



MISSISSINEWA 1812

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Dear Merchant, Blanket Trader, Traditional Craftsman:

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 our new location, 1812 E. Tulip Drive, Marion, Indiana 46953.

The registration deadline is June 12th. After this date, please add a \$20.00 late registration fee, late Registrations will not be considered and/or accepted after July 1, 2025. You will need to re-apply the following year.

You are allowed to account for up to 4 additional workers on this application, but in the event that you have or need additional workers to help you with your booth, outside of those listed on this application, please have them complete a participant application. On the application they will specify that they are a booth worker. Please know that participants of all forms are subject to the same rules and expectations of the event. You will receive your welcome packet approximately one month before the event. This will specify complete instructions to get you onto the grounds upon arrival.

Reminder: We have moved to an all online platform for registration for participants. Please follow our website, social media, and email communication moving forward. With that being said, it is critical that you provide me with your most updated and used email address. Find us at: www.mississinewa1812.org

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, 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! We are so excited to have you back with us this year! And look forward to hosting the 37th Mississinewa 1812 event in Marion, Indiana!

Sincerely,

Anthony Decker

President

Mississinewa Battlefield Society, Inc.

president@mississinewa1812.co

VENDOR APPLICATION
Mississinewa 1812
October 3-5, 2025

MERCHANT, BLANKET TRADER, & TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMAN

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Merchants, Blanket Traders and Traditional Craftsmen **June 12, 2025**. Applications must be received by the deadline in order to be considered for participation. Registrations will not be considered and/or accepted after July 1st, 2025. Only registered Food Booths will be allowed to prepare, serve, and sell food at Mississinewa 1812. Although, **If you are a registered merchant selling packaged food items such as dried fruit, historically approved candy, coffee and tea, etc. and/or are serving the public and using hand to hand contact you must register a separate license with the Grant County Board of Health. And Also fill this form out as well,**

Send this application form, photos, descriptions and fees (make checks payable to the Mississinewa 1812 Battlefield Society) to: (Attn: Heather Allen/Vendor App) Mississinewa 1812, P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952.

FOR ALL FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS: 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.

Please Indicate by circling, Are you NEW or RETURNING ? **NEW? SEE ALSO LAST PAGE**

PLEASE PRINT! Your Name: _____

Trade Name: _____

: (this is what you will be advertised as)

Address _____ City _____

State/ZIP _____ E-Mail (REQUIRED): _____

Telephone Home/Work/Cell: _____

Indiana Retail Sales Tax Number: _____

Any other info: _____

(If you are a NEW VENDOR, you must also complete the Last Page)

I wish to participate as:

_____ **MERCHANT**. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (June 13 th -June 30th: add \$20.00 late fee)

☐ I wish to rent a 20 ft. frontage at \$160.00* * **Frontage is measured tent stake to stake.**

☐ I wish to rent a 25 ft. frontage at \$165.00 * **We do not guarantee depth. The average**

☐ I wish to rent a 30 ft. frontage at \$170.00 **is 25ft, and 60ft,**

☐ I wish to rent a 35 ft. frontage at \$175.00

☐ I wish to rent a 40-55 ft. frontage at \$180.00* **(ANYTHING EXCEEDING 55 FEET WILL ADD A**

SECOND SPACE).

List all merchandise to be sold: _____

____ **TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMAN.** Enclosed is check for \$95.00 (June 13th -June 30th: add \$20.00 late fee)

Must demonstrate early 19th century craft at least **75 percent of the time.** Please note, if checking this box you will be juried throughout the event and will be given a Craftsman tag that must be on display and visible at all times. **YOU ARE GIVEN THIS DISCOUNT BECAUSE WE EXPECT YOU TO BE DEMONSTRATING. SIMPLY ANSWERING QUESTIONS OR STANDING NEAR YOUR DISPLAY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THIS PRIVILEGE. IF YOU WOULD RATHER NOT BE BOTHERED WITH THIS EXPECTATION, PLEASE MARK "MERCHANT" BOX INSTEAD.** The jury team will be making notes and asking you to demonstrate your craft if need be.

