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Be aware of these updates for the 36th Annual Reenactment of the Battle of Olustee in 2012. Please share this information with your entire unit.

Military Matters

James Permane has been appointed Union Commanding General for the 36th Annual Reenactment. Tom Jessee is the Confederate Commanding General. They will share the responsibilities as Overall Commanders for the event.

Reminder for 2012

The Florida Park Service initiated new policies regarding black powder weapons and other weapons used during event programming in 2011. There will be minor changes at registration and during weapons inspection prior to participating in each day's activities.

- Only reenactors 16 and older may handle black powder weapons. You are required to show proof of age at registration before you can be issued a registration card – please remember to bring your id.
- **Only FFg (2F)** black powder will be used according to the table of maximum loads attached in the 2012 Regulations. **NO** Pyrodex. **NO** FFFg (3F) or FFFFg (4F) powder will be used except by artillery units for priming.
- Each person handling a black powder weapon is required to complete a brief training – training will be conducted during weapons inspection and you will be provided special handouts at registration to help us accomplish this directive.

Returning in 2012

- ❖ Reenactors only campaign on Friday throughout the day.
- ❖ Old Fashioned Barn Dance and Dance Instruction Friday evening

Practical Matters

- ❖ **For the safety of our school groups visiting on Friday, the front gate will be closed to vehicular traffic (except trucks pulling cannons or those pre-identified artillery vehicles) from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. During this period only, you will be able to register at the modern camping back gate.**
- ❖ There will be specific information regarding driving conditions and parking posted on the [www. BattleofOlusee.org](http://www.BattleofOlusee.org) website prior to the reenactment weekend. Driving conditions may change due to the condition of the battlefield in order to protect our natural and cultural resources. Please be patient and consider that this is still one of the few actual battle sites you are still able to participant on.
- ❖ **Digging of any type, including fire pits is strictly prohibited at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. Violators will be subject to federal fines and will be immediately dismissed from the event.**
- ❖ The front gate is closed for vehicle entry from 7 a.m. Saturday until 5 p.m. Sunday, except to Reenactors **pulling** cannons or pre-designated artillery vehicles.
- ❖ Reenactors will not be allowed to leave the park through the front gate following Sunday's battle until after all pedestrian traffic has cleared, or at approximately 5:00 p.m. Please respect the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike by being patient until the gate opens. You are welcome to exit through the rear gate before 5 p.m. on Sunday.
- ❖ Campers will not be admitted to the Modern or Authentic Camping areas until they have registered for the event.
- ❖ **Camping at Olustee Battlefield is primitive in nature. We cannot accommodate requests to use generators nor can we provide electricity to campers.**

Educational Activities

- ❖ Reenactors are asked to have either a 10-minute living history presentation developed for school groups visiting the Olostee Battlefield on Friday, or to assist as a guide for school groups.
- ❖ Please contact Lucy Spencer about participating in these activities at 1-877-635-3655.

Artillery Information

- ❖ If possible, please have your cannon at the battlefield by Friday night.
- ❖ Please have your cannon on the Inspections Field as soon as reasonably possible following your arrival.
- ❖ Those that wish to participate in the night firing must have their cannons in place on the parade ground by 6 p.m. Friday evening. No cannons may be moved onto the parade ground between 6 p.m. and until completion of the night firing

Safety Information

- ❖ No black powder weapons of any kind will be carried or fired by any participant under 16 years of age. Children are not permitted on the field during the reenactments. Exception is made for functional musicians (boys 11 or older who can actually play a drum, a fife or a bugle). Young boys are not to serve as color bearers during battle reenactments.
- ❖ If you encounter bees in or near your campsites or in the park, please leave them alone and notify uniformed staff from the Florida Park Service or U.S.D.A. Forest Service of their location.

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