



RUNAWAY SCRAPE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
BATTLES AT 10:30 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Choose One:

Mexican Army

Texian

Colonist

Other

Please give a brief description of your interpretation: _____

Are you bringing a horse? Yes No

Current Coggins on file? Yes No

How many Runaway Scrape events have you attended? _____

Expected Arrival Date/Time: _____

Will you be camping overnight at the Park? _____



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 1, 2020
to J.R. Thomas, 1830s Jones Stock Farm Site Lead

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The George Ranch Historical Park is a living history partnership of The George Foundation and the Fort Bend History Association.

GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The undersigned ("Participant") desires to participate in the 2020 Runaway Scrape event to be held at the George Ranch Historical Park on April 4, 2020. As a condition to GRHP's agreement to permit the Participant to participate in the 2020 Runaway Scrape, the Participant hereby enters into the Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (this "Agreement").

Participant recognizes and understands that there are risks associated with its participation in the 2020 Runaway Scrape including, but not limited to, bodily injury or death to persons and damage to property. Participant further acknowledges and understands that it will be held responsible for any and all damage to persons, vehicles, property and/or improvements to property that is caused by Participant and/or any persons under its care and control, and that arise out of, or related to, the Participant's entry into any participation in the 2020 Runaway Scrape.

Accordingly, Participant hereby releases and forever discharges, and waives any and all Claims (as defined below) against George Ranch Historical Park/Fort Bend History Association/The George Foundation, its employees, officers, directors, and affiliates (the "Related Parties") that relate to their entry and participation in the 2020 Runaway Scrape and agree not to sue for such Claims. For purposes of this Agreement, "Claims" shall mean any past, present and future claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, demands, or causes of legal action, and costs of defense or settlement (including without limitation, attorneys' fees and court costs).

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties against any and all Claims arising from or related to the undersigned's entry and participation in the 2020 Runaway Scrape.

The undersigned understands that this Agreement shall be binding on its, his or her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, that the Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and that jurisdiction and venue for resolution of any dispute regarding this Agreement shall lie in a Texas State Court in Fort Bend County, Texas. If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement. The undersigned hereby agrees to the terms and conditions above.

CONSENT & RELEASE FORM

I agree and consent that the Fort Bend History Association, as well as its principals, agents, & employees, have the right to photograph, record, or videotape me and use such videos, audios, photographs, & related materials containing my image & voice for any medium of communication including, but not limited to, television, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, Internet sites, & brochures. I further give the above parties the right to take & use any interviews & recordings of my voice in such formats and with such editing as the above parties deem appropriate without compensation to me.

I hereby release the Fort Bend History Association & any of its principles, agents, & employees from all liability & claims, known or unknown, that might arise by reason of taking & using any videos, audios, photographs, & related materials granted by this release form.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature (Guardian's Signature if Subject is a Minor): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

WEAPONS POLICY

The George Ranch Historical Park lays out the following weapon guidelines to ensure a safe and secure environment for re-enactors and visitors. We ask that each participating re-enactor sign this document as acknowledgement that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the following safety regulations. Each Company will appoint a designated Safety Officer to ensure general and weapons safety.

CAMP SAFETY:

- Firearms must remain unloaded and secured at all times while in camp.
- No weapons are to be discharged within camp boundaries with the exception of weapons inspection under supervision of the unit safety officer or commanding officer and approved demonstrations in designated safe zones.
- Re-enactors should not allow visitors to handle their weapons without direct supervision. Re-enactors should strive to keep one guiding hand on the weapon at all times if they choose to let a guest hold their weapon for a short period of time. Guests should NEVER be allowed to fire a weapon.
- If the firearm is not in direct possession of a re-enactor it must be safeguarded with measures such as locked in a lock box, under guard in camp or rendered inoperable.
- Firearms will be inspected at the start of the day and must be in a clean, safe and serviceable manner. If you are not present for the morning firearms inspection, you will not be allowed to fire.
- Mounted personnel are not authorized to travel through the camps. If, for some reason, this cannot be avoided, the mounted soldier should dismount and lead his mount until clear of the camp.
- NO black powder weapons of any kind will be carried or fired by any participant less than 16 years of age. Participants 16-18 years old must have parental supervision.

