



Participant Application Information

FEAST HUNTERS' MOON

59th Annual
October 24-25, 2026



Dear Participant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 59th 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 15 th	Deadline September 1 st
<p data-bbox="402 541 488 573" style="text-align: center;">Sutlers</p> <p data-bbox="89 579 797 674">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="282 705 607 737" style="text-align: center;">Traditional Craftsperson</p> <p data-bbox="89 743 773 1031">Demonstrate a craft of the 18th century and produce an 18th century replica using tools and equipment appropriate to the time period. Craftspersons 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 699 1098" style="text-align: center;">Performers and other Program Personnel</p> <p data-bbox="89 1104 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="1110 541 1243 573" style="text-align: center;">Voyageurs</p> <p data-bbox="824 579 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="1110 699 1243 730" style="text-align: center;">Volunteers</p> <p data-bbox="824 737 1471 825">Set-up, gates, hospitality, registration, and other operations workers, TCHA booth workers, clean-up workers, and other support areas.</p> <p data-bbox="1127 856 1227 888" style="text-align: center;">Military</p> <p data-bbox="824 894 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 1337 789 1497">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.</p> <p data-bbox="89 1503 789 1623">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 1337 1511 1402">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:

By phone at (765) 476-8411 or by email at Feast@tippecanoehistory.org



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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. Tarot Card reading/Fortune Telling. 18. Books and audio/video recordings not pertaining to the time period. 19. Photographs, pictures, stationery, holiday, or souvenir items. 20. 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. 21. Items using the words "Fort Ouiatenon" (with the exception of map reproductions) or "Feast of the Hunters' Moon" 22. 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.

Thursday Special Kids' Day (10/23)	Friday School Fun Day (10/24)
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	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.

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59th Feast of the Hunters' Moon – October 24-25, 2026 Participant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Feast! Please be sure to fill out each applicable section completely. This application may be photocopied and must be postmarked or emailed to apps@tippecanoehistory.org by the appropriate deadline. Late applications subject to space availability and a late fee. See deadlines listed on cover page or in section 7. Please do not send cell phone photos of completed app. Please scan, mail/email, or fill digitally.

Section 1: Contact Information

Contact Name:		
Group or Business name for Program:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Alternate Phone:	Email:

Receive emails from the Feast, and connect with us at Feast@TippecanoeHistory.org.
The Feast has a digital option! Check the below box if you would like to receive your application and acceptance, and any reminders by email. (This saves us postage and allows for faster notification of acceptance.)

2026 application is being sent based on 2025 selection. Send applications to apps@tippecanoehistory.org

Yes, I want to receive emails from the Feast. No, send me my acceptance and application by mail.

Section 2: Type of Application

First time sutlers/craftspeople, and other living history interpreters **must email or mail** color photos of clothing, merchandise, and shelter, as well as primary source documentation on the appropriateness of any atypical items. Failure to provide this information could result in denial of application. **TCHA built booths are limited to those craftspeople and program personnel who have had them in the past. (Do not select this option if you have not previously had a primitive booth.)**

Please note: A \$25 late fee has also been instated on all deadlines.

Sutler (Selling from a shelter or directly from a blanket or skin on the ground) (Must complete section 3)

Types of merchandise: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Small (Fee \$75 / After July 15th \$100) – Sales area less than 200 square feet

Medium (Fee \$135 / After July 15th \$155) – Sales area between 200 and 400 square feet

Large (Fee \$185 / After July 15th \$210) – Sales area greater than 400 square feet

Traditional Craftsperson (Must DEMONSTRATE craft during Feast hours) (Must complete section 3)

Type of Crafts sold and demonstrated: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

Sales fee - No charge

Voyageur

Brigade Name: _____

Number of canoes you are bringing (if any): _____

Performers (Separate contract required) and other Program Personnel

Portrayal/Group Name: _____

Historical Interpreters, Interpretive Areas, and Activities

Activity or Area Name: _____

Military

Unit Name: _____

Organization (Check One) Forces of Montcalm & Wolfe Seven Years War NAWTA Other _____

CHANGED IN 2025: Feast Volunteer: Gates, Area Chairs, Registration, Set Up, or TCHA-Operated Booth Workers:

Please see "Worker" Application, or email feast@tippecanoehistory.org to receive a copy!

Total Sales Fees:

Section 3: Period Grounds Space and Rental Needs

(This section **must** be filled out by participants who require space or materials inside the authentic section of the Feast grounds)

Traditional craftspeople who are prior participants and who do not sell or sell less than \$300 may request one single booth (if they have had one previously), a table, and two chairs at no charge. Additional tables and chairs can be obtained at the rates shown below. Straw is provided directly to military and voyageur camps. These participants do not need to order separately. No straw will be provided to the modern camping area. TCHA reserves the right to limit the number of tables, chairs, and straw bales to individuals or groups.

