Guidelines for 2022 Living History at Eisenhower NHS

The following are guidelines for conducting living history demonstrations at Eisenhower National Historic Site, including our WWII Weekend Event on September 17-18. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in dismissal from park events. We appreciate your cooperation in presenting safe and enriching living history programming at Eisenhower National Historic Site.

Personal Behavior and Code of Conduct

1. As a living history participant at the Eisenhower National Historic Site you represent the National Park Service as an interpretive volunteer. All participants will sign volunteer agreements with the park. You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional and courteous manner when dealing with the public, park staff, and other living history volunteers. Discriminatory or harassing behavior towards staff, other volunteers, or visitors will not be tolerated.

   a. As volunteers for the National Park Service, all participants must adhere to the National Park Service Anti-Harassment Policy laid out in Directors Orders #16E. A copy of the order can be found here: [https://www.nps.gov/policy/DOrders/DO_16E_2018rev.htm](https://www.nps.gov/policy/DOrders/DO_16E_2018rev.htm). Anyone found exhibiting harassing behaviors will be asked to leave the event and participation in future events will be restricted.

2. Courtesy to the public is required. Use of colorful language (no matter how authentic) will not be tolerated. The general public includes children. Be sensitive to proper etiquette with different age groups.

3. Living history volunteers are not permitted to sell any items to the public or other living historians while at the historic site. World War II items, including books, must only be sold through our site bookstore. It is National Park Service policy that only NPS authorized vendors may make sales.

4. Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on-site during the event. Those in violation will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to participate in future events.

5. Park staff and volunteers will follow current Covid-19 safety guidance and regulations that are in place at the time of the event to ensure a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and visitors alike.
WWII Weekend Camp Sites

1. Check in for the event will open at 10 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16. Check-in will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17. All participants must have a volunteer agreement signed and filled out prior to the camp opening to the public at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

2. The camp sites will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

3. Do not begin breaking down camp and leaving before the event concludes on Sunday. Those wishing to break down camp before the event is over must coordinate with the NPS.

4. Due to limited space in camp, when putting up tents please place tents as close as possible to each other. Cross rope tie-down lines to maximize use of available space.

5. All tracks and vehicles that are 2 ½ ton or larger need a ground guide at all times in the encampment.

6. All vehicles need a ground guide with a safety vest and flashlight/chem-light during hours of darkness.

7. Do not place tents, rope ties, tent stakes, or vehicles in roadway lanes.

8. Please keep camp sites free from distracting modern intrusions such as modern coolers and food containers.

9. Trash will be contained in the individual camps in appropriate garbage containers/bags.
   a. Trash Pick Up Times: Saturday and Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
   b. Please set out garbage bags along Nevins Lane (on the east side of the fence) for quick pick up by NPS Maintenance staff.

10. Quiet hours in camp are between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
**Authenticity Guidelines**

1. As interpretive volunteers representing the National Park Service, living history participants are expected to present well researched impressions and displays. Groups are expected to know their material well. Living history participants are expected to interact with the public in an engaging and respectful way.

2. All living history impressions and displays will align with the theme and goals of the event and be coordinated with NPS staff. Participating groups will apply and be vetted by the NPS.

   a. For the 2022 WWII Weekend, strong preference will be given to groups with accurate 1942 impressions representing U.S. Army infantry, U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army Air Forces, Commonwealth troops, and the Homefront. Possible areas of focus within these categories include, but are not limited to, stateside recruiting and training, preparations for and actions as part of Operation Torch, the Guadalcanal Campaign, Naval impressions relating to Midway, and a variety of Homefront impressions.

   b. Groups with acceptable authenticity standards but lack 1942 impressions may still participate in the event, so long as their impressions or displays can still touch on storylines relevant to the event’s theme.

**Vehicles**

1. Only World War II-era military vehicles will be allowed in the camp and display areas during visitation hours. A parking area for modern vehicles will be provided nearby. Any person wishing to break camp during visitation hours will need to walk their gear back to their vehicles or request a historic vehicle to haul their gear to participant parking.

2. All vehicles are to be driven in a safe manner by licensed drivers. No excessive speeds are allowed and posted speed limits must be followed. In camp speed limit is 5 mph. Speed limit on all other roads is 10 mph. Traffic safety rules will be enforced by NPS staff.

3. Vehicle use in the camp should be kept to an absolute minimum during event hours.

4. Vehicles should only carry the number of passengers they were designed to carry.

5. Please use marked roads and camp roads while driving around the site. Do not drive across lawns, grass areas, and pedestrian bridges.
**Weapons Safety**

To ensure the safety of participants, visitors, and park staff, the following rules will be followed. Failure to follow these will result in dismissal from the event.

1. All National Park Service historic weapons safety rules in NPS RM 6 will be followed and enforced. Failure to follow these rules will result in dismissal from the event.

2. NPS historic weapons supervisors will inspect all weapons for safety issues and to ensure they are unloaded upon the arrival on-site, and again at the start of each day of the event.

3. Never point your weapon (firearm or edged weapon) at anyone at any time. All weapons will remain unloaded but will be treated as though they are loaded.

4. Participants under the age of 16 may not handle weapons (firearms or edged weapons).

5. All weapons are to remain under physical control of its owner at all times during demonstrations or on display. It is to be handled in a military manner, secured in the volunteer’s hands, or slung.

6. Visitors may touch an unloaded weapon so long as the owner maintains physical control of it and it has been cleared and is unloaded.

7. The public is prohibited from handling edged weapons.
   
   a. Sharp edged or pointed weapons, such as bayonets, knives, and swords, must be kept sheathed except for demonstration purposes. Even then, they must be kept in a scabbard unless there is at least a seven-foot safety zone between the living historian, other re-enactors, and the audience.

8. When off-duty, the weapon should be secured with the participant in the participant's tent or a central secure place such as a locked vehicle. Weapons may not be left unattended. Never lean any weapon in a vertical position against any object, unless you are using a rifle rack. Rifles with stacking swivels are permitted to be stacked in a military manner. If not stacked, weapons should be stored flat. All weapons (including dummies) used in displays must be located in a central area with a guard posted during hours of public visitation.

9. Do not dry fire weapons.

10. No ammunition of any sort (live or blanks) is allowed on-site at any time. Those found to have ammunition will be asked to lock it in their vehicles or remove it from the site.
Fires

1. All open fires for cooking must be attended. No ground or pit fires are allowed.

Medical Emergency Guidelines

1. In case of a medical emergency, call 911. Do not wait for a NPS Park Ranger with a radio. NPS staff will hear the emergency dispatch over the radio.

2. National Park Service staff will be equipped with radios and will be on duty each day from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

3. For emergencies or issues that require immediate assistance, please call 911 or the non-emergency line for Adams County Dispatch: (717) 334-8101.