



DOLLINGER FARM/CHANNAHON PARK DISTRICT “CIVIL WAR DAYS” OCT 20th – 21st, 2018

Dear Reenactors,

Welcome to the 23rd Annual and Final Dollinger Farm/Channahon Park District Civil War Days Reenactment sponsored by the Dollinger Family Farm and the Channahon Park District. All of the hosting units are proud to be part of this event and invite all our reenactor friends to come enjoy a weekend of living history on the Farm. **This event is scheduled for the weekend of October 20th - 21st, 2018.**

We continue to strive to make this event the best civil war era reenactment not only for our reenactors but for the Northern Illinois area general public who have attended this event year after year with great support. All participants are strongly urged to thoroughly read and understand all sections of the rules and policy section before submitting your registration to the Dollinger Farm Civil War Day's event. There have been changes instituted in the last year for the safety and protection of all our reenactors. All 2018 registrations will be submitted via this web site. All information traditionally provided in our registration packet is available here. We ask that you thoroughly read your packet and submit your registration via our website; you will receive a confirmation e-mail stating you have been registered. The Dollinger Farm/Channahon Park District Civil War Days Committee try to make this event the best Illinois has to offer and wish to thank all our returning participants to the Farm.

Again, this year we have a full reenactment planned starting with area schools arriving on Friday to participate in programs designed for primary, middle and high school level students. Amenities include one of the best reenactor meals anywhere on Saturday night. Other amenities include wood, straw, hay and water. Our Civil War Ball will be on-site again this year with a wonderful band. It will be an occasion everyone will enjoy, so please bring your family or that special someone and dance the night away at the Dollinger Farm Ball.

The Dollinger Farm/Channahon Park District Civil War Days Reenactment does not store powder or have powder for artillery bounty. Instead we pay a cash allowance to the Union and Confederate brigade Commanders for distribution to the first 6 artillery pieces to register on each side. Distribution will be made by the Union and Confederate Brigade Commanders.

At the event in 2018 we hope to have a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy and of course, to learn some Civil War era history as well. **A battle will take place at 2:00 p.m. as usual on Saturday and Sunday.** For a schedule of events go to www.dollingerfarms.com/civilwar.htm

All registration information for individuals and units including waiver form, rules and policies are listed on our reenactor website. Invited sutlers will receive a separate registration containing pertinent information as well. Also included on the website is information on local lodging and restaurants. Directions to the event have also been included. All questions, please contact Ed Milam at the information given below. **DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING IS OCTOBER 1, 2018.**

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Dollinger Farm/Channahon Park District Civil War Days Committee wishes to thank all participants for their contributions in making this a quality event that everyone can be proud of and the public continues to support. We hope all of you have as much fun participating at Dollinger Farm as we have had in the past and look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

Sincerely,

Dollinger Farm /Channahon Park District Civil War Days Committee

Civil War Days At Dollinger Family Farm - Event Rules 2018

AMMUNITION And Weapons

SMALL ARMS

Rounds for rifles and pistols should be of period off-white paper and style. Loads for powder no larger than 60 grains for rifled musket and 80 grains for smooth bore muskets of 69 cal. or larger and 30 grains for pistols. **No pulling of rammer and/or ramming of paper in rifles/muskets during BATTLE.** Bayonets will not be pulled or fixed during Battle. **Pistols are to be worn and used by persons of the proper and authentic impression only. Artillery members are not to wear pistols while operating guns for safety reasons. All pistols, rifles and muskets are to have proper charges in them always. All soldiers must be 16 years of age. All weapons must be inspected by the unit commander or designated N.C.O. prior to battle or any other exercise that the musket or any other firearm is to be used. ALL SAFETY VIOLATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH HARSHLY. Only properly functioning historically accurate weapons of the American Civil War period will be allowed.**

ARTILLERY

Artillery rounds must be of the proper size and powder load for the muzzle type being used. Use only black powder. When un-attended, the artillery piece must be unloaded and locked down along with its attachments and accoutrements. Officers only should have side arms as the committee considers this a safety issue. All ammunition must be kept in accurately reproduced cartridge boxes, packages, and crates. All powder should be stored in a safe place away from open flames and other heat sources. Please make your cartridges before coming to the event as exposure of loose gunpowder to unsafe conditions is prohibited.

DRILL

All drill shall be conducted on the Battlefield unless given permission by the event co-coordinator. All military participants must drill with their particular units to be eligible to participate in the Battle.

RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCT

It will now be the policy of this event that:

- A. All persons found responsible of conduct of a violent and/or threatening nature shall be removed from the event immediately and permanently.
- B. All persons found responsible for conduct endangering another person's health and/or life with any kind of weapon shall be removed from the event immediately and permanently and the police/authorities may be notified or called immediately.
- C. Any person found responsible for any of the above situations but also found under the influence of alcoholic beverages of any kind and/or illegal drugs, the authorities/police will be called/notified immediately and that person arrested and permanently barred from the event.
- D. No firearms or knives of any kind will be allowed at the Ball on Saturday night. Officers must sheath their swords and carry empty revolver holsters or otherwise leave holsters and/or swords in camp.
- E. All weapons will be immediately unloaded after the Battle while still on the battlefield prior to marching back to camp and cleaning of weapons. **DO NOT** unload weapon in camp by firing weapon. Empty it on the battlefield.
- F. Weapons should not be left loaded and lying around camp. This is a safety problem. All loading of weapons is: loaded weapons have no business in our camps, at the Ball, in our civilian camps or anywhere else except on the battlefield or in situations that may be supervised by responsible officers and N.C.O.'s should be just prior to battle. This should be the responsibility of all Unit commanders.
- G. Breach of these policies may result in expulsion from the event.

HORSES/CAVALRY

A current EIA test (coggins) is required for each animal and must be provided at registration before unloading. If your paperwork is out of date or you don't have any paperwork at all, your animal will not be permitted on site. Please have your animal tethered at all times when not being used for event purposes or exercised by owner.

IMPRESSIONS

Dollinger Farm Civil War Days Event welcomes all period impressions. Please, no impressions of bad taste. All impressions must be of the mid-war era. Please adhere to the proper styles of clothing, dress, head and hair wear for men, women, and children. That is clothing and hairstyles of the 1860's. Period type eyeglasses only should be worn. Make-up was not common for women of the period.

SPECIALIZED IMPRESSIONS

All medical impressions are welcome, as well as other specialized impressions such Signal Corp, and musicians. But all must have authentic period impressions. The committee must approve any other special impression that may be out of the norm.

CAMP RULES

Camps will be divided by military and civilian as well as Federal and Confederate. We have no modern camping facilities. All items of camp equipment exposed to the public should be of the mid-civil war era in order to give the proper appearance to the general public. All tents should be of the proper type for the 1860's. All modern articles must be out of site during public hours of the event. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR ILLEGAL DRUGS** will be permitted and if found will be dealt with harshly!!! Vehicles will be permitted to enter camps to load and unload only before and after public hours of operation. All vehicles must be out of public viewing areas during event hours. **Please, do not bring pets to the event.** All vehicle parking should be in designated areas only. **At the conclusion of the event all straw should be raked into piles at the head of company streets and all fire pits need to be attended to and doused.**

MILITARY

Proper areas for all military camps will be established and separated for both sides. Please, properly situate and continuously supervise appropriately functioning fire-pits.

MILITARY UNIFORMS

All uniforms must be made in period styles, be made from materials closely resembling period fabrics, and use tailoring techniques appropriate to Union and Confederate armies in 1860's. Participants should not portray officers above the rank of captain without approval of the event committee.



Civil War Days 2018

Waiver Form

Name:	Phone:
Address:	
In Case of Emergency Contact:	
Name:	Phone:
Relationship:	
Vehicle Make/Model	License plate:
Unit Name:	Unit Commander:
Type of Unit: (circle) Infantry Cavalry Artillery Medical Civilian Sutler CSA USA	

Under 18 years of age? YES NO If under 18 years of age you shall be required to have this waiver statement signed by your parent or legal guardian.

Date of birth _____.

All participants must have executed this agreement prior to participating in the reenactment at Dollinger Farm/Channahon Park District Civil War Days Reenactment. (PLEASE COPY THIS ENTIRE FORM FOR OTHER RE-ENACTORS IN YOUR UNIT.)

I _____, residing at _____,
and being _____ years of age, agree that my participation in the activity of a CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT AND I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME SUCH RISKS/HAZARDS. I further understand that the Dollinger Farm/Channahon Park District Civil War Days Reenactment does not provide medical or liability insurance directly to our reenactment group.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I recognize that because of the potentially hazardous nature of this activity that an injury might be sustained. In the event of such an injury to myself or my child, if I or my spouse cannot be contacted; I give my permission to the attending physician to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay the usual charges for such treatment.

I now release Dollinger Family Farm Inc. Dollinger LP II, John and Noreen Dollinger, Cecelia Dollinger and Channahon Park District (event co-sponsors, employees or representatives), 1st Brigade, Illinois Volunteers [Federal] or Copperhead Legion [Confederate] and assign any or all legal responsibility or liability to me, my personal representatives, heirs or next of kin, on account of any injuries, damages to person or property sustained by me whether due to any negligence on behalf of either of these entities or their agents.

I further understand that participants may be videotaped or photographed during this activity and such film footage/prints may be used in publications or by other parties and I hereby waiver any rights to the use of said pictures or video tapes.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE ABOVE DOCUMENT AND HAVE HAD ANY QUESTIONS THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING AND CONTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT AND VOLUNTARILY EXECUTE THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM.

Signature:	Date:
Parent / Guardian:	Date: