

HISTORIC DANIEL LADY FARM

GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

EVENT RULES AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

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Unit Liability Insurance Policy

- All units must send Certificate of Insurance -with at least a \$1M coverage and GBPA listed as additional insured- no later than two weeks prior to the event

Security

- Gettysburg has been the target of several threats in recent years. The GBPA takes all threats seriously
- The GBPA's Daniel Lady Farm will not be host to any protests, demonstrations or counter demonstrations, nor be used as a staging area or home base for such activities
- The GBPA is a private, non-profit, charitable corporation and its properties may not be used for any purpose which has not been approved
- The GBPA has hired security that are ACT 120/ N235 certified (this means they have the same authority as any police officer)

General Rules

All regulations will be enforced by Safety Officers, Provosts, Security, and/or GBPA Staff

Any violation of these rules will be grounds for an individual or unit to be removed from the field and/or the event

- NO Alcoholic Beverages
- NO Loud, Foul, or Abusive Language
- NO modern firearms are permitted at the Daniel Lady Farm (regardless of concealed carry permits) without express written permission from the GBPA
- NO pets will be allowed under any circumstances
- No General Officers will be allowed on the field without prior approval
- No one above the rank of Colonel will be permitted on the field without prior approval
- All ranks should accurately reflect the number of troops being brought (Minimum of 10 rifles plus Officers and NCOs constitutes a company. Anything less will be amalgamated with another company)
- All reenactors must meet accepted standards for authenticity. (In case of dispute all decisions will be made by the respective overall commander)
- Banners and flags on public display must be period-correct (no nylon or printed cotton) and used in their historic context
- Each unit commander is responsible for the conduct of their organization
- Each unit commander is responsible to educate their organization on all applicable rules and regulations
- Those reenactors attending without a unit present must be willing to “fall in” with an existing company for the weekend
- All minors who are not in attendance with a parent must have guardianship pre-arranged with a member of their unit

- Anyone under the age of 13 will not be permitted on the Battlefield
- Minors between the age of 13-16 are permitted on the field in a support function (guidon bearers, musicians, etc.)
- **All** participants are **required** to be in period clothing during public hours
- **All** battlefield participants are **required** to be in uniform
- **All** non-period items are to be out of site during public hours. (This will be enforced by Commanders and Provosts)
- All event participants will carry a FULL CANTEEN of water during all formations. (Unit Commanders reserve the right to have canteens carried at all times)
- Any participant, Generals to Privates, without a full canteen of water may be ordered from the field by any Medical or Safety Officer (Participant will comply without argument or be subject to being expelled from the event)
- Drill and Dress Parade will be conducted at the Overall Commanders discretion. (Anyone who does not participate in drill should not be permitted to go to battle)
- This is a farm; animals may kick or bite, always use cation. The ground is uneven, always watch your step. Wood can splinter, always be careful.

Weapons

- Weapons Safety Inspection will be conducted prior to each battle
- A Weapons Inspection Report will be verified and signed off by each Safety Officer
- The Overall Federal and Confederate General, or their designees, will make the final sign off for their respective armies. (This document will be retained by the respective General)
- Each Battalion Safety Officer will have their Battalion “cap off” to ensure the weapons are clear prior to taking the Battlefield and prior to leaving the Battlefield
- No one under the age of 16 will be permitted to carry a weapon on the field
- No projectiles, bullets, etc. will be carried at any time during the event

- All firing will be done at an elevated angle
- There will be no weapons fired in the camping area or along routes of march without prior approval or direction of the Battalion Safety Officer/Regimental Commander
- No staples, glue, wax, etc. will be used in any cartridge
- Nails, vent picks, etc. should be kept out of the cartridge box to avoid accidentally dropping any of these objects into a muzzle.
- Only FFg or FFFg black powder will be used in weapons. **NO** Pyrodex. (FFFFg powder will only be used by artillery units for priming)
- Cartridge paper will not be placed down the muzzle and **NO** ramming will be permitted except in the use of revolvers
- Absolutely **NO** wonder wads
- Cartridges will only be carried in a regulation cartridge box
- Powder horns are prohibited
- Ramrods may be carried but are not to be drawn and used on the field (unless otherwise directed by the Battalion Safety Officer/Regimental Commander for safety checks)
- All units **MUST** perform weapons inspections prior to battle which will include a review of all gear and equipment (Those failing this inspection will be prohibited from participating in the battle)
- Powder Charges are limited to a maximum of 70 grains for .58 caliber and 90 grains for .69 caliber, 60 grains for carbines, 14 and 30 grains for .36 and .44 caliber pistols, respectively. **NO DOUBLE LOADS**
- No weapons are to be discharged within 25 yards of the “enemy” (remember to always elevate when firing)
- No Tampions may be taken to the field