TCHA Built Booth (Primitive wooden shelter, roof only, no sides, 7' tall, ONLY FOR CRAFTSPEOPLE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY HAD THESE)

(Check Size)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single (10' x 8') = \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Double (20' x 8') = \$80	\$ <input type="text"/>
Table Rental	Number of Tables _____	@ \$13.00 each	\$ <input type="text"/>
Chair Rental	Number of Chairs: _____	@ \$4.00 each	\$ <input type="text"/>
Straw	Number of Bales: _____	@ \$7.00 each	\$ <input type="text"/>

Period Total Ground Site Size Requirements (including shelters, ropes, demonstration/display area, frontage, and fire pits)

Check here if you are a returning participant and desire the same grounds space and location as last year.

Frontage (ft.) _____ Depth (ft.) _____ Height (ft.) _____

Fire Pit Location (Facing booth from aisle, Check all that apply): Left Right Front Rear

ALL maps, requests, and other grounds considerations must be submitted no later than September 1. We cannot guarantee requests after this date.

Total Booth and Rental Fees: \$

Section 4: Modern Camping

Camping is **restricted** to a designated camping area adjacent to the festival grounds **and to participants and immediate family only. No public camping is available.** The camping area has pit toilets, but no electrical or water hookups. **Quiet hours are to be observed from midnight to 7:00 am; all generators must be turned off during quiet hours.** Camping sites are **30' x 15'**. Sites are assigned. If you have an RV longer than 30', you must order multiple sites in a pull-through or other two site deep configuration. If you wish to camp with a specific group, please specify below. Due to camp area limitations, large groups may not be able to be placed together and may be split apart. For safety reasons, we CANNOT allow camping in parking areas or the surrounding woods. In case of inclement weather, vehicle movement in and out of the campground area may be prohibited, so plan accordingly. Also note that late applications cannot be guaranteed modern camping, or preferred campsites. If reserving **more than 1** campsite, check preference in arrangement: **THERE IS A MAXIMUM OF 4 SITES PER APPLICATION.**

Pull Through (Long Campers) Side By Side (Adjacent Sites) Square or L-Shape (Double Deep and Adjacent)

Special needs involving my modern camp set-up: Handicap Other _____

I wish to camp with the following individual(s)/group, if possible: _____

Camping Fee: Number of campsites (**LIMIT 4 PER APPLICATION**): _____ @ \$55 each (\$80 after September 1st). \$

Please note: The modern camping window closes on September 15. Any camping inquiries after that time are to purchase a campsite at \$80/site (maximum 4) at the Registration Tent starting Wednesday of "Feast Week". These are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Section 5: Participant List

Every participant must have a Feast button. The button permits entry and 24-hour access to the festival grounds. The Feast Event Manager reserves the right to review and limit the number of buttons on a case by case basis. Please complete the table below. **For non-participating family members a weekend pass is available for \$15 allowing admission for both days. These must be reserved in advance.** **Military, Voyageurs, fife & drum crops, and other groups may submit a list of participants IF REGISTERING AS A UNIT. If your group has too many members to fit here, please attach an additional sheet.**

Names for Participant Buttons- MUST INCLUDE BOTH FIRST AND LAST NAMES <i>ONLY LIST YOURSELF AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS/EMPLOYEES. We must have record of all participants per Emergency Management Policy, including contact info. Thank you!</i>			Names for Weekend Passes (\$15 each, children under 4 free)	
1)	[You]	7)	1)	
2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child?	8)	2)	
3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child?	9)	3)	
4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child?	10)	4)	
5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child?	11)	5)	
6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child?	12)	6)	

TCHA will waive the button fee for all **performers, military, interpretive personnel, voyageurs, and TCHA operated booth workers.** **The first two buttons requested are free for sutlers and craftspeople.** It is required that any worker requesting a button will work a minimum of 4 hours during the Feast. **Cost is \$2 for each additional button.** **NO EXTRA BUTTONS WILL BE GIVEN FOR NAMES NOT LISTED IN APPLICATION.**

Participant Button Fee: \$ Weekend Pass Fee: \$

Section 6: Membership and Amount Due

The Tippecanoe County Historical Association (TCHA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving information and artifacts relating to the history and culture of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and its citizens. Membership helps to promote the activities and educational programs of the organization. TCHA is the parent organization of the Feast, and enables the event to grow each year.

