



**184th Anniversary of Dade's Battle
Reenactment & Trade Fair**

Sutler Guidelines

**Saturday and Sunday
January 4th & 5th, 2020
Bushnell, Florida**

The Dade Battlefield Society and the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park invite you to the **40th Annual Reenactment** of this Second Seminole War battle. This living history reenactment weekend will include:

- Full scale battle
- Period Soldier, Seminole and Civilian Camps
- Sutler Trade Fair
- Historic arts and crafts demonstrations
- Early 19th Century games for children
- 1830's Sunday Church Service
- Full scale cannon firing
- Tree cutting and barricade building
- Musket and rifle shooting
- **See General Guidelines for the Dade Battle Trade Fair**

For additional information call, email, or visit the website:

352-793-4781

reenactment@dadebattlefield.com

www.dadebattlefield.com

Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is located in
Bushnell, Florida

Just east of I-75, exit #314

It is approximately 50 miles west of Orlando,
50 miles northeast of Tampa
or 40 miles south of Ocala

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DADE BATTLE TRADE FAIR

The Dade Battlefield Society is continuing its multi-year program to improve the authenticity of our annual event and help to significantly increase the number of quality participants, period sutlers and attending public. The most important aspect of the trade fair associated with the Dade Battle is authenticity to the time period. Sutlers must be accepted to attend and all applicants will be juried. Approvals of new applicants will be based upon submitted photographs of the applicant's set up, trade goods and person in period attire. In addition, and for the sutlers' benefit as well as that of the event, the approval board will not accept an excessive number of sutlers selling the same type of wares.

The time period for this event is December, 1835. Your dress, manners, camp and behavior must reflect this time period without exception during the public hours of the event.

Fees and definitions- The sutler fee is \$50 for the weekend. The blanket trader fee is \$15. Approved demonstrators are deemed to be participants with a waived fee and the same free meals that are provided to battle participants.

Blanket trader - MUST be a Seminole or Soldier battle participant, and must display the trade goods on a blanket in the camp area. Sutlers are period campers with tables, display racks or anything other than a blanket. Also, persons with a goods blanket but no period camp of their own are sutlers and are required to set up in the sutler area and pay the required sutler fee.

Demonstrators are pre-approved working participants who will be crafting period items on site and will commit to either demonstrating their craft to the public constantly during the public hours or according to a pre-approved set and published schedule. Demonstrator status is not given to someone whose main purpose for attending the event is to make sales. Demonstrators may make incidental sales *ONLY* of the items / type of items they are crafting. There are no exceptions. Demonstrators who wish to sell more than the items they are crafting must pay the sutler fee.

Period sutlers may purchase four provided meals for the same \$25 fee as non-battle participants. Spouses, family members or associates of sutlers and demonstrators are not eligible for the participant meal tickets. Sutlers who are also battle participants will be provided meals without additional charge. Blanket traders are, by definition, already participants and will receive free meals.

Period musicians are considered demonstrators if they have no store and perform throughout the public hours. Musicians will be pre-approved by the Sutler/Vendor coordinator who will also designate their performance site.

Clothing and appearance- Period civilian attire of an Eastern US nature. No mountain man or Western influenced clothing (fringed jackets, cowboy hats or boots, dusters) is permitted. Period attire does not include Colonial or Civil War era clothing- this is an 1830s event. Eyewear must be 19th century- no modern eyeglasses. No modern jewelry or watches. No cigarettes are permitted during public hours- period pipes or hand rolled cigars only.

Trade goods- Trade goods must be authentic to the time and place. Hand made goods of the 1830s and earlier are encouraged.

The Sutler Coordinator and Florida Park Service staff will be inspecting period sutler area. Unauthorized items will need to be removed and stored out of public view.

You may not sell modern goods, flea market items, Plains Indian items, Pow Wow goods, Civil War or Victorian goods and obvious modern imports (oriental knives, bullwhips, and Mexican serapes), or *artifacts*

removed from historic battlefields. An exception for modern goods may be made for period music CDs and cassettes but special display rules will apply. No black powder or rolled cartridge sales per ATF rules.

