



Overview

The Rice County Historical Society is a 501©3 organization located in Faribault, MN. As the county historical society, we always strive to find new ways to help our communities engage with their history and traditions of the past. This event is, at its core, about education and fun for all who attend. We welcome any feedback on how we can do better to make this event more enjoyable and more successful in future years. This event will cover periods from 1650 – 1865.

We welcome any donations by participants for our Special Event Prizes. Registration fees are not tax deductible , but donations of prizes can be deducted. We will not accept donations in place of registration fees.

Education Days: May 14-15, 2026

Public Days: May 16-17,2026

Event Participant Rules & Guidelines

General Rules

No sticky tags, rubber bands, or plastic bags should be used in displays of merchandise. Use canvas, wood, or leather scraps.

No tailgate or basket sales, all traders **WILL** pay a fee.

All items offered for sale must be period appropriate.

All tentage, signage, display racks, shelving must be prior to 1866 style and made of era appropriate Materials.

Credit Card signs must be made of pre-1866 materials.

Customers must be 18 or older to purchase trade knives, tomahawks, blades, firearms, clay pipes, tobacco, and other smoking related items.

Tapes & CDs are allowed but must be kept covered with a sign saying items are available. Sign must be of era appropriate materials.

No vehicles or trailers can be hidden inside tents and lodges.

Health laws prohibit the sale of some food items that are not packaged. Vendors are asked to package items in clear plastic packaging. This is admissible. All food vendors must have a cottage food or similar department of health license displayed.

No screw top jar lids or bottles unless they are covered in era appropriate materials, or are otherwise required by regulation/law.

Whips, toy bow and arrows, and sling shots cannot be sold.

Wooden or other toys such as guns, knives, tomahawks, weapons, magnifying glasses, cans containing swords in general cannot be displayed or sold on Education Days.

During Event Hours

Use only period appropriate drinking and eating ware.

Each family/group is responsible for educating and welcoming the public.

Keep ALL Modern (non-period) conveniences out of sight of the public.

Remain in full period dress (including shoes, coats, eyewear, etc.) Let us know if medical problems impact this and we will work with you.

All times

No fighting or other disturbances.

NEVER carry a loaded firearm on site or shoot in unauthorized areas or at unauthorized times. No inline, composite-stocked, or stainless-steel muzzle-loaders allowed.

Keep your fires under control and do not leave them unattended. Always have a water can within close proximity to your fires.

Always keep pets under control and on a leash. Clean up after your pets.

No gas, electric, or battery powered lanterns may be used in public view.

Quiet Hours

Out of respect for the educators, demonstrators, entertainers, and those who live near the venue the following quiet times are imposed:

10:00pm - 7:00am

Arrival & Departure

Dates	Tues. & Wed. May 12-13	Thurs. May 14	Fri. May 15	Sat. May 16	Sun. May 17
Times for Vehicles	9am-9pm	7-8am After 3pm	7-8am After 3pm	7-8am After 6pm	After 4pm, or before if the camp is clear

Arrival/Set-Up

All Participants will pay prior to Set-Up.

Only Set-Up in your designated space.

No Set-Up allowed during event hours, after 9pm or before 7am.

Unload your vehicles as soon as possible and move all vehicles to designated parking area.

Keep tent ropes out of walking paths and service roads.

Do Not dig trenches in or around your camp/site.

Fire pits are allowed and required. When you leave, water the area and replace the plug.

All tents and items displayed must be historically accurate.

Departure

No Tearing Down before 3pm on Sunday without permission from Staff.

Please pack up everything prior to getting your vehicles.

Pick up all garbage.

Replace plug in fire pits and water it.

Return any unused firewood to the nearest wood pile.

All participants must depart by 6pm on Monday following the event.

Questions

For any questions about the event or the rules and guidelines listed above email us at rchs@rchistory.org, or call at 507-332-2121 and ask for Dave Nichols

Riverside Rendezvous & History Festival Registration Form

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Names of all Participants: _____

Number of Vehicles Attending: Cars/Trucks: _____; Trailers: _____

Expected Date of Arrival: _____

Are you Interested in being a Demonstrator? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in Dog Soldiering for the Event? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a trained and/or retired medic/medical professional? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**(No Set-Up during Event Hours or after 9pm or before 7am)
All Sites are Approximately 30' x 30'. Please Plan Accordingly.**

(Early Registration Closes March 16, 2026, all prices increase by \$10 after this date)

☐ Family, # of Spaces _____ \$30 per Space

☐ Trader/Vendor, # of Spaces _____ \$50 per Space (Complete attached ST-19 form and return as well)

Type: ☐ Marquee/Wall ☐ Tipi ☐ One Pole ☐ Wedge ☐ Canoe ☐ Other

Size of Lodge plus Awning, etc.: _____

Make Checks Payable to:
RICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Applications Must be Signed to be Processed

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by all the rules set forth for this event. I agree that the Rice County Historical Society and City of Faribault is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury to myself, family, guests, property, or anyone else under my care before, during, and after the event. I hold harmless, the Rice County Historical Society, City of Faribault, and any representatives, staff, or volunteers of said organizations for losses resulting from acts of omissions or those of my minor children and guest's children. I also agree that any images or recordings of family, guests, property, or I may be used to market and promote the Riverside Rendezvous and History Festival at no cost.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RGHS Representative: _____ Date: _____

**Return completed form to 1814 NW 2nd Ave, Faribault, MN 55021 or email a scanned copy to
rchs@rchistory.org**

Operator Certificate of Compliance

Read the information on the back before completing this certificate. **Person selling at event:** Complete this certificate and give it to the operator/organizer of the event. **Operator/organizer of event:** Keep this certificate for your records.

Do not send this form to the Department of Revenue.

Print or Type	Name of Business Selling or Exhibiting at Event		Minnesota Tax ID Number	
	Seller's Complete Address		City	State ZIP Code
	Name of Person or Group Organizing Event			
	Name and Location of Event			
	Date(s) of Event			

Merchandise Sold	Describe the type of merchandise you plan to sell.

Sales Tax Exemption Information	Complete this section if you are not required to have a Minnesota tax ID number.
	☐ I am selling only nontaxable items.
	☐ I am not making any sales at the event.
	☐ I participate in a direct selling plan, selling for _____ (name of company), and the home office or top distributor has a Minnesota tax ID number and remits the sales tax on my behalf.
	☐ This is a nonprofit organization that meets the exemption requirements described below:
	_____ Candy sold for fundraising purposes by a nonprofit organization that provides educational and social activities for young people primarily aged 18 and under (MS 297A.70, subd. 13[a][4]). _____ Youth or senior citizen group with fundraising receipts up to \$20,000 per year (\$10,000 or less before January 1, 2015)(MS 297A.70, subd. 13[b][1]). _____ A nonprofit organization that meets all the criteria set forth in MS 297A.70, subd. 14.

Sign Here	<i>I declare that the information on this certificate is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I am authorized to sign this form.</i>	
	Signature of Seller	Print Name Here
	Date	Daytime Phone

PENALTY — Operators who do not have Form ST19 or a similar written document from sellers can be fined a penalty of \$100 for each seller that is not in compliance for each day of the selling event.