

NORTH WEST COMPANY FALL GATHERING

Dear prospective participant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the North West Company Fall Gathering. Please note that we have a different purpose than most fur trade events. We view you as a volunteer interpreter for the weekend and we hope you will share your particular knowledge with our visitors.

Participation in our event is limited to re-enactors who are doing regionally appropriate fur trade impressions. This event is closed to Long hunters, Mountain men, buckskinners, Taos or South West traders. While we recognize that these are valid impressions they are not regionally appropriate to our area or the era the event portrays [1700-1830].

We are dedicated to improving the level and quality of interpretation and providing general guidance to the hobby. We also realize that not everyone is at the same point on the authenticity scale, and we welcome newcomers, but we also encourage continued growth of all participants in their knowledge, skills & level of historical accuracy. Please remember that it is about the journey and not the destination.

Thank you for your support.

Patrick Schifferdecker
Site Manager
North West Company Fur Post

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INFORMATION PACKET

What is expected of participants (volunteer interpreters): The primary focus of the Fall Gathering® is the portrayal of Minnesota's rich fur trade history between 1700 to 1830. We encourage friendly personal contact with each visitor.

Behavior: Domestic disputes, thievery, fighting and other inappropriate behavior will result in a request for your departure and possibly summoning the local authorities. Please conduct yourself and your business in a non-offensive manner. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior and should be accompanied by them when visiting the fur post or visitor center. Repeat problems will result in a request for your departure.

Black Powder: The only firing of arms will take place during flintlock reliability contest.

Camping: Primitive camping only. There are no facilities for modern tents or RV's

Clothing: Historic costume must be worn at all times on the Historic site.

Fires: Fires are permitted but must be contained within a pit. Please save the sod. When you leave, please re-fill the pit, replace the sod and water it. Campfires must not be left unattended at any time. Each campsite should ensure that someone is in attendance while a fire is burning. In addition, each campsite is responsible for having at least one of the following:

- a bucket of water near the fire pit OR - a bucket of sand near the fire pit OR - a fire extinguisher (hidden but nearby)

Firewood: Hauling wood from the pile is permitted by hand only. Please return unused wood to the pile.

High Wines: Consumption of alcoholic beverages is NOT PERMITTED during the Fall Gathering®.

Parking: There is a designated parking area for Gathering Participants. Please request directions and a parking pass when registering.

Pets: No pets allowed.

Quiet Hours: Midnight to 7:00 a.m. is designated as quiet hours.

Setup: Early setup begins at noon on Wednesday. Please note that the camp is closed to vehicle traffic on Saturday 9:30 am to Sunday at 4:15 pm.

Traders: All traders must comply with the requirements. You must register and obtain approval from the Quality Control Committee prior to trading/selling. The QCC will be reviewing all trade goods Saturday morning; they have the right to ask you to remove any unacceptable items.

Quality Control Specification: Will be sent to all registered traders and food purveyors.

Justices of the Peace: Several appointed Justices of the Peace will be on site to help remind us that this is a Historic Gathering on a State Historic Site.

PLEASE CHECK IN UPON ARRIVAL

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PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Name: _____ PLEASE PRINT

Names of family members accompanying

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| Spouse | |
| Children: | |

(Adults other than spouses must fill out a separate application)

Street Address: _____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number :(_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES:

_____ Campers. **Pre-1830 encampments only.**

_____ Traders. **No flea market items. Early 19thC. reproductions or originals.**

FEES

Number of Adults (16 years of age and older) @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Number of Children (Children under 16 yrs old are free of charge.) Check or Money Order only! Please make check payable to: Minnesota Historical Society

Historic Period

My encampment fits into the following time period:

French (1700 - 1763) **British (1763 - 1818)** **American (1808-1830)**

I acknowledge that I have read the application and information packet for participation in the NORTH WEST COMPANY FALL GATHERING® to be held Pine City Minnesota, and I hereby agree to abide by all the policies, rules and regulations relating to the event. I alone am liable for loss, damage, or injury to myself and my property and damage to others and their property by me, or my family during the course of the NORTH WEST COMPANY FALL GATHERING®.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO:

**North West Company Fur Post
P. O. Box 51, Pine City, MN 55063**

DUE DATE: September 1