Troop Movements

- Opposing troops will not advance within 25 yards (75 feet) of another unit at any time during this event. Exceptions will only occur if they have been carefully planned prior to the event and approved by the Overall Commanders
- No unit shall breach the artillery safety zone (75' circumference around limber box) unless permission is granted by Commanding Artillery Officer
- No Cavalry are to ride within 25 yards (75 feet) of Infantry or Artillery (This is a good way to get banned from this and all future GBPA events)

Cavalry/Horse Requirements

- ALL equestrian issues will fall under the purview of the appropriate Federal or Confederate Overall Commanders and their Cavalry Commander (This includes Cavalry, Staff, Mounted Artillery, Civilians, and etc.)
- All horses brought to the site are required to have a current Coggins certificate
- Coggins checks will be completed at GBPA Registration
- Registration will have a list of Horses with current Coggins on file with the GBPA
- If your horse is on file, you will be able to proceed to camp (If not, be sure to bring physical copies for review)
- Horses should be trained to gunfire and battle **BEFORE THE EVENT**. Do not bring untrained horses to the event
- Do not bring a sick horse to the event. (If your horse begins to show signs of illness, you must remove the horse from the property as quickly as possible. Alert your commander who will contact event staff if there is any assistance needed from organizers. Commanders will also have been given the name of the vet on call. If you need vet assistance before removing a sick horse from the property, take the horse a safe distance from all other horses until it can be assessed. This applies to sick horses—not those injured, experiencing suspected colic, etc.)
- Under no circumstances will horses be billeted or camped in any area other than the appropriate and assigned reenactor camps where amenities, shade, water and hay are supplied

- There will be no horses camped in parking areas
- Water troughs for horses will be located in Cavalry camps (There will be an attached red bucket)
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are horses allowed to drink directly from the common trough or from the red bucket
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should personal buckets be dipped into the common trough
- Only the red buckets should be used to dispense water from the common trough
- Horses WILL NOT be ridden or led through the infantry camps, artillery camps, living history camps, sutlers, or in spectator areas
- No reenactor under the age of 16 will mount a horse as a combatant or serve in a mounted capacity (Determination of a qualified rider will be made by the respective Cavalry Commander)
- Spectators, children, etc. are not allowed to mount, ride, sit, etc. on any horse
- Period Civilians wishing to portray a mounted impression will apply to the appropriate Cavalry Commander who will then determine the qualifications of the rider(s) and will also determine when and where they may ride
- Mounted cavalry escort may be required at the discretion of the Cavalry Commander
- Stallions will not be permitted on the event site

Artillery

- The Daniel Lady Farm operates under the National Civil War Artillery Associations Guidelines
- Minimum age to be on a Cannon Crew is 16
- Minimum age to be in Cannon Positions #1 and #3 is 18

- Children of the age of 13 and up are permitted to take the field as a “Powder Monkey” under the supervision of an adult. (at no time are they allowed to reach into the limber Box or handle powder)
- All crews, pieces, limber boxes and rounds are subject to inspection by a Certified Safety Officer. (They have final say in all matters concerning safety, crews, and any pieces or people being able to take the field)

Camps

- The GBPA provides wood, water and porta-pots for your convenience. (Please respect these amenities by not wasting or hoarding wood or water and leaving the porta-pot in an acceptable condition as you exit)
- Campfires are to be placed on top of the ground and fully extinguished at the end of the event. **-NO DIGGING OF FIRE PITS - NO EXCEPTIONS-** (this land is maintained for agricultural use and digging holes will damage equipment and injure operators)
- Company streets must be kept clear of all obstructions
- The company streets will be used for formations, troop movements, and to provide emergency access to the camps
- Campfires shall be placed at the top and bottom of the company streets. with enough room to allow passage even if a group is around the fire
- No trash is to be burned in the campfires
- Straw and hay and other flammable substances are to be stored away from any campfires
- At the conclusion of each event all trash shall be gathered and deposited in designated areas
- All unburned firewood shall be returned to the wood pile
- NO flames any kind (including smoking) in buildings
- Campfires, candles, lanterns, etc. are not allowed within 100 feet of any building

Vehicles

- Each vehicle driver will be issued a parking permit to be placed in clear view
- Each army will have designated parking
- You are only permitted to park in your designated parking area
- After unloading, all vehicles are to be moved to the designated parking area
- Vehicles are only allowed in camp during setup/ tear down or when specifically authorized during an emergency situation
- GBPA reserves the right to tow any vehicle, at owner's expense, that is left in camp or is found not in a designated parking area
- Only clearly marked Artillery Tow Vehicles are to be in designated Tow Vehicle parking
NO EXCEPTIONS

Note to people wanting to become reenactors:

The best option is to attend the event and talk to reenactors. There are many different types/ levels of units, impressions, expectations, etc. Find a unit that is a good fit for you.
(Reenactors are normally very gracious in sharing their knowledge and experience)

Rules and Regulations may be modified, without notice,
as deemed necessary by GBPA Staff

If you have any questions, contact us:

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