

West Michigan Historical Alliance



Thank you for your interest in our event. This will be the 18th year of the Feast of the Strawberry Moon, hosted this year by the West Michigan Historical Alliance. We assure you the event will carry on as an 18th century living history experience held near the mouth of the Grand River. During this time, John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company was the principal trading post in Grand Haven.

We are looking forward to another great event! This year's Feast of the Strawberry Moon will be Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, 2018. We will also be hosting "Kids Day" on Friday June 8th for area children as an educational experience. Please indicate on the registration if you are interested in assisting with Kids Day.

Cost of registration is \$50 for merchants, \$35 for blanket traders (a blanket trader goods, are within the area of a 4 point Hudson Bay trade blanket or 72" x 90" (exceeding this area will be considered a Merchant). Other re-enactors are free.

Basic camping is free. A limited number of modern campsites with electrical hookups are available on a first come-first serve basis for a fee of \$25 per unit. Water and sewer hook-ups are not available. Public restrooms are available. The electricity will not accommodate most air conditioners. The modern camping area is a parking lot. All unauthorized vehicles will be asked to move to a nearby lot. Please complete the Modern Campsite Request section of the registration if you would like accommodations.

All those participating in the Feast of the Strawberry Moon must wear a **Feast Button**. Each registration will receive two complimentary Feast Buttons that will be included in the welcome packet. Additional buttons may be purchased for \$1 each and can be included in your welcome packet if payment is included with your registration. They will also be available for purchase at the event.

First time participants *must* send color photos of clothing, merchandise, and shelter along with the registration form to ensure appropriateness of the time period. Failure to provide documentation could result in denial of your registration.

WMHA Board

Christine Hornby, Executive Director
Mark King, Chairman
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Advisory Board

Ernest Marvin
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Upon arrival at the event, please check-in at the main registration tent. You will be given a packet of important information and if necessary, additional member of your group (over the age of 18) will need to sign waivers and obtain parking passes.

We will also be having a live auction on Saturday night, proceeds to go towards the general fund to continue the event. Please bring items to donate and funds to bid!

Signed registration must be returned by May 9, 2018. Late registrations are subject to space availability and may not be included in print media. Checks will be cashed upon receipt. This does not guarantee acceptance. If your application is denied, a refund check will be issued along with a letter stating the reason for denial.

Mail registration and payment to:

West Michigan Historical Alliance, 14049 155th Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417

2018 Feast of the Strawberry Moon

Camp Rules



❖ Registration

- Register as soon and you arrive on site.
- Do not set up until you have registered – All members of your group must be signed in and certified that they are accepting to abide by all of the encampment and ground rules.
- All vehicles need to have an assigned parking pass.

❖ Period Dress – Pre-1800

- All participants must remain in period dress from 9:00 a.m. until after closing each day, but it is highly encouraged to be period dressed the full duration of the event.
- Absolutely no smoking of non-period tobacco products in the historic areas

❖ Authentic camps

- All tents and other shelters must be appropriate for the time period portrayed
- Everything in public view must be authentic to your historic period
- If you wish to have your camp roped off please bring your own materials
- Each camp is responsible for its own security
- The board retains the right to have any out-of-period items removed
- No cell phone use in the historic areas except for emergencies

❖ Fires

- All fires pits are to be dug out and the sod set aside
- Fires must not be left unattended at any time
- At least one full fire bucket must be placed by each fire
- When you break camp, clear out your fire pit, safely dispose of the residue, and replace the sod as neatly as possible

❖ Vehicles and Parking

- Vehicles passes for all participant vehicles must be obtained at the registration tent and properly placed in the vehicle.
- Please remove your vehicles as quickly as possible after you finish setting up on Friday evening.
- All vehicles must be parked in designated participant parking areas
- Vehicles improperly parked or not properly registered are subject to removal at the owner's expense
- If absolutely necessary, vehicles may be brought into camp for loading or unloading no earlier than 6:30 a.m. Saturday. They absolutely must be out of camp by 8:30 a.m.
- NO unauthorized modern vehicles in camp Saturday evening
- NO vehicles in camp until after the closing on Sunday afternoon.

