

Fort Taylor Pyrate Invasion

Participant Guidelines

If you cannot arrive during the scheduled set up time on Thursday, December 2, between 8:00am – 5:00pm you must call to make arrangements. After 5:00pm, you may still arrive and set up but you will need check in with a park representative the next morning.

Before you and your crew arrives:

1. All general weapon safety rules and Black Powder rules should be read and understood by all members of the crew. During the encampment, these rules must be strictly obeyed.
2. All FTPI participants are considered Fort Zachary Taylor Volunteers, and will be required to complete the volunteer registration/photo release form. If necessary, please copy and distribute the form to all crew members and email or fax the completed form to Lily Alexander. Email lilyalexander@frontiernet.net or Fax 1 877-643-3874(FTPI). **In order to reserve your place in the encampment, forms must be received by Nov. 1st**. Each crew member must register individually in order to receive a FTPI pass, which is necessary for access to Fort grounds and the encampment area after hours.
3. Crew Leaders or representatives; prepare a complete list of participants with tent footprints and email or fax the completed list (with legal names) to Lily Alexander no later than November 1st. This list will aid us in preparing the encampment layout as well as guaranteeing all crew members are accounted for at registration. Tent footprints will be forwarded to Captain Sterling for the camp layout.
4. Pets and animals, except for service animals or for pre approved demonstrations, will not be permitted at Fort Zachary Taylor.
5. All groups are required to have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in their camp.
6. If you have any questions concerning you or your crew's arrival, please call Fayma Callahan at (812) 290-6056 or email at faymacallahan@aol.com

When you and your crew arrive:

1. Check-in will be at the entrance to the Park just beyond the Truman Annex, located at the end of Southard Street. A Park representative and FTPI staff member will check you in between at 8:00am – 5:00pm on Thursday before the event. Please have your photo ID with you at check-in. If you need to arrive after 5:00pm, please call to make arrangements.
2. Please see Lily Alexander inside the Fort for late arrival check-in. You will also need to check in with a park representative the following morning.
3. **Crew Registration and Security.** Upon check in, you will receive your welcome packet, a FTPI pass, vehicle permit and participant schedule. Only individuals named on a crew list and having a FTPI pass will be admitted to the Fort encampment area after closing. This protects the Fort and you from having unauthorized individuals on the grounds.
4. **Gun Powder Storage.** Gun and cannon powder is being provided by Fort Taylor. Should you choose to bring your own, all gunpowder must be delivered to the powder magazine for

storage upon arrival. No gunpowder, or otherwise armed weapons are permitted in the encampment area. Possession or use of these in the encampment area will result in your immediate dismissal.

5. **Setting up Camp.** Please check with the encampment layout before setting up your tents. You may begin setting up your campsites at 8:00am Thursday. Set-up must be completed by 10:00am Friday, when the Fort opens to visitors. Later arrivals may set up camp after 5pm Friday when the Fort is closed to visitors. If you cannot arrive on Thursday during the scheduled set up time, please call to make arrangements.
6. **Accessing your camp with vehicles.** In order to set up, you will be allowed to drive to the encampment area beginning at 8:00am Thursday to unload equipment and supplies. Please unload quickly to prevent traffic congestion, and then move vehicles to the participants' parking area reserved for your convenience. Vehicles may not re-enter the encampment site until 8:00am on Monday. Should the encampment site become hazardous for vehicles to pass through safely, gators will be provided to help transport equipment and supplies to the encampment area.

