for emergency vehicles at all times. When unloading and loading camps, please make sure that trailers and cars are not sticking out in the roadway.**
- The Park roadways must be left open for pedestrians and cyclists, as this is the main function of this Park. Currently Country Park is a pedestrian only park. You must drive slowly around the Park loop, especially along the upper, back part of the loop. The Park received a lot of complaints about speeding around the loop at the 2023 event.
- There will be no parking or driving off in the grass for any participant, sutlers included.
- The camps will be closed to vehicular traffic after **8:30 AM Saturday morning and until after the Battle Demonstration Sunday afternoon**. The only vehicles permitted into Country Park after 8:30 AM Saturday will be service vehicles of the Parks and Recreation Department, food vendors, and emergency vehicles through the Jaycee Park parking lot gate. The Park will also be running shuttles in the form of golf carts from the

Jaycee Park parking lot. If there is an emergency, access will be through the Jaycee Park gate where registration is.

- Vehicles in camp at non-designated times is a constant complaint at this event. If these simple rules cannot be followed, the registrars reserve the right to not allow any unit responsible to future Battle of Guilford Courthouse events.

3. Camp Set Up

- The registrars will have staked out camp sizes at Country Park according to the information given at registration: number and sizes of tents, etc. **Do not** set up any part of your camp outside your unit's designated area – you will be asked to move, whether by the registrars or the unit that is impeded on.
- Camps will open to the public at 9 AM on Saturday and Sunday.

Tents

- Private soldiers should not have excessive camp equipment; most participants should be using standard wedge sized tents unless they have a command position. Please plan accordingly.
- Wall tents should only be used by officers or as a supply tent option. Marquees are allowed for officers, if desired.
- No open flames are allowed in tents; please use period correct lanterns.

Kitchen and Dining Flies

- Fires shall be set up at the rear of the camps **away** from all canvas.
- Participants are encouraged to limit themselves to tin kettles or iron pots of an appropriate period design.
- Units are encouraged to forego the use of dining flies, as marquee tops and ad-hoc shelters are a more appropriate choice.

NOTE:

According to the Fire Marshal, modern cooking devices such a propane grills, any form of gas cookers, charcoal grills, etc. other than the Park-provided picnic areas is **strictly prohibited**.

Special Impressions

Special impressions are encouraged such as surgeons, sutlers, laundresses, etc. Sutlers, please see the Sutler Guidelines. Other impressions, please contact the registrars so accommodations can be made ahead of the event: Guilford.Registrar@gmail.com

Camp Appearance

All modern items and equipment should be kept out of site in the tent line and in the kitchen and dining areas. Flaps should be tied on tents containing non-period items.

The following items must **not** be visible during the hours of which camps are open to the public:

- Coolers
- Modern lighting
- Non-period cookware, such as blue enamel speckle ware
- Plastic bags or garbage bags
- Cots or sleeping bags
- Lantern stands
- Any inaccurate or non-period furnishings
- Non-period food
- Modern food packaging including beverage cans, bottles, bags, boxes, etc.
- Cell phones or electronics
- Cigarettes
- Any other obvious anachronisms

4. Logistical Needs

- Water will be provided by the site. A water spigot is located across from the sutlers for the Americans. If your camps want use of the water all weekend, please leave the spigots dripping during freezing weather. Otherwise, the water line will freeze and the camps will not have water.
- Firewood will be provided by the site. A trailer with firewood will be parked near the sutlers for the American and Crown Forces camps to use.
- Straw will be provided by the site. A shed containing the straw can be accessed down a gravel road on the right, past the sutlers.

Straw bales are meant to be used as bedding in tents. Half a bale is permitted for a tent that is being slept in, as allotted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

No baled straw is allowed in camp or for seating, nor shall it be used around the outside of tents or around the fires.

- Port-A-Johns are provided for all camps. There are also a couple of restroom facilities located around the loop at Country Park.

5. Personal Appearance

Overall Dress:

We are representing late-war Southern Campaigns impression, circa 1780-1781 in the Carolinas.

