

## SIERRA MUZZLE LOADERS RENDEZVOUS CORRECT RULES

*The Charter of the Sierra Muzzle Loaders is to preserve our American Heritage, Increase the Awareness of Conservation of our Wilderness and Wildlife and to Promote the Activities Associated with the Muzzle Loading and the Primitive Lifestyle.*

Attendance at a primitive rendezvous and/or camping within a primitive encampment area means that all visible clothing, lodges and accoutrements MUST be in the period of pre-1840.

Vehicles are allowed in camp for loading and unloading only. You are allowed 1 hour to unload your vehicle. Loading and unloading during the rendezvous should be done in period clothing. Vehicles are not allowed back into the primitive encampment areas once your vehicle has been unloaded.

### **IF IT'S MODERN AND SOMEONE ELSE CAN SEE IT, SMELL IT OR HEAR IT, IT'S GOTTA GO!**

NOT ALLOWED: Flashlights, Coleman lanterns, battery lanterns, Bic lighters, sunglasses (unless period correct), nylon rope, and nylon flags.

SHELTERS: Canvas, wood poles, wood or iron stakes, manila, sisal, hemp or cotton rope.

LIGHTING: Candle or kerosene lanterns. Candle lanterns must be enclosed.

CAMP GEAR: Coolers, plastic, cans, fuel operated camp stoves, etc. must be kept out of sight at all times. Burlap bags can be used to hide trash bags.

COOKING GEAR: Enamelware, speckleware, stoneware, tin, wood, copper, earthenware and horn are all acceptable for dishes. Cast iron, copper and tin are acceptable pans. NO canned or bottled beverages. All beverages must be contained within an era appropriate container such as a canteen, corn boiler, gourd, or any of the above listed items.

FIRE MAKING: Flint and steel should be your first choice at making fire. Other acceptable methods are magnifying glass, stick matches, fire drill or simply "borrow" a hot coal from your neighbor's fire. NO charcoal lighter fluid is to be used.

CLOTHING: Clothing should be made from 100% natural fibers such as linen, wool, hemp, cotton or leather. NO zippers, plastic buttons or elastic. No blue jeans or cowboy hats.

FOOTWEAR: NO modern footwear such as sandals, flip flops, tennis shoes, cowboy boots and NO rubber soled moccasins. Round toed Wellington boots are okay if they are leather soled and have no modern design stitchery. If modern footwear is medically required, it must be covered with pre-1840 era correct material and medical documentation should be carried.

SHOOTING GEAR: NO modern firearms or weapons are to be possessed, sold or traded. NO conical shaped lead balls. NO greased patches. NO loaded firearms are allowed in camp.

CAMERAS: Cameras should be hidden when not being used. Cell phones may be used to take pictures however should be hidden when not being used. iPads are not allowed in primitive encampment areas at all.