



Participant Application Information



58th Annual
October 11-12, 2025



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 58th Feast of the Hunters' Moon. This event strives to give both the public and the participants a realistic portrayal of the people, cultures, and lifestyles that existed on the French and English colonial frontier in the Great Lakes region during the time of Fort Ouiatenon, which encompassed the period 1717-1791. We want to interpret this time and place as accurately as possible in order to offer the public an educational and unforgettable experience, and also to honor the people who lived here. Participants, merchandise, entertainment, and food should be appropriate to our time period and place, to the best of our knowledge and ability. Participants are responsible for knowing what types of costume, equipment, and merchandise are appropriate for their area.

Categories of Participation

Deadline July 1 st	Deadline August 15 th
<p data-bbox="402 541 488 573" style="text-align: center;">Sutlers</p> <p data-bbox="89 577 795 672">Sell such things as 18th century goods and handcrafted items in 18th century styles and materials from a shelter or from a blanket or skin laid on the ground.</p> <p data-bbox="284 703 604 735" style="text-align: center;">Traditional Craftsperson</p> <p data-bbox="89 739 792 1033">Demonstrate a craft of the 18th century and produce an 18th century replica using tools and equipment appropriate to the time period. Craftsperson must be at their booth and demonstrating their craft at least 80% of the Feast operating hours. If you are consistently observed NOT demonstrating by quality control, you will be charged the appropriate sutler fee. <u>Separate applications are required for each person demonstrating each craft, even at the same booth.</u> A craftsperson may sell handmade goods related to his/her craft.</p> <p data-bbox="191 1066 696 1098" style="text-align: center;">Performers and other Program Personnel</p> <p data-bbox="89 1102 711 1192">Program personnel include performing groups, habitants, independent military units, and any other living history interpreter not involved in other categories.</p>	<p data-bbox="1112 541 1243 573" style="text-align: center;">Voyageurs</p> <p data-bbox="824 577 1511 667">The voyageurs interpret the lifestyle of 18th century canoe men and women. Voyageurs may register as independents or with a brigade. They may participate in the canoe landings and races.</p> <p data-bbox="1112 699 1243 730" style="text-align: center;">Volunteers</p> <p data-bbox="824 735 1474 825">Set-up, gates, hospitality, registration, and other operations workers, TCHA booth workers, clean-up workers, and other support areas.</p> <p data-bbox="1128 856 1227 888" style="text-align: center;">Military</p> <p data-bbox="824 892 1528 1150">The Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe, Northwest Territory Alliance, and Seven Years War Inc. are the re-enactors of military life & operations at Fort Ouiatenon. Registration can be done by unit or individually using this application. Independent units should consult with the Feast Event Manager for more information on registration. Military personnel requiring modern camping should use this form (Section 4 – Modern Camping) to request a camp site.</p>

Applications

<u>Previous participants</u>	<u>New program, sales, or demonstration applicants</u>
<p data-bbox="89 1339 787 1623">are generally accepted if they have worked cooperatively within Feast guidelines. Unless otherwise requested, participant sites on the grounds will be as close as possible to their previous location. If you wish to relocate or have other layout concerns, please include this information with your application. Applications received after the deadline will be accepted and placed on a space available basis. We cannot guarantee that returning participants will be able to keep their previous location if the application is received after the deadline.</p>	<p data-bbox="824 1339 1528 1623">must submit color photographs of their shelter, clothing and any merchandise or crafts they wish to exhibit or sell. Photos can be submitted electronically, by the deadline for that particular category. Documentation for any unusual or unique items should also be included as specified below in the quality control guidelines. Acceptance is determined from review of all entries received by the deadline and is based upon appropriateness and space available. Written replies will be sent approximately 45 days after the category deadline.</p>

Fees are listed on the application form. Digital payment options are now available. Details on application. **The higher fee amounts** will be assessed on all applications received **after the deadline**. **Payment in full** must be enclosed with all applications. To be eligible for a refund, cancellations must be made at least *two weeks* prior to the Feast. After that time, refunds will be issued at the discretion of the Feast Event Manager. No refunds will be made if the Feast is canceled due to weather, fire, strike; any national, state or local emergencies; government regulations; natural disaster or any cause beyond the control of the Tippecanoe Co. Historical Association.

Participants may not arrive to begin setup or camping until the Wednesday prior to the Feast and must vacate Feast grounds by 11 AM on the Monday following the Feast. Failure to comply may lead to denial of future participation.

For more information, visit our website at www.feastofthehuntersmoon.org or contact:
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Quality Control

All items worn, displayed, or offered for sale must be appropriate to the 1717-1791 time period and our location on the colonial frontier. Emphasis should be placed on handcrafted items or items appropriate to interpreting the history of this era. The following items are specifically prohibited:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modern display cases or racks, plastic bags, price stickers, modern price tags, and wire or plastic coat hangers. 2. Any mass produced or modern item or any item made from non-period materials. 3. Western Native American items such as long fringed leather and tapered hair pipe chokers. 4. Archaeological artifacts. 5. Dream catchers, mandalas, prayer drums, powwow goods 6. Southwest pottery, jewelry, baskets, rugs/Mexican blankets. 7. Turquoise jewelry, plastic beads, neon feathers, brightly colored leather. 8. Stainless steel knives and swords. 9. Fantasy "pirate" items or other pirate items not appropriate to the Great Lakes region. 10. Clothing not appropriate to the time period, such as bodices worn as an outer garment. 11. Medieval Era or "Ren-Faire" type items (i.e. dragons and broad swords). 12. Inappropriate toys including but not limited to: pop guns/cap guns, whips, hematite zingers, sling shots with rubber bands, and ocarinas, rubber tipped arrows, wooden samurai swords, plastic dolls or other plastic items. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Parts or products deriving from any threatened, endangered, or otherwise protected species, or skins/parts of domestic animals (see the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for more information). 14. Graniteware or enamelware. 15. Percussion weapons. 16. Any type of raffles, drawings, or lotteries. 17. Books and audio/video recordings not pertaining to the time period. 18. Photographs, pictures, stationery, holiday, or souvenir items. 19. Any ready to consume food product. This includes but is not limited to candy, dried fruits, nuts, jerky, beverages, and produce. This is to avoid disruption of food booth sales. Items that are food but not ready to consume may be sold (i.e., oils and herbs) subject to health department inspection. 20. Items using the words "Fort Ouiatenon" (with the exception of map reproductions) or "Feast of the Hunters' Moon" 21. Holiday items (i.e. Christmas decorations, etc.)
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This list is not intended to be all-inclusive but rather points out items of specific or recurring concerns. As a general rule, you should not plan on selling any item that is not universally accepted at other regional historical re-enactments. If you believe that a specific item is wrongfully included on the prohibited item list, or if you have any unique or controversial items that you want to sell, then we require that you provide documentation (**preferably at least 3 distinct sources**) that places your items in our area and time period. Our knowledge of the customs and goods of the Eighteenth Century period is a continually evolving thing and you can help everyone learn more about this period and help us update our standards with any new information that you can provide. We look forward to working with you to bring new and interesting goods to the Feast as long as they can be properly documented. Lacking such documentation, any items of questionable authenticity will be prohibited.

Feast staff will be reviewing booths to check for violations of these standards and for general booth appearance. If prohibited items are found, you will be asked to remove the items. If there are significant violations or a lack of cooperation with Feast officials, the participant may be asked to leave and/or banned from future festivals. If there are problems or concerns, please see the Feast Event Manager or a member of the Feast quality control committee. If you are not able to abide by our standards, then please do not apply. If you ignore or try to evade our standards, you will be denied the privilege of returning for future Feasts.

Feast Thursday and Friday Activities - Help us welcome the children!

Our *Special Kids' Day* & *Friday School Fun Day* have been great successes in the past and the Feast Committee thanks our participants for their wonderful cooperation in helping in previous years. Participation is voluntary; however you **must register your intentions on your application**. Sutlers and Traditional Craftspersons will be allowed to sell on FRIDAY, but not on Thursday. Note that no vehicles are to move on grounds during either Thursday or Friday kids days. Vehicles may be on site, but not move regardless of event participation.

Thursday Special Kids' Day (10/9)	Friday School Fun Day (10/10)
<p>Special needs students from Tippecanoe and surrounding counties are invited to participate in our <i>Special Kid's Day</i>. We expect about 600 students and chaperones. The day is such a success because of the interaction between the students & Feast participants who generously share their time and skills with us. This activity runs from 9:30 am-1:30 pm</p>	<p>We expect over 2,500 excited elementary students and chaperones to attend. Share your special talents and love of history with young people by becoming involved in School Fun Day and mentoring these elementary school level Feast visitors and living history enthusiasts of tomorrow. This activity runs from 9:30 am-1:30 pm.</p>

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