



2014 National Rendezvous

Health and Safety

First aid stations: Report injuries and illnesses immediately to the first aid station, located on the ground level of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge. The medical staff will make an assessment and take appropriate action. **The first aid station is open 24 hours/day.**

Dehydration: Drink sufficient water to avoid heat-related injuries. Frequent drinks of water and resting in the shade are necessary in high temperatures. Potable water fountains are located throughout the activity field, outside shower houses, and at the amphitheater. Do not drink water from the creek.

Local hazards: Avoid walking through high weeds or wooded areas where ticks, chiggers, snakes, and poison ivy are common. Do not disturb the wildlife unless your safety is directly threatened.

Insect repellent and sunscreen: For your protection and comfort, wear both at all times. For your convenience, both are available at the Rendezvous Store.

Prescription drugs: All prescriptions must be registered with the medical staff at the first aid station, located on the ground level of the Johnnie Barnes Lodge, upon check-in. Depending on the prescription or situation involved, some medications may be required to be kept there while a camper's leader or legal guardian may be permitted to keep others in their campsites.

Emergency response:

An Emergency Alert System has been installed around the camp. The alarm will sound in the event of a natural disaster, such as tornado or fire. Campers should return as safely and as quickly as possible to their territorial campsites and wait for instructions if this system is activated.

In the event of a sudden severe thunderstorm or tornado, take the following actions:

- Try to get inside and seek out a small, protected space with no windows.
- If protected space is not available, lie in a ditch, ravine, culvert, or low-lying area not prone to flooding.
- Use your arms or a piece of clothing to protect your head and neck.
- Do not enter a grove of trees.
- Do not seek shelter under any large tent or pavilion located at National Rendezvous.

Hand washing: Keep hands clean to avoid sickness. Wash hands before and after eating and before and after using the restroom.

Trash: Keep the campgrounds clean and sanitary by disposing of all trash in designated areas.

Portable toilets: To promote good sanitation, please do not use the woods or nearby trees as a bathroom. Toilets are serviced daily. Do not discard trash or bottles in toilets.

Shower houses: Keep them clean. Use biodegradable soaps and shampoos. As a courtesy to other campers, shower quickly. Men (18+ years old) and boys use separate facilities. All shower houses will be closed one hour each afternoon for cleaning; times are posted on each facility.

Buddy system: For safety, campers ages 11-17 should be accompanied by another individual at all times.

Fire safety: Open fires must be in a container off the ground. Fires are never to be left unattended.

Swimming: Swim in pools only during scheduled times when lifeguards are on duty. Do not swim in the creeks.

Emergency phone calls: In the event of an emergency, calls will be received at 417-271-3900. A message will be taken to the appropriate territorial headquarters for delivery to the Rendezvous attendee. Calls should be strictly limited to significant emergencies.