

2009 Century Middle School Civil War Reenactment

Lake Village Park

Thursday, April 23, 2009

8:30AM-3:45PM

Training at CMS April 20-22, 2009



PARENT PREP PAGE

1. Parents are invited to volunteer, observe or even participate in the recreation.
2. Parents wishing to volunteer may be put to work operating video cameras, building sets, security, parking and other assorted jobs. Please dress [as close as possible] as your children are dressed.
3. Parents wishing to observe must remain in areas designated by the director or YCLH staff. We have limited time to shoot the video so your **prompt cooperation** is vital.
4. Parents and other observers are invited to bring their "still" cameras. Video cameras are permitted only on condition that the videographers take direction and allow YCLH personnel to use their tapes when editing the movie. Please label your tape with your name and phone number before turning it in to a YCLH staff member. Tapes will be afterwards returned to their owners. Students are taught to "play to the camera". They need to know that when they see a video camera filming them, there is a possibility that the footage will be used in the movie.
5. Parents may wish to help locate a suitable battlefield if needed.
6. Parents may have props such as canvas tents, covered wagons, docile horses, etc. that they would be willing to bring to the recreation. One family even brought a Civil War cannon for use in the recreation. Any such items are greatly appreciated and will be included in the movie.
7. Parents are encouraged to discuss the historical issues and all aspects of the YCLH programs.
8. One more note. On battle day the director will be hollering at everybody to do things. Please do not be offended. That is his job.

STUDENT PREP PAGE

1. Agree to pay close attention and follow the orders of the director, teachers, and YCLH staff throughout the training period and recreation.
2. Be aware of safety for you and others at all times. Safety is top priority over any other rule. No one is to be hurt.
3. Students must agree to obey their officers as though they were in the real military throughout the training and recreation.
4. Students must provide certain parts of their uniforms. For the Civil War, light blue jeans and black or brown shoes or boots [not cowboy boots] will be needed. Confederates may wear pants that are light blue, gray or tan. Shorts are not acceptable. For the Revolution, students will usually need to make a pair of gaiters. To do this, take a very large pair of black socks [white also works] and cut the heel and toe out of them. This allows the gaiters to be slipped on over the shoes. Place a row of small brass buttons [5 or 6] on the outer calf from knee to ankle. These make even tennis shoes look 'movie good'. Gaiters are also appropriate for Civil War.
5. Students should provide themselves with a period lunch on battle day. Find out what soldiers of that time ate. Anything they would have had to eat is fair for you to have.
6. Students must make their own cartridges for their ammunition. Cut 5"X 5" pieces of paper. Roll them into as large a tube as possible [not a skinny pencil-shaped tube]. Tape with scotch tape [don't use staples] to hold the tube shape. Fold the bottom and tape it. You now have a container. Fill it with plain white flour and twist the top shut. 40 of these should be enough. This will be completed in class.
7. On battle day, leave all money, sunglasses [unless prescription], watches, necklaces, earrings, etc. at home. Sunscreen is strongly recommended.
8. All YCLH equipment is to remain at school. Do not take any items home. Students agree to clean their equipment in a prescribed manner before turning it in.
9. Students should provide their own movie makeup. Realistic looking beards and moustaches are a plus for Civil War. For Revolution, make a powdered wig.
10. Students must agree to help clean the battlefield on conclusion of the event. Turn in any unclaimed, broken or damaged props or weapons to a YCLH staff member.
11. Do some reading on your own time about the battle to be recreated.
12. Be a good sport. Use good acting skills. Don't smile when you get shot!

STUDENT CONTRACT

This contract is to insure the safety and enjoyment of all those wonderful students who desire to learn from this opportunity and are willing to cooperate so that all may get the best experience possible.

