

Spearfish Creek Re-enactment Group

Health and Safety and Codes of Conduct

Vehicles:

Vehicles will only be allowed on an Authentic Camp to unload or load or for emergency purposes. All vehicles will be parked in the appropriate designated car parking area away from the Authentic Camp

We insist on good access for vehicles and trailers and vehicles are able to park away from the encampment so we can create an authentic setting.

Vehicle movements on any campsites must be slow and careful. Care must be taken to avoid collisions with people and property on campsite environments.

Drivers must exercise extreme caution.

Dress Code on Camp:

Members should be in the period Clothing of the period they representing and in costume at all times whilst on the authentic Camp. Spearfish Creek would like to insure that a high standard of dress and authenticity is kept at all times within the period your are portraying.

During display times:

Members should not wear modern Civilian clothing at any time during their stay on the Authentic Camp, except when loading or unloading at the beginning or end of an event.

Only period footwear should be worn. Modern shoes or hiking boots should not be worn.

Clothing should not be of modern material e.g. nylon etc.

There should be no zips apparent.

Also glasses worn should be of the period you are portraying and not modern.

Be prepared to be inspected and politely told off in need be !!

Weapons:

Do not leave your weapons inside your tent unguarded or not properly secured.

If members have to leave the camp area they should leave all weapons (including knives) in a secured area. They should advise another member to keep an eye on the belongings whilst away or lock them securely and out of sight.

Members are required to be vigilant with the Public as Items are often irreplaceable.

All weapons and other items of equipment should be transported in a secure manner. Where possible, they should remain in a locked container at all times if not on Display

Please also see the groups copy of rules regarding weapons and the VCR Act 2007.

Camp:

Tents are to be of canvas and of a style or type appropriate to the period

Tents that are left open during the day should not have any modern items on show for the public to notice. They should be covered up under a blanket or similar coverings to hide them.

Open tents are to visibly comply with period authenticity requirements.

Any chairs, tables, boxes or other items on view to the public should be of period.

Water containers that are in view should be made of wood, pottery or canvas.

Plastic containers or food containers, cool bags should be hidden or covered in canvas, and any other non-authentic containers that are used on camp must be put away from prying eyes, well hidden inside a tent, or packed away.

No radios, tape recorders, portable TV's or portable CD players should be seen or heard on the Authentic Camp which includes MOBILE PHONES. Unless it is a PA System used by the group for shows/re-enactment purposes.

No plastic!!!

Use of Alcohol:

Please Note: the consumption of Alcohol during the day is Not permitted for the safety of yourself and other's whilst camp during 'open hour's' for the Public. Our recommend time is After 6.00pm

General Camp Tidiness and guides:

All fires must be extinguished and the ground must be properly and fully restored before you leave the camp after the event with all ash, rubbish and debris should be safely disposed of. Using Bins or skips provided by the event organizers.

Camps are to be kept clean, neat, tidy and safe. All members are responsible for ensuring hazards are minimized in and around their appointed area.

Our venue in Godstone, Flower Farm, allows us to use Fire Pits, dug into ground, but anyone doing this must make sure that at the end of the weekend that the pit is filled and left tidy with turf laid back.

The public

The public should be kept at an appropriate safe distance, sufficient to prevent them from handling equipment without permission/supervision and to protect them from accidental contact with tools etc. As a minimum the public should be required to refrain from handling equipment without permission/ supervision either verbally or in a printed notice.

Care and consideration must be given to the elderly and those with disabilities, and any risk assessments of a site or venue must include consideration of disability access issues.

Ensure you do carry a sign 'Please do not touch' if your tent is open for display.

Health & Safety:

Our Club attempts to conduct its business in a manner which pays due attention to the potentially hazardous nature of re-enactment/ Living History for both the participants and the public.

Health and Safety is one of the most important requirements for re-enactment / Living history and goes a long way. Persons involved in re-enactment and Living History must be made aware of the risks and possible dangers to health involved with this pastime. They must also accept responsibility for, and attempt to minimize, all such risks and dangers to health related to their own actions whether those risks and dangers affect themselves or others.

Accidents:

An open record should be kept of all accidents and injuries, to include the names of those involved, and details of the circumstances of the incident, including any weapons being used. This accident record should be open to inspection by any member on request. A published procedure should also exist for the follow-up of incidents to identify common factors and participants, and to suggest ways to minimize re-occurrences.

If Any Accident or Injury occurs report to the elected Health and Safety Officer and attend the first Aid facility provided by the site.

Fires Guidance:

It is a matter of Health and Safety Law that every person is responsible for their own safety, the safety of their colleagues, and must ensure that their activities do not present a hazard to a visitor and guest to the site. It is recommended that the camp be properly laid out with adequate access for Emergency Services vehicles. It is recommended that Fire Points should be provided with an adequate supply of sand and water in containers/buckets and consideration. There should be an agreed and recognizable system of warning signal for fire (Fire Bell) In the event of a fire the evacuation of the immediate area must take place. At normal and regular manner and to a safe distance. To appointed fire point.

In case of a fire, contact the Emergency Services without delay.

One fire point is assembled and each tent must carry fire bucket either sand or water and optional a fire blanket to comply with above.

It is recommended that flammable substances be stored in a safe place

It is recommended that tents be pitched no less than 1.5 to 2 meters apart. Adverse conditions may mean it is necessary to increase this distance.

It is recommended that open campfires be sited well away from tents and should not be left unattended while alight. We recommend 6 and 10 feet. When fires are not attended they should be extinguished. Any cooking shelter should be located at least the height of the shelter away from the nearest tent, or two meters away from the nearest tent, whichever is the greater. It is strongly recommended that each fire is situated with easy access to extinguishing equipment. Oil lamps & candles should not be left unattended

Offering food to members of the public:

Offering food to members of the public (for sale or not) requires compliance with the main food laws that apply in the UK

Code of Conduct for relating to the Child Protection Policy - Code of Conduct Around Minors.

The adults have a responsibility to act appropriately whilst dealing with children. The child's parent or guardian is responsible at all times for the child's conduct and safety. If a child is out of sight of the parent or guardian this could constitute a breach of this Code of Conduct.

Members/Guests/Visitors of Spearfish Creek must NOT:

1. Allow the taking of photographs of any children without the direct permission from their parent or guardian.
2. Let anyone administer First Aid on children without permission from their parent or guardian.
3. Put themselves into a delicate situation with a child or in a situation where they are alone with a child.
4. Make any inappropriate remarks towards children, sexual or otherwise.
5. Make inappropriate physical contact with a child, unless in case of emergency.

If anyone has any concerns about the implementation of this Policy they should raise the issue with the Child Protection Officer with the Health & Safety Officer.

These notes are intended for guidance

Disability.

All re-enactment societies or living historians should be aware of the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Acts (1995 and 2005) and the requirements that, without adequate justification, a member with a disability should not be treated any less favourably than another and that, where necessary, reasonable adjustments shall be made to facilitate the participation of such members in the activities of the society and their access to its services.

The worst case scenario should be considered but this assessment should also be tempered by the known likelihood of an attack. In both cases if the individual feels that their condition has become more complex or significantly worse over time then they should bring this to the attention of their group

Remember, you are representing Spearfish Creek, yourself and your part of history. Please do not let yourself, others or the group down.

Do not risk your own or anybody else's health and safety and security and reputation.