

# Impression Guidelines for the Battles for the Bridge

1. All clothing must accurately represent the fashion and style of 1861-62, e.g., natural fibers, period cut and color.
2. Modern plastic eyeglass frames are not permitted. Period spectacles or period-looking wire rims are acceptable
3. No modern shoes and no sneakers.
4. No specialty impressions without the approval of the event sponsors. This includes portrayals of Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Thomas Wood, John Wilder, Simon Bolivar Buckner, Braxton Bragg, etc. If you have any doubts, please ask before registering.
5. Women portraying soldiers in the ranks should make every reasonable effort to hide their gender. Hundreds, if not thousands, of women passed themselves off as men in order to serve as soldiers during the war—on both sides, and we will never know exactly how many did so because their disguises were so good. Honor them. If any overall commander or event staff determines the female gender at not less than 15 feet, that individual will be asked to leave the field/ranks.
6. Hair should be worn as appropriate to 1861-62. No radical hair dyes (bright blues, greens, yellows) visible.
7. No body piercings are to be visible.
8. As a compromise to modern safety, a minimum number of period MILITARY or Hospital Ice Angels (2-3) will be permitted on the battlefield for each side. Each Ice Angel must be at least 16 years of age. Proper uniform will be required. Ladies in dresses will not be allowed on the field until after the battles.
9. Do not wear any uniforms or insignia that would not have appeared at Rowlett's Station/Munfordville or in the Western Theatre.
10. The classic "campaigner" impression is suitable for this event. However, due to safety issues, shoes shall be worn! Failure to do so will result in removal from the event.
11. A dirty musket is rarely, if ever, appropriate and may, in fact, constitutes a safety violation. All firearms will be inspected prior to the battle by the military commanders or their designees.
12. All anachronisms (cots, coolers, sweat pants, etc.) must be hidden inside tents at all times. Your camp is not only your reenactment home; but is also a significant living history experience for both your fellow re-enactors and visitors.
13. Tobacco use shall be confined to period products—pipes, cigars, snuff, chew or, in rare cases, filter-less cigarettes.
14. The event organizers, and respective military commanders, have final authority regarding authenticity issues.