Basic Memberships: Individual \$40; Senior Individual \$35; Senior Couple \$45; Family \$55

- Basic Level Membership (Individual, Senior Individual, Senior Couple, Family)
 - Free admission to TCHA sites: Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum, Fort Ouiatenon Blockhouse Museum, Genealogy and Research Center
 - 10% discount in all TCHA Museum Stores. Subscription to TCHA's E-newsletter.
 - Feast of the Hunters' Moon tickets (number of tickets depends on membership level). Additional benefits as listed on the TCHA website.

Premier Memberships: Patron \$100, Sustaining \$250, Benefactor \$500, Treasure \$1000

Additional benefits as listed on the TCHA website.

Sales Fee	\$ <input type="text"/>	Booth and Rental Fee	\$ <input type="text"/>
Modern Camping Fee	\$ <input type="text"/>	Participant Button Fees	\$ <input type="text"/>
Weekend Pass Fees	\$ <input type="text"/>	TCHA Membership	\$ <input type="text"/>
Total Due:	\$ <input type="text"/>		

Instead of providing your card details on paper, check "Invoice" to be sent a *digital* invoice for fees at the email listed above. Invoices must be paid within two weeks of receipt. 3% Processing fee will be added. Application is not processed until fees are paid in full.

Invoice Checks: Make payable to TCHA **Credit Card:** (Check one) MasterCard Visa Discover

Card Number: _____ Name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____ Expiration Date: _____ V code: _____ ZIP code: _____

Section 7: Signature

Deadline for Sutler, Craft, Program, and Performer applications is **July 15th**

Deadline for Military, Voyageurs and Feast workers with or without modern camping is **September 1st**.

Please Note: Late applications are subject to space availability and a late fee where applicable. We cannot guarantee return locations for late apps.

I have read the sections governing my areas of participation and agree to abide by the policies as stated.

I understand that I will not be permitted to use the phrases "Fort Ouiatenon" or "Feast of the Hunters' Moon," or illustrations of the Ouiatenon Blockhouse or any Feast of the Hunters' Moon logos on any items to be sold. I understand that the applicant or any members of the applicant's group listed in this application may be photographed and/or interviewed for media coverage and advertising or photographed by visitors for private use and give my permission for its use in TCHA promotion and literature. I agree that I am liable for my own liability insurance, Indiana Retail Sales Tax as well as any other related taxes, if applicable.

Applicant verifies that to the best of applicant's knowledge, no member of applicant's group who will be present on Feast grounds at set-up or during the Feast has committed or been convicted of a crime against a minor or child.

Applicant represents authority to enter into a binding contractual agreements with TCHA on behalf of applicant's group or entity and does agree to indemnify TCHA and hold TCHA, its employees, agents, representatives, officers and governors harmless with respect to any and all loss, damage, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) and liability whatsoever arising in any manner from applicant's activities related to the Feast of the Hunters' Moon, whether such claim arises from an occurrence before, during or after the actual event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ *No application will be processed without participant's signature*

Arrival Day: (Check One - **NO ARRIVALS BEFORE WEDNESDAY!**) Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Arrival Time: (Check One) Morning Afternoon Evening

All participants must be off the grounds no later than 11AM on Monday. Failure to do so may result in banning of future participation.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY SPECIAL KIDS' DAY AND FRIDAY SCHOOL FUN DAY

Check here if you are planning to participate in:

Special Kids' Day on Thursday 10/22, must be set up by 9:30 am and close at 1:30 pm

School Fun Day on Friday 10/23, must be set up by 9:30 am and close at 1:30 pm

(See Special Kids' Day and Friday School Fun Day information in applicant letter or call (765) 476-8411 ext 3 for information)

Please note: Whether participating or not, NO vehicles are to move on grounds during the above hours on school days.

MAIL your application, along with required photos, descriptions, and fees to: TCHA, 1001 South Street Lafayette, IN 47901. ATTN: Feast App



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Graciously hosted by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. Consider becoming a member, more details inside.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

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Deadline for Military, Voyageurs and Feast workers with or without modern camping is **September 1st**.
Deadline for Modern Camping is **September 1st**.

Any necessary **payment** must be **included** with application, or invoiced.
(Application will not be processed until fee is paid!)

All applications must be **signed**.

Important Notes:

- **Modern Camping deadline is September 1. Late apps subject to fees. Any modern camping after September 15 will be denied. Any remaining camp sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis starting Wednesday of "Feast week" at Registration.**
- **NO vehicles on grounds during Kids Days (9AM – 2PM Thursday & Friday)**
- **\$25 late fee applied across all deadlines.**
- **Please review our Quality Control criteria!**

More details inside. Thank you for your cooperation.