WEAPONS SAFETY:

- No live ammunition will be allowed at re-enactment sites.
- Black powder is the only acceptable cartridge item and all cartridges will be checked to ensure that other items are not present. The following restrictions apply to ALL cartridges:
 - Only FFg or FFFg black powder will be used - NO Pyrodex. NOFFFFg (4F) powder will be used except for priming.
 - Cartridges must be made with period construction materials. No penny wrappers, staples, wads, or tape may be used in cartridge construction.
 - All cartridges should be made up prior to the event. In the case of a prolonged event or unexpected firing activities, cartridges may be made at a designated safety area only, not in camp or near exposed flames or visitors' cigarettes. No staples will be used in any cartridge. Nails, vent picks, etc., should be kept out of the cartridge box to avoid accidentally dropping any of these objects into a muzzle.
 - Cartridges will not be carried anywhere on the person except in a hard cartridge box unless they are securely wrapped in foil in lots of tin and carried in a secure location.
 - Powder will only be carried in the form of cartridges.
 - Ramrods are drawn only in camp for weapons inspection and weapon cleaning.
- NO black powder weapons of any kind will be carried or fired by any participant less than 16 years of age. Participants 16-18 years old must have parental supervision. Children under age 13 are not permitted on the field during the re-enactments.
- NO non-period weapons.
- NO non-combatant weapons.
- Side arms are to be carried ONLY by officers and cavalry (mounted or dismounted) in Civil War re-enactments. Different rules may apply for other historical time periods.

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BATTLE SAFETY:

- Unit formations will be held prior to each battle, where weapons, accouterments and cartridges will be inspected. Those failing this inspection will not be allowed to carry the failing firearms onto the field.
- A full safety inspection should be held by each unit commander prior to the event.
- Each unit commander is responsible for the conduct of his men (this includes women and children). The commander is responsible to make sure that his personnel and those assigned to him are aware of the safety rules and that they understand and abide by them.
- Bayonets are not to be fixed on the field unless given prior approval by the site lead. Scabbards must have appropriate tips.
- NO edged weapon or tomahawk should be carried onto the field without an edge guard or scabbard. Edged weapons are not to be drawn on the field unless given prior approval from the safety officer and the site manager.
- No weapons are to be discharged within 25 yards of the “enemy”; remember to always elevate when firing.
- No tompons taken to the field. Ramrods can be carried but are not to be drawn on the field and used under any circumstance. If ramrods are drawn, you will be asked to give up your weapon.

HORSES:

- ALL equestrian issues will fall under the purview of the appropriate Commanders and their Cavalry commander to include Cavalry, Staff, Mounted Artillery and Civilian.
- All horses brought to the site are required to have a current Coggins certificate.
- Horses should be trained to gunfire and battle BEFORE THE EVENT. Do not bring untrained horses to the event.
- Horses WILL NOT be ridden or led through the infantry camps, artillery camps, and sutler areas or in spectator areas.
- All horses will be dismounted prior to entering any authorized camp area and led to the designated picket area. With the exception of designated combat areas, absolutely no mounted individual will allow a horse to enter a camp area above the gait of a controlled walk.
- No person under the age of 16 will mount a horse as a combatant or serve in a mounted capacity. Determination of a qualified rider will be made by the respective Cavalry Commander or site lead.
- Horses will be ridden on event grounds only by troopers or staff. Spectators, children, and visitors will absolutely not be allowed to mount any horse.
- Period civilians wishing to portray a mounted impression will apply to the appropriate Cavalry Commander who will then determine the qualifications of the rider(s) and will also determine when and where they may ride. Mounted cavalry escort may be required at the discretion of the Cavalry Commander. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Violators will be expelled from the event.
- Stallions will not be permitted on the event site.
- Hay will be supplied and distributed for each horse, for the entire event, at the cavalry registration area when the horse is registered at the rate of one bale per day per horse plus one additional bale for the event.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

- NO PETS will be allowed at this event under any circumstances.
- All re-enactors must meet accepted standards for authenticity. In case of dispute, all decisions will be made by the respective commanders in coordination with the appropriate GRHP site lead.

Please sign below as acknowledgement that you have read and agree to abide by the following policy.

Printed Name (*as legally signed*): _____ Signature: _____

Printed Guardian Name: _____ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____ Company/Regiment: _____