

# QUEENSTON HEIGHTS OCT 13 - UNIT REGISTRATION

UNIT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Unit Commander/ Safety Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Commander/ Safety Officer Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Will your unit require accommodation on Friday 12 October 2007? Arrival after 4pm.

Number of: Men \_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_

Will your unit be marching from Fort George to Queenston Heights?

Number of Participants \_\_\_\_

Will your unit be attending the Queenston Heights Dinner Saturday 13 October 2007 at 6pm, \$35.00 per person? Number of Participants \_\_\_\_

Will your unit require accommodations on Saturday 13 October 2007? Arrival after 4:30pm.

Number of Men: \_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_

ARTILLERY / # and TYPES: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require any special arrangements?: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company and Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE - UPON ARRIVAL - EVERY ADULT UNIT MEMBER MUST SIGN AN INDIVIDUAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM AND INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS.**

Please Return Completed Unit Registration to:

'Queenston 1812'  
THE NIAGARA PARKS COMMISSION  
PO BOX 150  
NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, L2E 6T2

OR Register Your Unit on-line at [www.visit1812.com](http://www.visit1812.com)

Inquiries? Please contact Jim Hill at: (905) 356-2241 ext 210 [jhill@niagaraparks.com](mailto:jhill@niagaraparks.com)

Dear Reenactor:

10 March, 2007

The Niagara area was the hub of action through much of The War of 1812. As the bicentennial approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to have a 'practice run' at events that we would highlight during the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Niagara Parks Commission, Parks Canada, The Niagara 1812 Legacy Council, The Niagara Falls 1812 Task Force and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Citizens 1812 Bicentennial Steering Committee invite you to the 195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## 'Forget The Tent Event'

The event will take place Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 following the Canadian Thanksgiving Day and American Columbus Day holiday Monday. Please forward your Unit Registration by May 31st. Units can also register on-line at [www.visit1812.com](http://www.visit1812.com) only one Registration per Unit is necessary, updates are permitted but please indicate it is an update and not a new registration.

Accommodation: will be provided Friday and Saturday evening at Fort George NHSC and the historic sites of the Niagara Parks Commission and accurate numbers will be necessary to billet participants. If you are still interested in bringing your tent, they will be allowed and please indicate you will be tenting with approximate numbers and sizes.

Meals: breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be activities at Fort George, a march to the heights for those interested, a recreated battle on the heights, a commemorative service at Brock's Monument, tours of the battlefield to support the Friends of Fort George and a dinner at the Queenston Heights Restaurant. A schedule of events is available at [www.visit1812.com](http://www.visit1812.com)

All individual participants must fill out a General Release From Liability Form upon arrival.

For our American friends, we would advise you to cross into Canada at: The Peace Bridge, Buffalo / Fort Erie or the Lewiston/ Queenston Bridge. We will contact Canada Customs and this letter of invitation should assist your crossing. There is NO requirement for a passport in either direction and there is NO fee for flintlock firearms crossing the border but they must be declared.

NO percussion cap firearms at the 1812 and 18<sup>th</sup> century events. All firearms, artillery pieces and implements will be inspected by Parks Canada and/or Niagara Parks staff before they can be used for demonstrations. Copies of the site's Black Powder rules will be available at the event and on-line. Please ensure all unit members are aware of these safety rules.

Those interested in marching to the Heights from Fort George should consider: the distance is 7 miles/ 11 km with three rest stops, comfortable foot wear, foot powder, amount of weight you are prepared to carry, adverse weather and your general physical fitness.

As the forces march to the field of battle, artillery detachments will be permitted to fire on the heights from Noon til 1 pm and commence firing again at 2 pm. NO cannon barrel less than three feet or 90 cm in length will be allowed unless designated a howitzer, no field carriage with an axle clearance less than two feet or 60 cm from the ground will be allowed. No garrison or naval carriages or mortars on the field for this event as mobility will be required.

# NIAGARA PARKS - FIELD SAFETY RULES

All participants, including non-combatants, should read these field safety rules. Attendance by a Unit Representative at all safety briefings and walk-throughs is compulsory. Any unit that is not represented will be asked to stay in camp.

## BLACK POWDER

1. Black powder must be kept a minimum distance of **eight (8) metres/yards** from open fires. When not in use, powder must be secured and out of the reach of children or visiting public
2. Any theft of black powder or firearms should be reported to site staff whether actual, suspected or attempted.
3. Preparation of ammunition should be done **before arrival**.
4. If disposal of black powder is necessary, it is to be done by designated site staff.

## FIREARMS

1. Only proofed reproduction firearms can be used.
2. All ammunition and firearms will be subject to examination by designated site staff.
3. All firearms should be in proper working order and have a functioning half-cock mechanism.
4. No firearm, loaded or unloaded, shall be pointed towards another person including spectators or re-enactors on the site.
5. No member of the public (including press) shall handle a firearm, loaded or unloaded.
6. All firearms must be secure at all times, either held in hand or locked away.
7. Any necessary licenses or permits should be readily available.

## EDGED WEAPONS

1. All edged weapons including bayonets, knives, swords, tomahawks, etc., must be sheathed on the field with the exception of approved weapons during demonstrations with no opposing sides.
2. No edged weapons may be thrown at any time with the exception of approved weapons during demonstrations with no opposing sides.

## TACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS / SIMULATED BATTLES

**The safety of the viewing public and re-enactors is paramount and will be the determining factor in the location and extent of demonstrations.**

**Any person found violating stated rules and regulations will result in his/her immediate expulsion from the site during the remainder of the program.**

**Any unit that does not abide by the rules or cannot control their unit members will be removed from the program and will not be invited to future re-enactments.**

## FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE TAPE AND BARRIERS ESTABLISH VIEWING LINES.

**NO** Firing, in any direction, within **seven (7) metres/yards** of viewing lines.

**NO** Firearm or Artillery piece is to be discharged towards or over viewers.

**NO** Participant will cross viewing lines during demonstrations.

**ALL** Unit commanders must clear and safety check their unit's firearms before leaving a demonstration area. All units must check their area for cartridges.

