

# Bledsoe's Fort Colonial Fair

## Third Annual Bledsoe's Fort Rifle Frolic

August 15th, 2017

Dear Participant,

The Board & Members of Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association and the Bledsoe's Fort Colonial Fair Committee would like to invite you to attend the third annual Bledsoe's Fort Rifle Frolic. This event will be held Saturday & Sunday, September 23rd & 24th, 2017 at Bledsoe's Fort Park in Castalian Springs, Tennessee. Event hours will be from 9:00 am Saturday until 3:00 pm Sunday.

This event will differ from our Colonial Fair in several ways. We will be recreating an event that could have happened in the Cumberland Settlements in the 1770-1790 time period. Imagine that you and your family have settled near the Cumberland and you have been invited to attend a social event at Bledsoe's Fort. Families from the surrounding area would gather for shooting matches, games, fun, and frivolity. Because of this we ask that you bring only a small camp, i.e. what could be brought on your back, pack horse, or in a typical wagon. Large tents such as Marquees or Wall Tents will not be allowed. Only lean-to's, diamond fly's, or wedge tents should be used. Like the Colonial Fair, this event will be juried, if you have been accepted to our fair previously you will not have to go through the process again. There will be a fee for all participants of \$10 for each adult and \$5.00 for each child (ages 6-12), there is no fee for children 5 and under.

We plan to host several different shooting matches during the rifle frolic so bring your favorite firelock and plenty of powder and ball. You will also need a couple of \$20 blanket prizes and also cash for some of the matches.

Enclosed please find a list of rules and an application for the event. In order to provide the most authentic experience for participants, we ask that you observe all guidelines and comply with jury requests. Upon receipt & approval of your application for participation, we will notify you via email or by telephone. **Please return the completed application and payment, with photographs if applicable, by September 15th, 2017.**

Registration and Setup will begin Friday, September 22nd at 1:00 pm, at which time you will be able to drive into the camp to setup. All vehicles and non-period items must be out of the camp and historic area by 9:00 am Saturday morning. Vehicles will not be allowed back into camp until the event is over on Sunday.

We will furnish straw, firewood, & water. All fire pits should be replaced with sod when you break camp on Sunday, September 24th. It is extremely important to preserve the integrity of the event and give each of our participants a unique experience, so we ask that all campsites remain in place until the event ends on Sunday, September 24th.

The Bledsoe's Fort Rifle Frolic is completely organized & supported by volunteer labor, so your cooperation, understanding and support will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone at 423-851-4404. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your Humble Servants, The Bledsoe Colonial Fair Coordinators

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## Mandatory Rules

This Rifle Frolic is being hosted for reenactors who demand the utmost authenticity. To facilitate total immersion, the following rules will be strictly enforced and are enacted to provide the most authentic experience for participants. Failure to comply with these rules may result in expulsion from the event. This is a juried event, if you have been previously accepted for the Bledsoe's Fort Colonial Fair you will not need to go through the jury process again. All new applicants must send in photos of themselves in period attire and their camp.

### **General Rules:**

1. By signing the accompanying application form, the participant agrees to abide by the rules set forth by Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association.
2. **Vehicles will not be allowed into the camp after 9am Saturday or prior to the event closing on Sunday.**
3. Minor children are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Children must be under constant supervision by the parent or guardian and will not be allowed to play around fires, tools or the Shooting Ranges at any time.
4. Pets are allowed, however, all dogs should fit into your persona and **must** be restrained on an 18<sup>th</sup> Century style leash and collar and under the control of the owner **AT ALL TIMES**.
5. No cameras will be used while attired in period clothing.
6. Firearms shall be unloaded at all times. Weapons are subject to inspection by the Rifle Frolic Committee at any time. No demonstration or blank firing of firearms is permitted.

