



MISSISSINEWA 1812

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Dear Food Purveyor,

The Mississinewa Battlefield Society would like to extend an invitation to you to apply to participate at this year's Mississinewa 1812 on October 3-5, 2025 at the new location of 1812 Tulip Drive Marion, Indiana. **The registration deadline is June 12th. After June 12, please add a \$20.00 late registration fee. Registrations will not be considered and/or accepted after July 1, 2025. You will need to re-apply next year if so.**

Reminder: We have moved to an all online platform for registration. Please follow our website, social media, and email communication moving forward. That being said, it is critical that you provide me with your most updated and used email address and phone numbers. Also, who is the main point of contact for your group. Print this application off, fill out, send in with money and return before the due date to be considered for this year's event.

For-profit food vendors will be required to have a certified food handler permit from their State. Your state's certified food handler permit will be honored in Indiana, *if presented at 1812 along with a photo ID of the food handler.*

NON-Profits: are exempt according to Indiana State Department of Health regulations, but must comply with local regulations. **If you have questions, please call the staff at the Grant County Health Department at 765-651-2402 and they will assist you.**

Indiana Retail Sales Tax Number: You are responsible for contacting the Indiana Department of Revenue (www.in.gov/dor) to determine if you are required to register as a retail merchant in Indiana. The telephone number is (317) 233-4015. **Most, if not all, non-profit civic organizations will be exempt.** If you are exempt, please note that on your application.

If you desire hotel accommodations, please contact them immediately. Please identify yourself as an 1812 participant as some have special rates and reserve your room early!

For any and all concerns, please reach out to Heather Allen, vicepresident@mississinewa1812.com Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony Decker

President

Mississinewa Battlefield Society, Inc.

president@mississinewa1812.com

FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION

2025 Mississinewa 1812

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Food Purveyor deadline June 12th, 2025. Applications must be received by the deadline in order to be considered for participation. A welcome packet will be (**E-MAILED**) to you in September confirming more information about the site. Only Food Booths will be allowed to sell food at Mississinewa 1812. If you have any questions, please email: Heather Allen at: vicepresident@mississinewa1812.com.

Send this application form, photos, descriptions and fees (make checks payable to ATTN: Heather ALLEN/ FOOD VENDOR) Mississinewa 1812, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952.

FOR ALL **FIRST TIME vendors:** You must send color photos of your clothing, merchandise, and shelter. Failure to provide this information will result in the denial of your application for participation in Mississinewa 1812. If checks, money orders or pre-arranged payment are not included, acceptance of this application will not be processed.

Please Indicate by circling, Are you : NEW or RETURNING to Mississinewa 1812 ?

Organization Name: _____ For Profit _____ Not for Profit _____

Head Contact Person in charge: _____ EIN #:(if applicable) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/ZIP: _____

Vendor Name at Event: _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail (required): _____

Food & Drink Items to be sold: _____

Booth Space Rental: This is determined by frontage PLUS ropes included, size up 5 feet if unsure.

☐ I wish to rent a 20 ft. frontage at \$150.00.* * "Frontage is measured from tent stake to stake".

☐ I wish to rent a 25 ft. frontage at \$160.00.* We do not guarantee depth.

☐ I wish to rent a 30 ft. frontage at \$170.00.* We do not guarantee Depth

☐ I wish to rent a 35 ft. frontage at \$180.00.* We do not guarantee Depth (40 ft add: \$10.00 _____)

Worker Passes **(Mandatory)**

☐ I wish to purchase (how many) _____ worker passes \$1.00 (EACH PERSON) = \$ _____ (worker passes are for workers to enter the event at this cost **ONLY** on the days while working at the booth, when you purchase these passes, these will be postal mailed before the event) If workers are off duty and would like to attend the event, they will need to pay gate prices to enter. These will need to be on them at **ALL** times to get in and out of the site! Security will be checking all entry points for them.