Traditional Craft demonstrated: _____ I require _____ ft. frontage X 25 ft. depth.

ADDITIONAL WARES IM SELLING: _____

____ **BLANKET TRADER.** Enclosed is my check for \$75.00 _____ (June 13th-June 30th: add \$20.00 late fee)

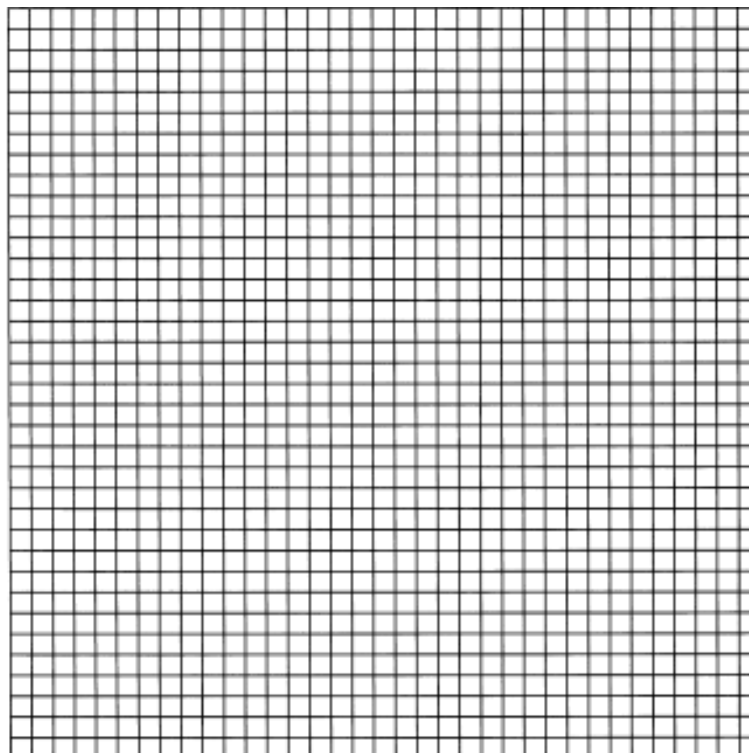
I am enclosing \$75.00 for each 72"x 90" (4-point blanket) sales area. All merchandise must be sold on blanket(s). Please note, if checking this box you will be juried throughout the event and will be given a Blanket Trader tag that must be on display and visible at all times. **NO SUBLETTING**, each person selling will need their own license. Tent tops, or wall enclosures will be classified as a "booth" and will be subject to paying booth prices, not blanket prices.

List all merchandise to be sold: _____

Please see Next Page.

A sketch of my site is as follows: **All distances in feet with guy ropes included. From the top looking down at your camp**

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 polices 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 Persons, 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 * NO REFUNDS.

Dated this _____, 2025. SIGNATURE _____

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NO APPLICATION WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE and correct fee.

Return this form to (ATTN: HEATHER ALLEN/ VENDOR APP Mississinewa 1812 Registration), P.O. Box 1812, Marion, IN 46952. Make all checks payable to Mississinewa Battlefield Society. If you have any questions, email Heather Allen at vicepresident@mississinewa1812.com

By completing the application, I am agreeing to the following: Only 1812 era trade goods indigenous to the Great Lakes area may be sold. Participants cannot sell coyote with taxidermy head, beaver fur hat with leather bill, modern bath bombs, compound or recurve bows, recurve/crossbow pistols, 666, witchcraft, black magic, bird whistles of non natural materials, pow-wow items, nothing resembling modern recurve bows or pistols. bottled water, carbonated drinks, plastic honey sticks, rattlesnake eggs, zingers, magnetic torpedoes, cicadas (and like novelty items), dream catchers, hairpipe, turquoise jewelry, Mexican blankets, southwest pottery, bamboo flutes, African baskets, totems, prayer drums, Claymore swords, broad swords, walking sticks with modern heads/taxidermy 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 DVDs 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 sale of sleeveless bodices and polyester clothing are prohibited. The Society reserves the right to sell trademark items of a non-period nature. More description on following pages:

Worker passes: Who's coming with you?