The Encampment:

1. The information center will be located at Fayma's tent in the Fort. It will be staffed to handle any problems, questions, emergencies, etc. In case of any emergency, contact the information center immediately.
2. The encampment center will be located at Lily's tent in the Fort. It will also be staffed to handle any problems, questions, emergencies, etc. In case of any issue related to registration, the encampment and scheduling, contact the encampment center immediately.
3. Crew leaders or a representative of the group are required to attend the 8:00am Captains meeting in the Fort on Friday, 8:30am Saturday and Sunday. (2 representatives per crew recommended).
4. All participants, including those staying off-site, wanting to discharge black powder weapons or participate in the battle are required to attend the 9:00am black powder & edged weapons safety/inspection meeting in the Fort. A secondary meeting will be held at the seawall at 1:00pm during the live fire & safety demonstration for those not in the encampment or could not be present during the morning meeting. Please make all attempts to attend the 9:00am meeting.
5. Encampment necessities: Firewood, water, ice, gatorade, garbage bags, restrooms and showers.
 - a. Firewood - Each crew will be responsible to bring firewood and/or charwood for camp and cooking fires. Please do not bring Baywood.
 - b. Braziers may be used at any time. Coleman stoves may only be used before and after public hours.
 - c. Water will be accessible through the Fort spigot. The water key will be located at the information center.
 - d. Gatorade will be available through the information center.
 - e. Ice will be available at the ice machine inside the Fort. The key to the ice machine will be located at the information center.

- f. Plastic garbage bags will be available to each group through the encampment center. Bags should be discretely concealed but conveniently accessible. Groups are expected to maintain a clean site and to leave the site as they found it upon departure.
 - g. Plastic trash cans will be located throughout the Fort. Metal trash cans will be for coals and ash from braziers only.
 - h. Restrooms are located near the encampment site and are available for your use. Please try to keep the public areas clean.
 - i. Showers - There will be outdoor hot showers. Only Dr Brohners soap products will be allowed. We will provide it for you if you do not bring your own. Hours of operation for the shower will be before and after event hours.
6. Fire pits/cook camps will only be allowed in designated areas. These cook camps will be shared by all members of the encampment. Please be respectful of others needs to use these fires. Fires should be kept at a reasonable level (2 ft. maximum flame level). Large bonfires are not permitted in any form or in any area. Fire extinguishers will be placed in the area but are for emergency use only. Please use water to extinguish all normal heat and cooking fires. **A person must be present to tend fires at all times.**
7. Fort Zachary Taylor is a public facility, and the encampment area will attract many visitors. Conduct is to be of professional caliber and appropriate to all of our visitors.
 - a. The use of profanity is inappropriate.
 - b. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted during normal park operating hours. Alcohol will only be permitted after the Fort closes to the public. The use of alcohol before discharging any firearm, cannon or edged weapon will result in your immediate dismissal from the event.
 - c. The possession and use of controlled substances within the park, other than those prescribed by a physician and used in accordance with applicable laws, is prohibited. No illegal drugs of any kind are permitted on Fort property at any time. **State law prohibits their use in a public access area.** Possession or use of these on Fort grounds will result in your immediate dismissal from the event.
 - d. Weapon safety must be observed at all times. Firearms are not to be pointed at any individual or group at any time. Firearms are to be elevated during all demonstrations. Park visitors will not be permitted to handle any loaded or edged weapon. To prevent visitor injury or damage to the weapon, volunteers and demonstrators must support the weapon at all times.
8. This is an authentic encampment area. All tents in the encampment must be appropriate for the time period being portrayed. Any tents outside of the established time period will be placed in the modern camping area. Please make all attempts to keep 20th century intrusions to a minimum during operating hours. Modern conveniences may come out after the park closes to visitors.
9. The Park hours of operation are 8:00am until sunset. Fort Taylor Pyrate Invasion hours of operation will be 10:00am – 5:00pm.
10. **Children are required to be in the presence of a responsible adult at all times.**

11. Encampment quiet time begins at 11:00pm. Please respect the other campers' need for quiet.
12. The Fort gate will be manned until at 3:00am. Please return to the encampment area prior to this time. Should an emergency arise, contact the information center immediately.

Departure:

1. Vehicles may re-enter the grounds after 8:00am Monday in order to pack equipment and supplies.
2. All groups must break camp and vacate the premises by 7:00pm Monday.

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