**Living History Area:**
The Living History Area is reserved for authentic civilians who wish to recreate the lives of local citizens around the time of the battle at Perryville. This area will be interactive with the public and all participants will need to have a functioning impression that is relevant to a central Kentucky farming community. All participants will closely observe the standards and rules for this area. Participants must complete the information relevant to the Living History Area on the registration form and submit that information with regular registration.

**Impression**
Perryville, Kentucky was a typical upper south farming community and most of its citizens were yeoman farmers. The community resided at the conflux of several main roadways that transverse the central Kentucky countryside. Perryville contained several successful merchants and professionals that maintained offices and shops on what is today known as Merchant’s Row. Impressions therefore can reflect the diversity, which was present in the original 19th century community. Please refer to the “Owners of the Battlefield” document on the website. The research contained there in will enable those seeking to do an accurate impression of Perryville’s Civil War citizenry.

Civilian participants will be portraying local citizens during the late fall 1862 before the battle at Perryville. Confederate forces had been in area some time before the battle occurred; however, they were not in occupation of the town. Confederate cavalry visited Perryville and recruited several young men from the area into Kentucky - Confederate cavalry regiments. Those regiments were encamped around the area in communities such as Danville and Harrodsburg. Union troops were on the move in pursuit of Bragg’s Army after the fight at Munfordsville. Given the tumultuous state of Kentucky politics and the division growing in communities the local citizens were struggling with many different social and cultural pressures. There is a great opportunity for numerous impressions reflecting the circumstances in Kentucky during this period.

The impression will be semi-immersion and all participants are encouraged to do first person, but may develop a third person conversation with the visiting public. This will allow the visitor to better understand the civilian scenarios. Further – those that are doing demonstrations are encouraged to interact with the visiting public via third person. Interaction between guests and participants is highly recommended.

**Clothing:**
- Civilians must wear apparel, including head coverings, made by period pattern and construction techniques, of material like that available during the late 1850s and early 1860s.
- Cotton, wool, or blended cotton work dresses in checks, plaid stripes, or period prints with corded petticoats is acceptable. Absolutely no skirts with white blouses and/or jackets are allowed. Mismatched skirts and bodices are only appropriate for exceptionally poor or refugee impressions.
- Period correct ladies headgear including slat or quilted bonnets, and knitted hoods are encouraged. Please avoid “high fashion” bonnets.
- Collars and cuffs with dresses please.
Absolutely no modern undergarments or modern clothing beneath period attire – please wear period correct undergarments.

Modern stockings and shoes are not acceptable under any circumstances unless they are constructed in such a way as to pass for period shoes.

Men should not appear in public without vest or coat. Sack or frock coats in appropriate materials is acceptable. Jean cloth, kersey, linsey, broadcloth, satinette material is suitable for men’s attire.

Period correct men’s stiff brimmed hats or caps only.

Neckwear should be appropriate to the period and worn in the correct way.

Period appropriate children’s clothing only. No modern footwear.

Children should not be dressed in military uniforms. Military influences can be reflected in children clothing, but miniaturized uniforms are prohibited.

**Personal Appearance:**

- Hairstyles for women should have a center part without bangs. Modern hairstyles must be disguised with appropriate head covering. No “snoods.” Please no hairdressing in public.
- Men’s period correct hairstyles and facial hair only please
- Modern makeup and nail polish will not be allowed.
- Only period eyeglasses or contact lenses are allowed.
- No modern jewelry or pocket watches. Please avoid “high fashion” jewelry.

Please remember to adjust your impression to the social status that you are attempting to portray.

**Generalities:**

- All participants (including children) must remain in period correct clothing during event.
- Infant necessities such as bottles and diapers must be kept from site.
- No modern toys.
- Children must be attended at all times.
- No anachronistic items may be visible at any time during the event.
- All furnishings, cooking items, utensils, bedding, and food containers must be of appropriate period type, material and style.
- No military participants may camp in the authentic civilian camp. All military visitors should keep visits to a strict minimum.
- **These items are strictly prohibited: cell phones, cigarettes, and electronic gadgets such as radios and CD players.**
- **Please keep cameras concealed during the event.**
- Camp Commander will be responsible for enforcing these standards and may at anytime ask participants to leave if they are not following the above written guidelines.