Souvenir items may not be sold – Souvenirs include, but are not limited to the following items: bumper stickers, t-shirts, ball caps, non-period toys, comic books, etc.

Knives, pistols, tobacco products and other inappropriate items may not be sold to minors.

Sales Tax – All retail sales in the State of Florida require a State Sales Tax Certificate. You must collect taxes on all sales and forwarded them to the Florida Department of Revenue. You may obtain information about the State Sales Certificate by contacting the Leesburg Service Center office of the Florida Department of Revenue at (352) 315-4470.

Tentage and set up- Store tentage should be period correct for the time and place. All non-1830s items must be kept out of sight of the public- food packaging, coolers, drink containers, modern bedding, etc.

Set up and parking – Sutlers may set up on Friday, January 3rd, from noon to dark. All vehicles must be removed from sutler area before gates open at 9:00 am on Saturday. Early morning hours on Saturday are for those who have last minute preparations that were not able to be attend to the evening before due to darkness. Sutlers will keep their vehicles in the designated parking area at night and during public hours. *Anyone wishing to stay over until Monday, January 6th needs to contact the park office at (352) 793-4781 by December 1, 2019.*

Site Reservation- Sites may be reserved on a first come basis with the exception that returning sutlers who register by the pre-registration deadline may continue to keep the same site in subsequent years.

OTHER DETAILS FOR WEEKEND

FIRES: Sutler area campfires will have to use fire bricks to prevent scarring of the ground in the park's Day Use Area.

SUTLER CAMPING: There is no electricity provided. Sutlers will be able to park near the Gardner Pavilion and Day Use Restroom area.

PARK GATE: Open until 8:00 am Saturday then closed to vehicular traffic until 5:00 pm and will remain open until 8:00 am Sunday morning then closed to vehicular traffic until 5:00 pm. Arrivals after 8:00 am on Saturday & Sunday need to use back gate to park located on CR 650.

REGISTRATION HOURS: Friday 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Saturday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:00 am to 9:00 am

USE OF PARK FACILITIES: We request that you refrain from using restrooms, when the closed for cleaning sign is across the day restroom entrance and signs are posted on lodge restroom doors. If the facilities start to back up or you experience problems, please notify park personnel so these problems can be addressed and fixed. Day Use Restrooms will be opened from 6:00 pm to 7:00 am each day of the event. Lodge will remain opened for the use of restroom facilities and for a gathering place for participants to socialize and work on period clothing – Quiet time is midnight to 6:00 am.

Pets: Are allowed if on a 6 foot leash and must be tended to at all times-Owners will be responsible for picking up after their animals

Lodging: For those needing other accommodations for the weekend

In Bushnell – located on State Road 48

Bushnell Inn – 352-793-5010

Microtel Inn and Suites – 352-568-2111

Blueberry Hill RV Park – 352-793-4112

Red Barn – 352-793-6065

The Oaks Campground – 352-793-7117

Flying W Air Ranch – 352-793-1310

Near Bushnell

Cypress House Bed & Breakfast – 352-568-0909

Our Fathers Haven Bed & Breakfast – 352-793-7920

Temperatures will vary from 30's to 50's at night and 50's to 70's during the day. Rain is always a possibility. Come prepared for all eventualities.

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SUTLER & TRADE FAIR APPLICATION

Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Amount of Space Required _____

Please check one:

I am a returning Dade Reenactment Sutler

This is my first Dade Reenactment (Please enclose photographs of set up, trade goods and person in period attire.)

POLICY STATEMENT

I have read the enclosed General Guidelines for the Dade Battle Trade Fair and I agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Signature _____

Complete & sign the state required short-term vendor permit included with this application. Your completed application, short-term vending permit and non-refundable **\$50.00** Trade Fair fee should be mailed to:

Secretary
Dade Battlefield Society
7200 Battlefield Parkway, Bushnell, FL 33513

Prices and guidelines may be subject to change contingent on 2019 events. Early registration on present guidelines could be beneficial.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC.13, 2019