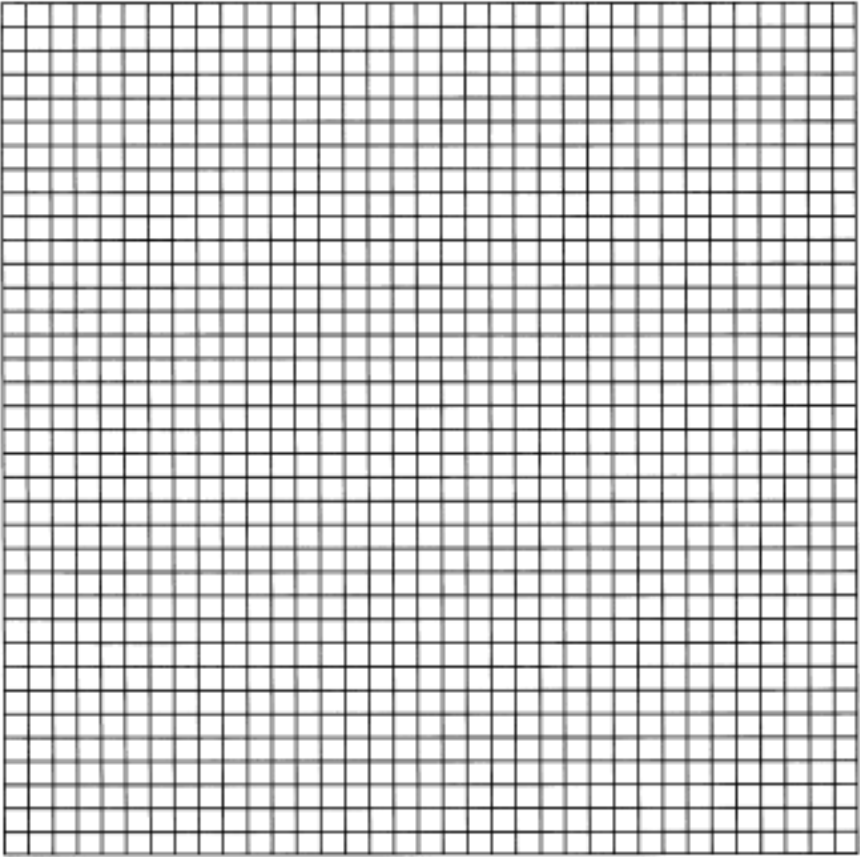
Add Late Registration Fee of \$20.00 after July 1st 2025, after this date you will need to re-apply for next year.

TOTAL DUE \$ _____ (this includes your booth space(s) PLUS worker passes, we do not sell work passes at the site during set up week, so be sure you have these paid for here in this application. **NO refunds.**

Draw a sketch of your site as if you were above it looking down : **All distances in feet with guy ropes included.**

Side

Scale: 1 sq=1 ft.



Front of your booth (Roadway)

AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, have read the rules and regulations to "Mississinewa 1812" and agree to abide by the policies stated therein.

I agree that I and all members in my group or organization will wear the proper 1812 period clothing at all times during the public hours of operation and conduct ourselves according to the customs of the period at all times so as to cause no offense to any other person. I acknowledge that Mississinewa 1812 is a living history event and should I fail to observe these rules I and the members of my group may be asked to remove ourselves from the event site.

In consideration for the permission granted to me and my organization to participate in Mississinewa 1812, I and each member of my group or organization hereby forever release and discharge the Mississinewa Battlefield Society, Inc., its members and staff, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Released Persons) from any and all liability for injury or damage to my person or property or that of any member of my unit arising out of or in any way connected with said event and battle re-enactments.

If, despite this agreement, I do sue a Released Person, I agree to pay all costs and expenses (including actual attorney fees) incurred by the Released Person in defending the suit.

I agree that neither the Mississinewa Battlefield Society nor the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is liable for loss, damage, or injury to myself or my property during the course of Mississinewa 1812.

Registration deadline June 12th, 2025

Dated this _____, 2025. SIGNATURE _____

NO APPLICATION WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE and correct fee. PRINT and MAIL this form to: ATTN: Heather Allen/Food Vendor: Mississinewa 1812 Registration, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952. Make all checks payable to: Mississinewa 1812 Battlefield Society. If you have any questions, please email: Heather Allen at: vicepresident@mississinewa1812.com

Please see next pages, but these are for your information, please do not mail them back

Mississinewa 1812 Registration

(Sutlers, Artisans, Food Purveyors, Blanket Traders)

1. REGISTRATION. All participants must pre-register. Sutlers, traditional artisans, food purveyors and blanket traders must register by June 12th. The Mississinewa Battlefield Society reserves the right to exclude those who fail to properly pre-register by their respective deadlines.

Applicants must include photographs of trade goods, their period shelter and their 1812 era clothing. All applicants will be judged on space available, appropriateness, and clothing. No horses may participate without having current Coggins papers *and* the prior written approval of the Society.

All applicants must check-in at the registration booth upon arrival at Mississinewa 1812. Registration is: Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. immediately before Mississinewa 1812 weekend.

2. AUTHENTICITY. Mississinewa 1812 has a tradition of being a quality educational and cultural experience for the participants and the visitors. During the public hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, every attempt shall be made to maintain a high level of authenticity in your interpretation, dress, camp or trade booth during the weekend.

