

THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR FIELD MUSIC SCHOOL

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

June 23 - 25, 2017

Rules and Regulation

This list comprises a combination of rules and regulations established by The National Civil War Field Music School (School) and Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine (Fort McHenry). Rules are to be read, understood, and obeyed. Participants and volunteers who do not follow these rules will be subject to disciplinary action, such as parents/guardians being called and/or being ejected from the site.

- No unnecessary 21st-century products will be brought to the School. This includes cell phones, pagers, electronic games, CD players, water guns, reading materials, snacks and drinks. Medication prescribed by a physician is permitted and may be carried in a haversack.
- Smoking of tobacco products is to be conducted only in designated smoking areas at Fort McHenry. ABSOLUTELY NO smoking will be permitted inside Fort. The use of period tobacco products will be permitted in designated areas in the form of period pipes, period cigars, snuff, and chewing tobacco by individuals 18 years and older only.
- Usage of alcohol and/or drugs is NOT permitted.
- Musical instruments are never to be left unattended. Your instrument should be in your possession or secured in your quarters at all times.
- Participants and volunteers will observe military courtesy toward officers, instructors, NCOs, and Fort staff at all times.
- Participants and volunteers will not fuel fires in either fire pits or stoves except with the explicit permission of a Fort or School staff member.
- No open flames are allowed in participant quarters (tents) at any time. Enclosed glass lanterns only may be used but must be attended at ALL times. They must be extinguished if left alone or when going to sleep.
- All participants and military volunteers will have a full canteen with them at all times. There will be an accessible water supply available. All participants and volunteers must remain properly hydrated.
- As Fort McHenry was in garrison in the 1860s, this event will not be treated as being on campaign. Participant and military volunteer uniforms should be clean and polished, if possible.
- Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and the National Civil War Field Music School are not responsible for any damage to personal clothing or items as a result of participating in activities related to the School. All participants and volunteers must sign a National Park Service waiver upon arrival at the Fort.

- Participants and volunteers of the School may be contacted in the event of an emergency at **(717) 475-8788** or the Fort McHenry front desk at **(410) 962-4290 x 250**.
- In case of an emergency, the bugle call “Cease Fire” will be sounded repeatedly. This will be followed by the “Long Roll” on the drum. If you hear this signal, you should immediately assemble outside in your designated company area. There will be a test run Friday evening.

Arrival/Departure Policy

- As Fort McHenry maintains a steady flow of visitor foot traffic during operating hours of 9 am – 6 pm, NO participants arriving before 6 pm may bring their vehicles onto site (the star fort) without prior authorization. All participants should park in designated areas until further notice.
- Authorized vehicles only may come onto site before 6 pm and only with an NPS escort. All other vehicles must wait in the parking area until the fort closes at 6 pm before coming onto site.
- All participants, however, may carry personal gear by foot to/from the fort at any time.
- The main gate to the fort closes at 6 pm. NPS staff will open the gate for Field Music School participants on the hour from 7 to 10 pm.

Firearms Policy

- Personal firearms and edged weapons, other than a proper musician’s sword, will not be brought to the National Civil War Field Music School by participants.
- Military staff and volunteers of the National Civil War Field Music School are responsible for bringing their own weapons and military accoutrements as directed by the military leadership of the School and abiding by all safety instructions and regulations of the School and of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.
- All firearms used by the military staff and volunteers of the School will be treated at all times as if they were loaded and will never be pointed at anyone.
- Weapons are never to be left unattended. Weapons must be in your possession or secured at all times.
- Military volunteers will participate in guard mount and dress parades during the course of the weekend.
- Firearms will only be discharged during prearranged programs. Discharging firearms or primers outside of demonstration areas is strictly forbidden.

- All edged weapons such as axes or knives must be sheathed unless being used in the display areas. Only Fort and School staff are permitted to use axes, hatchets, knives, etc. No exceptions.
- Bayonets may only be used during demonstrations. If they are not being used they must be kept in scabbards.
- Weapons are never to be handled exclusively by Fort McHenry visitors. Under supervision, visitors may touch a weapon that is cleared and that does not have the bayonet affixed, but military volunteers showing firearms to visitors must retain control of the firearm with one hand at all times.