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
3. Name: _____ Phone: _____
4. Name: _____ Phone: _____

CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR VENDOR PERMIT & RULES

Please make sure you still understand Indiana law according to the DNR. You are prohibited to sell federally protected wildlife, tobacco, and any other items they deem illegal. **KNOW THE LAW!** Thank you!

Mississinewa 1812 Rules and Regulations

(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. All other participants by August 1. The Mississinewa Battlefield Society reserves the right to exclude those who fail to properly pre-register by their respective deadlines. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BOOTHS “SUBLET” THEIR SPACE and share with other vendors without proper registration. Each Vendor must apply for proper “merchant licenses” through the Mississinewa 1812 Society.**

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 participants must check-in at the registration booth upon arrival at Mississinewa 1812. Registration location, days and time will be communicated within the welcome packet. If you are arriving anytime other than “open registration hours” it is up to you to find accommodations. No set up is permitted during closed hours. No set up is permitted “first” and then come register.

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 Thursday, 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, enamelware, 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, blue jeans etc. Please use common sense. Cell phones and cameras may be used with discretion. **Food vendors who have worker passes: It is your job to monitor your workers’ clothing. No yoga pants, racer back bras, off shoulder chemises, turtle necks, hoodies, cowboy hats, modern headwear, tennis shoes, utility pants not covered by long shirts, exposed stays/jumps, sleeveless bodices, native american “costumes/store bought” war painted faces, (any native interpretation needs to be approved by our appointed jury of the Society first)! If any of these items are spotted, you will be pulled off your work line and asked to remove and or change these items immediately, NOT end of day. If you are in need of clothing ahead of time, please reach out to Heather Allen for details. Many times the Society has clothing from donors on hand, or knows where to find these items for practically nothing! We do not have these items at the site during the event weekend, so be prepared!**

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 camp.

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.

NO STROLLING: Please restrict sales of your wares and goods to your “paid vendor space” only. Example: bird whistles, rock candy, toys, with exceptions to selling items needed to our participants, (ice, fruits and vegetables, these are with granted permission) selling to the general public is restricted to your space.

Booth decoration must be in a manner consistent with the 1812 era. Do not decorate your booth with any 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. No staples. 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 choose to leave early, you run the risk of not being 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. **See Explanation on page 2**

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, 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. 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 coyote with taxidermy head, beaver fur hat with leather bill, sleeveless bodices, bath bombs, compound or recurve bows, 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, Satanic, devil, 666, witchcraft paraphernalia of any kind. Claymore swords, broad swords, 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.**

7. ELECTRICAL GENERATORS. No electrical generators may be operated except in **Parking Lot 1** (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. ABSOLUTELY NO CHAINSAW CUTTING OF FIREWOOD PERMITTED DURING THE EVENT, morning OR night.**

9. CAMP FIRES. Keep fire pits shallow (eight 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.

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.

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 campsites. All vendors must furnish their own straw.

13. GRAY WATER. RV and MotorHome 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 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings, and for thirty minutes after the event closes to the public on Friday and Saturday afternoon. Anyone violating this rule shall have their vehicle towed immediately.

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 assist 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 or at Rivertown First Aid tent.

20. CHILDREN. Must be under the care, supervision, and control of their parent, guardian or sponsor at all times. **NO children in the dance tent for play time, if parent is with child, no playing, running, jumping on straw bales or around Society Equipment.**

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. **No loud noises after 12:00 p.m. (Saturday night)**

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.

NEW Vendor? Please list Other events you attend (top 3 is fine) for reference.

Or is this your first event?

1.

2.

3.

Include photos via email to: vicepresident@mississinewa1812.com

(Attn: Jury Committee/ new vendor 2025)

***We take historical accuracy seriously and want you to be your best! Please fill this application out entirely with your check, photos by email or hard copy in this packet, sign and return by deadline. If any part is missing, the application will be denied. You will be notified of your acceptance within a timely response, with any suggestions that could help with your acceptance this year or denial, to help your chances of another year.**

Thank you!