1. **Show respect.** A respectful attitude is required at all times: to the YCLH staff, teachers, student officers and each other. You will be shown respect and will be expected to show it to others.
2. **Wear your uniform correctly.** At all times, throughout training and especially on battle day, wear your uniform as you have been instructed. If you are unsure, ask. Check on each other and politely inform someone if part of their uniform has become disarrayed or unfastened. T-shirts should not be hanging out. Tuck them in completely. Button all buttons on your shirt. Kepis must be worn with bill facing forward.
3. **Obey orders.** All orders are given with a purpose in mind. Student officers have been given authority to direct their troops and must be obeyed as if they were teachers or YCLH staff. Unfortunately, there is rarely time for the director to answer questions on battle day.
4. **Quiet in the ranks.** It's important that every person involved is able to hear instructions.
5. **No foul or inappropriate language.** Such behavior is grounds for immediate removal from the activity.
6. **Keep safety in mind at all times.** Look out for yourself and others. Be aware when taking a hit, retreating from the battle, etc. Intentionally harming someone [including careless throwing or blowing flour into someone's face] is grounds for expulsion!
7. **Equipment assigned to you is not to be traded with others.** Make sure that your equipment is properly cared for, protected and accounted for at all times. Make sure to retrieve your gear at the end of every take. If you should find a piece of equipment that appears to be abandoned or broken, do not acquire it for yourself but turn it in immediately to a teacher or YCLH staff member.
8. **Turn in your equipment and uniform properly cleaned as directed.**
9. **Be where you're supposed to be.**

Disregard of any of the above terms can result in immediate removal from the activity. This means you must turn in all equipment and all refunds are forfeited. You have the right to appeal.

Student Name

Student Signature/Date

Parent Name

Parent Signature/Date

Return to your American History Teacher (Graeff - Eagle Core, Grapner - Liberty Core) along with your permission slip and fee.

BATTLE VIDEO ORDER FORM

View your favorite costumed actor by completing this form and returning it to school!

The video, which includes music, narration and features each student, will be available in 6 to 12 weeks. To order, please include your check for \$30 for VHS and/or \$35 for DVD [make payable to "You Can Live History!"]. Available to be picked up at school.

Name of Battle _____

School Name _____

American History Teacher _____

Student name _____

Number of DVD's requested (\$35.00 each) _____

Number of videos requested (\$30.00 each) _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

If you are interested in being part of another battle this summer, contact us.

info@youcanlivehistory.com
http://www.youcanlivehistory.com
720.535.1776



REGULAR STUDENT FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Complete items 1-8, then make enough copies for students in the class/activity.
The form is to be completed by staff and submitted to parent for signature.
Completed forms MUST accompany sponsor/teacher on trip.

(1) School Century Middle School (2) Date(s) of Activity April 23, 2009

(3) Destination Lake Village Park - 128th Ave and Filmore Ct. Thornton, CO

(4) Period(s) Absent (if applicable) 1-7 (5) Grade Level Eighth Grade

(6) Transportation will be by:

District School Bus

Private Car

Walking

Parent/Guardian (responsibility)

Commercial Carrier

Other (specify) _____

Fee Required \$35.00

Other Needs

LARGE lunch, lots of water, any medication

(7) Other Information: _____

(8) Jeanne Graeff/Mike Grapner
Sponsor/Teacher Signature

PARENTS/GUARDIANS COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION.

Student's First & Last Name _____ Student ID# (if applicable) _____

Student and parent/guardian must understand that it is the **student's** responsibility to make up any work missed during this absence.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- I understand that the above identified trip will take place away from school property; may involve transportation as indicated above; and may involve activities beyond the scope of traditional school functions conducted on school district property.
- I exempt the Board of Education, the School District, its employees and authorized sponsors and volunteers from all claims arising from the student's participation in the above identified activity unless caused by actions for which the School District would otherwise be liable under Colorado law.
- I understand and give full authority for the School District to take whatever action it deems necessary to safeguard the health and well being of the participating student including, but not limited to, consenting to emergency medical care.

INSURANCE - I understand the School District does not purchase, or have, any insurance to cover medical, dental or hospitalization to cover injuries to or loss of life of students, damage to or loss of personal property or to indemnify parents/guardians for any expenses in connection therewith, and that if any insurance is desired, it must be purchased by the parent/guardian.

EXPECTED STUDENT CONDUCT - Students of Adams 12 Five Star Schools representing a class, sport or activity have the responsibility to maintain the same behavior standards expected of them while they are in school and are subject to consequences for breaches of such standards just as though they were in school.

As parent/guardian of the above-named student, I/we have read the above and do hereby grant permission for him/her to participate in the above identified activity.

Parent(s)/Guardian _____ Date _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Thank you for returning this form promptly.