

TRADER GUIDELINES

Thank you for participating in PPR 2014 and for having the desire to keep the spirit of rendezvous alive. All trade goods must represent articles available in the Colonies before 1840. The displays of any modern items or items not in keeping with the spirit of rendezvous are prohibited. Items that require modern packaging or containers (gun parts, solvents, toothbrushes etc.) must be under canvas or paper cover with identification of item on top.

If you are not sure about acceptable trade goods, please ask or bring documentation with you.

The Trade Committee will make themselves known to all traders upon set-up and will inspect all items for sale throughout the rendezvous.

- ☞ **Trader:** A trader is any person who sets up a trade lodge or sets out a trade blanket with goods for sale or barter. Traders do not have to set up in traders' row, but please check in with the trade chief or committee before setting out trade items.
- ☞ **Blanket Trader:** A Blanket Trader must display their goods on the ground and not exceed 110" x 110". Plan your space to be out of the way of foot traffic and not encroaching on other camps or traders. Blanket Traders erecting a shade/rain shelter or display must remove it at night or be considered a **FULL TRADER**.
- ☞ **All trade areas** are to add to the whole rendezvous atmosphere. The items in a trade lodge or on a blanket must be original, handcrafted or authentic reproduction or adaptation of trade goods common to North America and must be displayed in a manner similar to that common during the Fur Trade time period.
- ☞ Trade medallions **MUST** be displayed.
- ☞ **Items** for sale must be displayed in period appropriate containers.
- ☞ **Cassettes, CDs and DVDs** are to be displayed in period container **AND** covered at all times with identification of the item on top of canvas or paper. Books, patterns, paintings, etc., pertaining to the period may be sold but must be displayed in an appropriate manner.
- ☞ Some items of question like tooth brushes (made of bone and bore bristles) in plastic for keeping sanitary, cigars in cellophane to keep fresh and other items packaged to keep clean or sanitary must be under canvas or paper cover with identification of item on top of canvas or paper coverings.
- ☞ **Jewelry** items should be constructed of traditional materials and reflect the fur trade era.
- ☞ **Artwork must relate to the era.** Photographs and prints may be sold but **MUST NOT be visible to passersby**. No photocopies or copyrighted material shall be sold or displayed. Frames and displays must be appropriate for the Rendezvous Era.
- ☞ **Unloading:** Traders pull in to Traders Row and find your spot. Trade staff will be on hand to help you locate your space. Please unload and move your vehicles to the parking lot in a timely manner to aid in the smooth flow of getting other traders in and out.
- ☞ **All traders should have fire extinguishers, water buckets or both.**
- ☞ **Enamelware** is not period correct but is considered rendezvous acceptable. For the

2014 PPR, the sale of white enamelware and grey graniteware will be acceptable for sale or trade. Modern green, red, blue or other colors will NOT be accepted as trade goods.

☒ **Knives** will not be sold to anyone less than 16 years of age unless accompanied by an adult.

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Below, please find an OBVIOUS list of what is not acceptable. Not being on the list, or just because it is made out of leather does not make it acceptable. There are a lot of beginners now attending PPR as their first rendezvous; it is up to us to teach them what is correct.

☒ **NO** “tourist trash”, chrome or stainless steel items, iridescent feathers, t-shirts, posters, feather hat bands, ceramic figurines, novelty mugs, lamps, wind chimes, plastic goods, contemporary “Native American motif” or “Buck-skinner motif” arts, crafts, or jewelry, (including dream catchers and mandalas, etc), crystal balls, dyed rabbit foot key chains or other swap meet items.

☒ **Animal parts or protected** species that do not conform to the laws of the State of California and the Federal Government shall not be sold.

☒ **No turquoise jewelry** will be considered an appropriate trade item.

☒ **No synthetic fabrics, yarns or lace**, either as garments or by the yard. **No elastic, Velcro, zippers or plastic buttons.** No Rayon-not patented until 1880s.

☒ All garments must represent those worn before 1840.

☒ **No fake fur, fake coonskin caps or fur dyed bright colors.**

☒ **No feathers of illegal birds of prey or taxidermy animals.**

☒ **Flags:** No nylon. Should be period correct and material correct.

☒ **No bamboo bows, cap guns, cork guns, cross bows, rubber band guns, modern noise makers, bamboo flutes, or train whistles.**

☒ **Antler art:** no chandeliers, candle holders, non-period carvings, exotic carved, etc.

☒ **No mandalas, dream catchers, wall display.**

☒ No elastic suspenders

☒ **Knives:** No non-period folding, fishing knives, stainless steel and modern type boot knives, Pakistan type knife with unnatural handles, Malaysian style knives (wavy blades).

☒ **No plastic** handles, snap sheathes

☒ **No nylon** rope or products made from it.

☒ **NO PLASTIC ANYTHING:** beaded bags, claws, elk teeth, talons, fingers, skulls, hatbands, charms, canteens, buttons, harmonicas, hair pipe, etc.

☒ **No** selling of alcohol of any kind; no donation buckets allowed for traders or non-traders.

☒ **No** alcohol will be sold or given to any minor; California consumption age is 21.

☒ **No** gambling allowed by traders or non-traders.

This is a list of items we do not wish to see at rendezvous. It is not all-inclusive. Some items will be judged on a case-by-case basis. If you have supporting documentation for items you want to sell on this list or that is questionable, bring it with you.

Food Vendors:

Paper containers only, no plastic or Styrofoam.

Please use period containers or cover modern containers for condiments.

No plastic table cloths.

No modern candy (Snickers, Milky Way, etc.)

Cans and bottles must be kept out of site. Beverages and food items must be put into a period container before leaving the food tent.

All food vendors are required to supply trash containers and are responsible for removing all trash.

Fire extinguishers are REQUIRED for cooking vendors and suggested for all others.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me by email at gdy2shu51@att.net or call (209) 951-5721 any day before 7:00 PM. If you are in doubt about something you sell, ASK FIRST. Thanks so much for caring about doing it right.

Your signature on the registration form implies agreement and acceptance of all guidelines.

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