



## **188<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dade's Battle Reenactment**

### **Food Vendor Guidelines**

Saturday and Sunday

January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Bushnell, Florida

The Dade Battlefield Society and Dade Battlefield Historic State Park invite you to apply as a **food vendor** for the **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reenactment** of this Second Seminole War battle. This living history reenactment weekend will include:

- Full scale battle on Saturday and Sunday
- Historical Period Soldier, Seminole and Civilian Camps
- Sutler Trade Fair
- Historic arts and crafts demonstrations
- Early 19<sup>th</sup> century games for children
- Full scale cannon firing
- Tree cutting and barricade building

Food vendor spaces are limited, and the spots usually fill up quickly so act fast!

**For additional information call, email, or visit the website:**

(352) 793-4781

[reenactment@dadebattlefield.com](mailto:reenactment@dadebattlefield.com)

[www.dadebattlefield.com](http://www.dadebattlefield.com)

Dade Battlefield State Park is in  
Bushnell, Florida  
Just east of I-75, exit #314  
Approximately 50 miles west of Orlando,  
50 miles northeast of Tampa,  
and 40 miles south of Ocala

## DADE'S BATTLE REENACTMENT FOOD VENDOR GUIDELINES

- Please review Food Vendor Guidelines completely. Fill out application form and Short-Term Vendor Permit to be considered for a food vendor spot. Food vendor fee must accompany required paperwork and documentation.
  - Fees:
    - Contemporary/ modern set-up- \$200
    - Period set-up- \$50
- Each application is reviewed by the Food Vending Committee. Acceptance or rejection letters are mailed as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) days after receipt of the application. If your application is rejected, your check or money order will be returned to you. Application fees for vendors who are approved are non-refundable. *A copy of your current Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle license, and Sales Tax Certificate are needed. All retail sales in the State of Florida require a State Sales Tax Certificate. You must collect taxes on all sales and forward them to the Florida Department of Revenue. You may obtain information about the State Sales Certificate by contacting the Leesburg Service Center office of the Florida Department of Revenue at (352) 315-4470.*
- Food vendors may set up on Friday, January 5, 2024 from 9 a.m. to dark. *Friday is the preferred set-up date, but if you wish to set up sooner, please email reenactment@dadebattlefield.com for consideration.* **VENDORS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH DAYS OF THE EVENT. Vendors must stay open for business from 10am until 4 p.m. each day. Breakdown can begin after 4 p.m. on Sunday.**
- All vehicles must be removed from the vending area before the gates open at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Early morning hours on Saturday are for those having incomplete preparations because of darkness on Friday. Vendors will keep their vehicles in the designated parking areas during public hours and at night.
- Generators must be shielded to minimize noise. Absolutely NO generators are allowed to run during the battle (from **1:45 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. each day**). *Generator fuel costs are the responsibility of each food vendor using one.*
- Food vendors new to this event must submit photographs of set-up with application.
- Period dress and vending set-up is not required of food vendors; however, preference will be given to those who vend from an 1830s set-up. The vendor fee is also decreased from \$200 to \$50 for those with an 1830s set-up.
- Food vendors who have supported this event in previous years will also be given preference.
- **Food vendors will need to supply their own waste receptacles.**

## PERIOD FOOD VENDING

- **Period food vendors must meet sutler guidelines in dress and set-up:**
  - **Clothing and appearance-** Period civilian attired of an Eastern US nature. No mountain man or Western influenced clothing (fringed jackets, cowboy hats or boots, dusters) is permitted. Period attire does not include Colonial or Civil War era clothing- this is an 1830s event. Eyewear must be 19<sup>th</sup> century- no modern eyeglasses. No modern jewelry or watches. No cigarettes are permitted during public hours- period pipes or hand rolled cigars only.
  - **Tent and camp set-up-** Storage tent or shelter should be period correct for the time and place. All non-1830s items must be kept out of sight of the public- food packaging, coolers, drink containers, modern bedding, etc.
  - **Period food items-** Expected to be roughly of a period nature- for example, cheeseburgers are not acceptable while sausage links in biscuit dough are OK.

**Dade's Battle Reenactment**  
January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**FOOD VENDOR APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Space Required \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply:

- I am a returning Dade Reenactment Food Vendor.
- This is my first Dade Reenactment (**Please enclose pictures of set up**).
- I will be serving from a contemporary set-up. **FEE IS \$200.**
- I will be serving from a period tent or shelter and in historical 1830s dress (not required but period vendors will be given preference). **FEE IS \$50.**
- I have included the following **REQUIRED** forms:
  - List of the menu items I intend to offer
  - Current copy of my Mobile Food Dispensing Vehicle license
  - Current copy of Sales Tax Certificate
  - Completed copy of Short-Term Vendor Permit
- I will be using a generator (all generators **MUST** be shut down from **1:45pm to 2:45pm** each day).
- I agree that I will be open both Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for at least the hours of 10a.m. to 4p.m.
- I need access to electrical power. (There is fair access to 110v, limited access to 220v).
- I have enclosed the appropriate food vendor fee via check or money order made out to Dade Battlefield Society.

**Completed applications must be received by December 8, 2023.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All required paperwork, documentation and appropriate fee should be mailed to:

Dade Battlefield Society  
c/o Secretary  
7200 Battlefield Parkway, Bushnell, FL 33513