- Units should strive to portray this era. Authentic impressions from earlier in the war are discouraged. Absolutely no pirate, rendezvous, or other later time periods clothing or hair styles; persons portraying these eras will be asked to leave the event.
- Shoes must be period correct. If you have no other choice but to wear black modern shoes, they must be covered and appear authentic once covered.
- Being clean shaven is mandatory. A three-day growth is fine.
- For the female civilian: Underclothing is to be covered and kerchiefs should be worn. No “costume” caps such as a mop cap. Brimmed hats of straw, wool, or fur felt are encouraged. Shoes must be period correct or appear authentic. Absolutely no makeup, modern jewelry, or painted nails.
- Women portraying soldiers or musicians must be able to disguise any notable female attributes. Absolutely no makeup, modern jewelry, or painted nails.
- Sunglasses nor modern eyeglasses are allowed during public hours or during the battle demonstrations. Prescription lenses are highly discouraged and are a last resort for safety purposes.

6. Departure

- Camps will close to the public at 5 PM on Saturday and 3 PM on Sunday.
- Each unit is responsible for policing its own area.
- Units must put out their fires before they leave! All fire pits must be re-filled and sod replaced.
- Straw at Country Park is to be raked and bagged into trash bags provided by the Parks & Recreation department. Leftover firewood is to be stacked by these bags.
- Again, loading space is limited, so please be considerate and aware so other units and individuals can get their vehicles and trailers in to pack up and leave, as well. Again, keep the roadways open for pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency vehicles.

7. Overall Safety Policies

- Soldiers **must** be at least 16 years old and declared competent enough to field by commanding officers and to carry a firearm.

- Musicians **must** be at least 14 years of age and declared competent enough to field by the respective American and Crown Forces Drum Majors. More on this in the musician regulations below.
- Color ensigns **must** be at least 14 years of age, must be appropriately uniformed, and must be able to conduct themselves as officers of the unit whose colors they bear.
- This event adheres to the Southern Artillery Rules, which are provided.
- Units must have proof of Insurance and provide it when they register with the City of Greensboro, Parks & Recreation Department. Minimum \$1 million liability coverage.
- Horses must have proof of the Coggins Test within the past 12 months. More on this in the Horse Regulations.
- Pets are **not allowed**, e.g. dogs, pigs, etc. **This is a regulation set by the City of Greensboro, Parks & Recreation Department.**

8. Musician Regulations

All fifers and drummers are welcome! We encourage participation in camp duties, practices, and marching. However, those not meeting minimal requirements must remain as spectators during the battle. Any questions, requests, or guideline concerns are to be addressed before scheduled battle times, not on the field due to safety considerations. Participants must agree to follow orders and/or instructions by the respective American and Crown Forces Drum Majors, as well as, commanders. Failure to meet the agreement will exclude individuals from participation and/or cause that individual to be removed from the field.

- **AGE:** The minimum age is 14 to play on the battlefield. Aspiring musicians under the age of 14 are strongly encouraged to practice with and meet senior musicians to learn more about the role of fifers and drummers. If an individual is under the age of 14, it is up to the discretion of the American or Crown Forces Drum Major to judge whether the individual is considered a functional and mature enough musician to participate on the field.
- **FUNCTIONAL:** On the field and march: be able to play basic drum signals, be properly uniformed and equipped for the impression, be able to follow commands as directed, and be able to march proficiently, as well as, stand at attention for long periods. The basic drum signals on the field are: long march, preparative, and cease fire. For fifers, it is preferred that you know some tunes to march along with on the way to the battlefield. There will be no fifing on the field, except for Cease Fire.
- **APPEARANCE:** As above mentioned in “Overall Dress”. Appropriate musician uniforms or frock coats, as well as, appropriate hats are a must. Musicians will not be allowed to go on the field in small clothes.

9. Non-Compliance with Camp and Personal Appearance Guidelines

The command staff of the American and Crown Forces camps and the registrars will gently, but actively enforce the Camp, Safety, and Personal Appearance guidelines. Our goal is to work towards improving the impressions at this event so as to present a more authentic picture of 18th Century military life to the public. Without fail every year, the local newspapers, news stations, and overall social media communities post pictures and/or videos of some of the most inaccurate representations of 18th Century military wear and life, giving the Battle of Guilford Courthouse event a bad representation in the AWI reenacting community.

Any unit found not complying with safety rules on or off the field will also be asked to leave the event. The registrars and the Park reserve the right to not allow any unit responsible to future Battle of Guilford Courthouse events.

Unit commanders are expected to know these regulations and help keep their camps and members accountable. These regulations must be made available to your unit members. If the command staff or the registrars are met with hostility or extreme defiance on any regulation, safety rule, or if any individual or unit refuses to leave when asked, the City of Greensboro, Park & Recreation staff, and if necessary local law enforcement, will intervene.