

## Packing List

The purpose of this article is to assist attendees in bringing additional items outside of their authenticity guides in order to make the event a more full experience.

### **BRING**

**Tentage** - Bring as much tentage as you care to! Sleeping in sand sucks, and poses a small risk, given wildlife. We encourage everyone to bring at least half of a tent's worth of tentage, and if possible, a large multi-person tent. It was common for units in africa to sleep in tents.

**Ammo** - given the duration of this event, we recommend you bring at least 200 blank rounds for rifles, 300 for full auto, and 2,000 for machine guns. Also bring a card board box with your name on it as you will be turning your ammo into your HQ and be given a ration daily. This is to simulate supply, prevent ammo form being used up too quickly and to ensure safety.

**Bedding** - If you are able to, we recommend you bring enough bedding to be comfortable. Even in a small tent, if one is motivated, one can dig a deep hole and put a cot inside. However, we encourage those who have wall tents to also bring cots and coordinate with others for sleeping arrangements.

**Snacks** - We will be providing 2 meals per day, and some small goodies, as is covered by the event fees. Even if you show up early, we will take care of you. Although, if you require more in your diet, please consider bringing some things of your own. For example, an extra k-ration per day.

**Eating utensils** - Nothing sucks more than getting a plate of food and hot having anything to eat with.

**Games** - Have some period games? Some are already bringing a period baseball kit. One is also bringing a period soccer ball. But what about the little things? Maybe some card games, or board games would fit in nicely. Even dice! Bring anything that would enhance your overall experience and others.

**Musical Instruments** - Have a harmonica? Accordion? Guitar? Bring it! Feel free to play some period songs for your comrade's enjoyment.

**Sunscreen** - Try to bring period correct sunscreen. Nothing sucks more at an event than having a nasty sunburn and it rubs against coarse wool.

**Tweezers** - Cactus is out there. And some attendees are bound to get pricked. If you have a pair of tweezers, it will help you remove needles from both your flesh, and your clothing.

**Lanterns/Candles** - We encourage everyone to bring a lantern or two, and perhaps a bunch of candles. Period flashlights are also perfect. Don't rely on the moonlight to help you dig a pair of clean socks from the bottom of your rucksack.

**Cold Weather Gear** - The desert isn't always hot. It can also get cold sometimes. Always better to have something warm just in case.

**Spare Boots** - Sometimes poorer quality reproduction boots fall apart in the field. We recommend you bring an extra, period correct, pair just in case.

**Picks/shovels** - You may be required to terraform parts of the landscape in order to complete a mission. If you have a pick, please bring it. Shovels too.

**Toilet paper** - self explanatory

**Field stove** - if you have a field stove, plan to bring it. It will make your experience that much more enjoyable

**Aspirin/lip balm** - having a headache and/or chapped lips at an event hurts morale and the experience. Bring something in the correct container.

**Moleskin** - this is a 4-day event. Most reenactors have not had to wear their reenactor grade boots for longer than 24 hours, maybe 48 at the most. Blisters are not out of the question, and we recommend you bring some mole skin just in case.

**Water Storage** - Instead of bringing plastic water jugs, bring empty wine bottles. It's much more authentic, inexpensive, and 1 bottle fills two canteens. If everyone brings 4 bottles, there will be more than enough water for an entire day.

**Camp Gear** - Crates, chairs, and tables are all encouraged to be brought out! Anything to make the setting feel better and give you an ease of comfort and storage!

## **DONT BRING**

**Food stuff** - modern food stuff, or anything that has a modern packaging or label, is not permitted. If you want to bring a chocolate bar for yourself, you must repackage it.

**Ear Pro** - Specifically modern, or obviously noticeable ear pro. If you choose to bring ear pro, please have it be either period correct, or easy to conceal/flesh color.

**Modern items in general** - you will surrender your cell phone and carkeys at checkin anyway, so dont plan to bring a solar charger or anything like that. If you depend on your cell phone for a flashlight at night, bring a candle and lantern instead.

**Underwear** - Not going to lie, sometimes at an event things are so swimmingly, all for my immersion to temporarily halt when i see someone change their socks and their dirty nike athletic socks just sit on their gear for 5 minutes. Try your hardest to bring period underwear.

**“The farb tarp”** - every unit has their farb tarp, where they store their farb items under and try to hide. Lets not bring any farb things out there to begin with eh?

**Alcohol** - If you organize with your squad leader to have a bottle of wine, or want to bring some beers for the end of the event, you may do so. But please do not just bring alcohol on your own accord. Alcohol increases health hazards for this event, and we want to limit it as much as possible. DRUNKENNESS IS NOT TOLERATED AND NEITHER IS MODERN LABELS/PACKAGING

**Drugs** - I think it goes without saying, but drugs, including marijuana, are forbidden from the event. Obviously medical drugs arent a problem.

## **Exceptions**

**Medical gear** - we understand that type 1 diabetics need epipens. Anything along these lines are perfectly acceptable to bring out, although try to keep it hidden and in a period container.

**The Cantina** - the cantina is where you check in. it is not in play during the event, but has electricity, AC, and wifi. If you absolutely need to use electricity or wifi, for whatever reason, the cantina has it. You may also store things in the cantina if need be. However, if you need to go to the cantina so you can check your phone and go on snap chat or whatever, that's not a legitimate enough reason to go to the cantina. Plan ahead with your work, family, and colleagues. Its only a few days/nights. Don't forget that the purpose of this event is to give you an experience and let you truly escape the modern world.

**Disguised items** - Have a cooler disguised as a crate? Thats fine in our books. Anything like that is perfectly acceptable.