**FIRST AID** - Trained Site Staff are on and around the field with water and first aid kits. Safety Access Routes will be indicated. If you are a medical or emergency professional it would be helpful if you identified yourself at registration or officer call.

## **INFANTRY**

1. During any opposed side demonstration, firearms will **not** be deliberately aimed at 'enemy forces', regardless of distance/range to the opposing line.
2. Ramrods are not to be used at any time **during** a tactical demonstration. At the beginning and end of a demonstration they will be used to ensure the firearm is unloaded.
3. Muskets must use black powder in **pre-measured paper cartridges**. Loading from a powder horn is not permitted. No projectile, including wadding, may be fired from a musket at any time.
4. Firing will cease within **twenty five (25) metres/yards** of two units and no closing with edged weapons is allowed. Any closing must be pre-determined with Safety Officers and Opposing Force Commanders.
5. Firearms will be unloaded - **fired or the powder dumped** - before crossing obstacles.
6. No demonstration of rapid fire or speed loading will be permitted.
7. **Frizzen covers** (hammer stalls) to prevent accidental discharge are strongly recommended. **Flashguards** fitted to priming pans are strongly recommended. **Earplugs** are strongly recommended.
8. All mounted units must keep their horses under control at all times.
10. On the word of command **STOP**. All participants will stop marching and stop firing until cleared by Safety Staff to continue.
11. Infantry will stay a minimum distance of **fifty (50) metres/yards** from firing artillery. Infantry will **not** advance on a gun position with a misfired artillery piece.

## **ARTILLERY**

1. Firing and loading intervals will be confirmed by Site Safety Officer.
2. All artillery blank charges will be made of aluminum foil, rolled and formed with a distinct bottom and top.
3. Each artillery piece, its implements and the gun detachment's drills will be inspected by the Site Safety Officer.
4. Detachments will double worm and double sponge for all blank firings.
5. Loaded artillery pieces will not be moved.
6. Any misfire will be cleared in place. After a minimum of 5 minutes, the detachment will be given the opportunity to prime and attempt firing a second time.
7. Artillery pieces will be spaced a minimum of **five (5) metres/yards**.
8. Artillery will not be fired if there are any re-enactors within **fifty (50) metres/yards**, inside a **left and right arc of thirty (30) degrees, (550 mils)** from the muzzle of the piece.
9. Artillery will be placed a minimum of **twelve (12) metres/yards** in front of or to the side of the viewing public. No person will be within the arcs and minimum safe range of a piece.
10. Earplugs are strongly recommended.
11. Bring pre-made cartridges.

## Schedule of Events

### 195th Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights. Saturday October 13

Partnership of Parks Canada, Niagara Parks Commission, Niagara 1812 Legacy Council, Niagara Falls 1812-2012 Task Force and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Citizens 1812 Steering Committee.

#### Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Breakfast (for reenactors)

8:30 am Unit commanders call (for reenactors)

9:30 am Inspection and Flag Raising Honouring Brock & Macdonell

#### 'March or Fight Options'

**Option 1** - Following inspection, reenactors will begin the 'Hike to the Heights'; 11km or 7 miles. With rest stops for water and snacks at McFarland House, Brown's Point and Laura Secord Homestead.

**Option 2** 10:30 am- SKIRMISH in Fort George

12 noon Artillery demonstration on the Heights

1:00 pm Lunch (for reenactors on Queenston Heights)

2:00 pm **BATTLE** - west end of Queenston Heights park - Donations raised will go to Local Bicentennial Efforts

2:30 pm Commemorative Service at Brock's Monument.

3:00 pm Tour of the Battlefield with author Robert Malcomson (this is the second tour of the day, first tour at 9am on the heights)

This is a fund raiser for the Friends of Fort George and lasts almost 2 hours, \$15.00, limited to 50 persons.

4:30 pm (Accommodations will be made available at Historic Sites for reenactors - unit must be registered)

6:00 pm Dinner at the Queenston Heights Restaurant \$35.00 Cdn per person, taxes included (meal includes soup and salad, choice of Prime Rib, Breast of Chicken, or Trout, plus dessert and coffee)

#### Sunday October 14th

Enjoy touring dozens of 'Doors Open Niagara' sites on both sides of the border.

[www.doorsopenniagara.com](http://www.doorsopenniagara.com)

# **PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR QUEENSTON**

- 1. Accommodations are pre-determined and must be followed to allow room for everyone. EVERY ADULT MUST SIGN AN INDIVIDUAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM.**
- 2. Fort George and the Historic Sites along the march route are open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- 3. Equipment, black powder and firearms are the responsibility of each unit and should not be left unsecured or unguarded. Flintlock firearms only for 18<sup>th</sup> century and War of 1812.**
- 4. Every Unit Commander Briefing must be attended by the unit commanding /safety officer / unit representative. Every unit member must read the Site Safety Rules for the handling of firearms and black powder.**
- 5. This is a family event and please, no consumption of alcohol is allowed during open hours. Late night noise or disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. Smoking and any flame (lit lanterns or candles) are not allowed in the historic buildings.**
- 6. First Aid Kits, Firefighting Equipment and Emergency Phones are available. Please inform staff of any requirements.**
- 7. Vehicles are allowed onto historic sites for unloading and loading.**

**In order to make this a safe, enjoyable experience for all, we ask your cooperation with:**

- a) Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your animal.**
- a) Children must be under the direct supervision of a parent or responsible adult at all times.**