No non-participant visitors are permitted in the camps after the public hours Friday and Saturday nights.

Modern equipment must not be visible from any direction. That includes anything not of the 1812 era such as: plastic ground cloths, ice chests, flashlights, Coleman lanterns, plastic containers, foil, enamel ware, sleeping bags, etc.

Appropriate clothing includes anything that is appropriate to Indiana in 1812 and must be worn at all times during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Period dress is strongly encouraged after public hours. Non-appropriate clothing includes, but is not limited to wrist watches, sun glasses, modern eye glasses, modern jewelry, tennis shoes, nylon items, etc. Please use common sense. Cell phones and cameras may be used with discretion.

Only 18th and early 19th century trade goods of the Northwest Territory may be sold. Only 18th and early 19th century shelters may be used by participants. No tipis, lean-pees, one-pole (square or circular), hunter's, coureur du bois, or baker tents will be allowed. Only canoe and diamond shelters will be allowed in the wilderness camps.

The Society reserves the right to prohibit any item, dress, or conduct inappropriate to the 1812 time period.

3. BOOTHS. All booths must reflect the 1812 era and be approved in advance by the Society if it is not an 18th or early 19th century shelter. All booths must be set-up by 7 p.m. Thursday of the weekend of Mississinewa 1812.

Booth decoration must be in a manner consistent with the 1812 era. Do not decorate your booth with any "modern flowers". No metal display cases may be used. Tables must be skirted to the ground. All non-period items must be covered with canvas, blankets, burlap, period appropriate cloth or plain white sheets to conceal them from public view.. Booth signs must be of the 1812 era. Modern organizational names may not be used. Booths cannot be dismantled until 4 p.m. Sunday, if you tear down early, you may not be invited back.

4. ARTISANS. Individuals registering as traditional artisans must demonstrate their craft using tools and equipment of the 1812 era and must demonstrate seventy-five percent (75%) of the time

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISANS. Native American artisans may sell articles made by them and created in the

Indian village if they are registered as traditional artisans by July 12th, have paid appropriate fees and are registered with the Indiana Department of Revenue. Native American artisans must contact Mississinewa 1812, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952, for vendor registration form before June 12th. Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, Public Law 101-644, Section 104a, makes it unlawful to offer or display for sale or sell goods, with or without a Government trademark, in any manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. If a Native American Indian makes the items you sell, make sure you have the paperwork to prove it. If a Non-Native American makes your items, some statement to that effect must be displayed and attached to each item. sold. **No selling of Native American artifacts is permitted under Indian Law. Sale of reproductions is permitted.** Under Public Law 101-601, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Native American burial sites, cultural or sacred artifacts may not be bought or sold on the site.

5. MERCHANDISE. Individuals registering as Merchants, Artisans, Blanket Traders, or Food Purveyors must sell food or wares appropriate to the 1812 era and pay the appropriate fee as set forth in the application form. All vendors will be inspected to ensure inappropriate trade goods are not sold or displayed.

Vendors cannot sell the following articles, including, but not limited to sleeveless bodices, bath bombs, compound or recurve bows, compound/recurve pistols, bird whistles of non natural materials, modern pow-wow items, bottled water, carbonated drinks, plastic honey sticks, hematite and magnetic novelty items, dream catchers, hairpipe, turquoise jewelry, Mexican blankets, southwest pottery, bamboo flutes, African baskets, totems, prayer drums, Claymore swords, broad swords, 666, witchcraft, devil items, walking sticks with modern heads, artifacts, plastic items, souvenirs, key chains, crystals, holiday items, neon-colored feathers or furs, artificial fur items, mass produced and foreign made items (unless historically appropriate), photographs, modern stationery, cards, items using the trademark "Mississinewa 1812," raffle tickets, or books (except for a limited, small selection related to your specialty) are forbidden. CDs and DVD's of period music may be sold, but not displayed (a period appropriate sign may be used to advertise them for sale), children's toys offered for sale must be of wood and of the 1812 era, containing neither sharp edges nor plastic, cork or pop guns. Except for the individual vendor's own sale catalog or newspaper, no catalogs, modern magazines or newspapers may be displayed (a period appropriate sign may be used to advertise them). The Society reserves the right to sell trademark items of a non-period nature.