### **Clothing, Camp and Appearance Rules:**

1. Participants must remain in period clothing at all times from 9am Saturday until the event closes on Sunday.
2. While in the camp area, **YOU ARE IN THE 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY!!** All items used and worn are to reflect this.
3. Your appearance, camp, accoutrements and goods, etc, will be inspected for authenticity by the Rifle Frolic Committee. The burden of proof shall be upon the bearer of a questionable item, therefore, the bearer should be prepared to provide documentation.
4. Only 18<sup>th</sup> Century eyewear is permissible. Contact lenses are allowed. Modern eyewear is prohibited.
5. Only 18<sup>th</sup> Century footwear is permissible, to include shoes, boots and moccasins.
6. Men's Clothing - Must be typical 18<sup>th</sup> Century colonial apparel. *Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: calico shirts, long fringe western buckskins, mountain man clothing, western clothing and blanket capotes.*
7. Women's Clothing - Must be typical 18<sup>th</sup> Century colonial apparel. Gowns, petticoats, shifts, short gowns or bed jackets. A cap or kerchief should be worn to cover the hair. Jewelry should be appropriate to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Make-up should be conservative and not detract from the Colonial appearance. *Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: calico prints, off-the-shoulder shifts or bodices worn as outer garments.*
8. Shelters accepted include simple lean-to's, diamond fly's, and wedge tents, and documentable Native American shelters. *Marquees, Wall tents, Civil War tents, teepees, Bakers, Walens, centerpoles and nylon tents are prohibited.*
9. Modern coolers should remain in your vehicle in the parking area and are not to be brought into the camp.
10. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited by Sumner County ordinance.
11. No cigarettes or brown cigar-like cigarettes are allowed at any time while in period clothing.

### **Live Fire Demonstration Rules:**

1. Weapons shall only be loaded while within the physical boundaries of the Shooting Ranges.
2. The Range Master is responsible for the safe operation of the Shooting Ranges. All commands and instructions given by the Range Officers will be followed implicitly.
3. **NO** loaded weapons will be taken from the Shooting Ranges. Weapons are subject to inspection at any time by the Rifle Frolic Committee, Range Master and/or their designee.

### **Merchant Rules:**

1. Only blanket traders will be allowed to sell at this event.
2. All items sold at the Rifle Frolic will be authentic to the 1750-1790 time period, excluding modern media (CD's, books or magazines) that pertain explicitly with the above time period. No western or Plains Indian articles should be sold. The following items may NOT be sold: bamboo flutes, popguns, Archaeological artifacts, any item that represents post 1790, holiday items, mass-produced items (T-shirts, etc), furs of domestic animals, souvenir type items, photographs, pictures or stationary.
3. All goods may be inspected by the Rifle Frolic Committee at any time. Any item that is deemed to violate the above rule shall be removed.

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## 2017 Rifle Frolic Participant Application

**All** participants that have not completed the jurying process must submit photographs of their camp, gear and themselves in 18<sup>th</sup> Century attire. Participants and Blanket Traders must submit representative photographs of their merchandise and/or craft. New applications received without photographs will be discarded. Photos will be returned if requested.

**1. Participants.** *Anyone attending the Rifle Frolic in 18<sup>th</sup> Century attire, including Campers, Non-Campers, or Blanket Traders.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults - \$15 each.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children (Ages 6-12) - \$5.00 each.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children (5 and under) – Free.

Type of Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of shelter: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Blanket Trader - \$20 Trade Fee.** \_\_\_\_\_

Display size limited to the size of a 4-point blanket (72"x90") Type of merchandise to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been previously juryed for the Bledsoe Fort Colonial Fair? **YES** or **NO** If so, what year(s)?

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any medical conditions that you would like the staff to be aware of? If so, please explain briefly:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and understand the application and the mandatory rules and agree to abide by policies as set forth. Furthermore, I agree that the organizers of said event have the right to expel anyone from the event who does not abide by those policies. Likewise, the organizers have the right to inspect attire and merchandise and those items that do not meet authenticity requirements will need to be removed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association** Return completed application, photographs and registration fee to: **Bledsoe's Fort Rifle Frolic**  
P.O. Box 1316  
Gallatin, TN 37066