❖ General Rules

- Quiet hours are to be observed from midnight to 6:00 a.m.
- No live firing permitted
- All firearms must be unloaded except when engaged in battle reenactments or preapproved and organized musketry demonstrations
- All edged weapons must be kept covered by a strong protective sheath
- Any knife or hawk throwing must be pre-approved, take place in a designated area, and be properly supervised.
- All fireworks and sparklers are prohibited
- Animals must never be left unattended. They must be kept on a six foot maximum leash and cleaned up afterward.
- Historical authenticity notwithstanding, behavior and period dress should conform to a family-oriented atmosphere.

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Camp Rules Continued



❖ Children

- Children are subject to the same rules of behavior and dress as adult participants
- Children must be supervised at all times by an adult participant. Please be aware that the historic area is near a large river. We do not want any accidents
- Children are not allowed to play near the water area

❖ Tacticals and Demonstrations

- All tactical or scenarios must be approved by the Event Safety Officer (ESO).
- Muzzles must be elevated above the heads of opposing forces during tacticals
- No closing closer than 20 feet during active combat
- Absolutely no hand-to-hand combat unless approved by the ESO and rehearsed
- You must have a representative from your group or unit at officers' call to participate in tacticals or scenarios
- No wadding allowed in firearms
- All participants must police the grounds after each tactical or demonstration. Unit commanders are responsible for seeing that this is done.
- All decisions by ESO or Board members are final

❖ Traders and Craftsmen

- Pre-registered traders and craftsmen may sell authentic period items
 - \$35.00 Blanket Trader (Area covered by a 4 point Hudson Bay Blanket 72" x 90")
 - \$50.00 Merchant (Vendors, Traders etc. with goods covering an area larger than a 4 point Hudson Bay Blanket)
- Merchandise must be displayed on blankets, hides, furs or modern tables completely covered to the ground with period material
- Traders will be inspected and improper or unauthentic items must be removed
- There is no charge for Craftsman who demonstrate for minimum of 51% of the event.

❖ Clean up

- All participants are expected to keep their campsites clean and to leave them clean upon departure. Remember that we are using City property. Please treat it as you would your own
- Campsites are to be thoroughly policed including: cigarette butts, plastic ties or other non-biodegradable items.
- Please return all unused firewood to the woodpile.



2018 Feast of the Strawberry Moon

June 9 & 10, 2018

Harbor Island, Grand Haven, Michigan

Registration

Office Use Only

Received _____
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____
Assigned Site _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Yes, I would like to volunteer for
Kid's Day on Friday as a
____ Guide ____ Demonstrator

Site Requirements for Your Camp

Overall Size (including ropes and fire pit) Frontage _____ Depth _____

Other Special Requests _____

Camp near or with _____ Arrival Date/Time _____

Indicate your portrayal during the event

- Merchant (\$50 Fee) Describe merchandise to be sold _____
- Blanket Trader (\$35 Fee) Describe merchandise to be sold _____
- Craftsperson/Demonstrator Type of demonstration _____
- Native Camp
- Voyageur/Brigade _____
- Military/Unit _____

Merchants, Traders, Artists- Please send any marketing info with your registration. We will be creating a link on our website and Facebook page to highlight our unique shopping experience.

Modern Campsite Request

of sites requested w/electric (\$25 per unit) _____

Type of camping equipment _____

- Motorhome
- Detached Camper
- Camper
- Van/Truck
- Tent

Payment Due with Registration

_____ Merchant \$50.00	_____
_____ Blanket Trader \$35.00	_____
_____ Modern Campsite w/electric \$25.00 each	_____
_____ Additional Buttons \$1.00 each	_____
Total	_____

**Enclose Check or Money Order Payable to:
West Michigan Historical Alliance**

I have read the application, understand the guidelines associated with my participation, and agree to abide by the policies as stated. I agree that the West Michigan Historical Alliance ("WMHA") and its board and advisory board members (the "Board Members") are not liable for loss, damage or injury to myself, my family or my property during the course of the Feast of the Strawberry Moon and I shall hold harmless and indemnify WMHA and the Board members for all losses resulting from my acts or omissions or those of my minor children. I understand that I will not be permitted to use "Feast of the Strawberry Moon" or any Feast of the Strawberry Moon logos or have graphics on any items to be sold. I understand that pets are not allowed, only working animals. I also understand that I may be photographed and/or interviewed for media coverage and by visitors for private use. I grant to WMHA the right to use the same in media for any purpose, without compensation to me. I agree that I am liable for my own Michigan Sales Tax as well as any other related taxes if applicable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____