6. FOOD PREPARATION. All food cooked in public view must be over an open fire. For public safety, all open fires must be approved by the Mississinewa Battlefield Society. All perishable food items must be kept cool with dry ice (or ice if proper temperature is maintained). All food purveyors must comply with all state and local health regulations. All **Gray Water** must be put in the "Gray Water" containers at Port-a-John sites. **Do not dump cooking oil or sewage in Gray Water containers. No electrical generators are permitted. No dumping of grey water in the canal, any waterways or ponds.**

7. ELECTRICAL GENERATORS. No electrical generators may be operated except in the Vendor **Parking Lot** (upper off-site parking lot) and not after 11 p.m in any event. **No electrical generators are permitted in vendor areas.**

8. FIREWOOD. Limited amounts of firewood will be furnished by the Society to all participants (except food purveyors). Food Purveyors are required to furnish their own firewood. Participants from counties or states under an Emerald Ash Borer quarantine cannot bring any fire wood with them except **pine or scrap, kiln-dried lumber, or packaged firewood that has a federal certification label or a state-compliance agreement label. NO CHAINSAW CUTTING That needs to be done before the event.**

9. CAMP FIRES. Keep fire pits shallow (eight to ten inches) and carefully remove sod to the side of the fire pit and save for backfilling. All fires must be extinguished and pits must be backfilled. No rocks are allowed around fire pits. You are required to have in your camp the appropriate fire extinguishers (CLASS B) for fire and grease fires at all times.

10. ALCOHOL/DRUGS. Intoxication, disorderly conduct or use of illegal drugs (controlled substances), including Marijuana, without a valid prescription will not be tolerated at Mississinewa 1812. The law enforcement on site will be called if needed. **NO tobacco products will be sold, violation of this will be handled promptly.**

11. WATER. Will be furnished on the site from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

12. STRAW. All straw on the site is for the Society's use for period camp sites. All vendors must furnish their own straw.

13. GRAY WATER. RV and Motor Home campers are prohibited under Indiana Law from dumping **Gray Water** on the site. Gray Water may be dumped at the Marion City Utilities site, 1540 North Washington St., Marion, IN 46952. Phone 664-2391.

14. VEHICLES. *Participant vehicles:* Except for service vehicles, no vehicles will be allowed on the grounds between 7:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Friday and 7:00 a.m. Saturday to 4:00 p.m. Sunday.
Vendor vehicles: Vehicles servicing food booths may be on the grounds only from 6:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. Anyone violating this rule shall have their vehicle towed immediately, and 45 minutes each day after closing to gather equipment. Please be prompt and get vehicles back off property.

15. SECURITY. Do not leave valuables unattended as the Society does not assume any liability for loss or damage to you or your property. Security on the grounds is for civil disturbances only.

16. CLEAN-UP. Conditions of sites must be left the same as or better than they were found. Participants failing to do so will be banished from future events.

17. PETS. Participants may have leashed pets in their camp only. The public may not bring pets on the grounds except for authorized assistant animals.

18. RAFFLES and TIPS. Raffles may not be held or advertised. Tips may not be solicited directly or indirectly.

19. FIRST AID. First aid/emergency services will be available at the entrance gate.

20. CHILDREN. Must be under the care, supervision, and control of their parent, guardians at all times.

21. HOURS. Public hours are Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

22. QUIET HOURS: 11pm-6am. (Midnight on Saturday night) **No loud noises after 11:00 p.m.** Profanity and obscenities will not be tolerated, this is a family event.

As to all matters, the decision of the Mississinewa Battlefield Society, Inc. is final.

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If you wish to sell items other than your registered food items, please contact us regarding a Merchants application. Grey Water must only be emptied at designated grey water bins, no exceptions. No dumping in the canals, waterways, or ponds.

We do not provide wood for cooking, or straw. You are responsible for that.

All Workers must wear 1790-1815 Federalist/Regency era clothing, whether visible or not, during hours of operation. No modern clothing including tennis shoes or cowboy boots, and shirts with logos are permitted. Sleeveless bodices and polyester clothing is prohibited. No blue jeans. No exceptions. No Native American "Costumes", or any halloween style costumes are permitted. If violated, you will be asked to leave.

For any questions please contact Heather Allen at
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“If in doubt, call or email”

A new Clothing guide is now online to help with giving you a better perspective of our clothing goals for 1812, while we understand that your groups may need to compromise, we are always here to help!

If you are looking for fabric, patterns, gently used historical clothing, please reach out to the Mississinewa 1812 Society right away! We always have volunteers ready to help, and donors who have over the years given these items to us to pass onto groups like yours! We know that clothing takes time. Some things that you have may just simply need “a small tweak” to get you up to speed to be what we would consider, “historically accurate”!

Go to www.mississinewa1812.org and visit the “clothing guide” tab to see the suggestions!

And Again, You must comply with all Grant County Health Department Rules and Regulations, which are subject to change at any time. Please follow their website for updates and changes