

DECEMBER 1-3, 2023

# CHRISTMAS AT OLD FORT CONCHO WINTER RENDEZVOUS

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**FORT CONCHO**  
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



# Christmas at Old Fort Concho's Winter Rendezvous

December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2023

Dear Living History and Reenactor Friends,

Holiday season is swiftly approaching! The Board of Directors and the staff of Fort Concho National Historic Landmark extend a warm invitation for you to join us for the Winter Rendezvous at Christmas at Old Fort Concho, happening during the first weekend of December.

Christmas at Old Fort Concho's schedule:

**Friday, December 1st from 3:00 pm till 8:00 pm.**

**Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 am till 7:00 pm.**

**Sunday, December 3rd from 11:00 am till 4:00 pm**

Christmas at Old Fort Concho is the fort's largest fundraiser. This event allows for our doors to stay open throughout the year. Teaching people about the history of the fort and the impact the history has on our nation is why we ask for your support. Also, coming out to this event is always a fun time and a great way to be involved in our community. The Winter Rendezvous is a major portion of the Christmas event.

The goal of the Winter Rendezvous is to present an authentic, educational, and exciting display of military and civilian people, equipment, and activities. We are inviting quality, authentic re-enactors, and living historians to stage a winter camp on our historic parade ground.

Registration forms for both Living History Volunteers and Sutlers have been provided.

For planning purposes, we ask that you return your form by November 18, 2023. All participants have free admission to the grounds for the entire weekend. In addition, we have completely altered the way the Field Kitchen is operated. See the additional sheet for more information. We need a good approximate headcount to make sure we have enough food and wristbands.

We will provide all individuals and groups with firewood, water, meals, campsites, and stables for livestock. Fires must be in a fire ring or box. Fort Concho has a limited amount of rings on a first come first served basis. Please make your request on the included registration form.

We will be hosting a "Students' Day" again this year on Friday, December 1st. Students will rotate through the grounds from 9 am to 11 am and from 12 pm to 2 pm. Please indicate on your registration form if you are interested in participating.

## Email your form to:

sarah.ross@cosatx.us

## For more information:

call or text 325-650-3161 (CELL)  
325-657-4443 (LANDLINE)

## Please mail your registration form to:

Winter Rendezvous, Fort Concho NHL  
630 S Oakes St., San Angelo, TX 76903



## Christmas at Old Fort Concho Safety

Fort Concho is committed to ensuring an enjoyable and safe experience for living historians and the general public. This page lists the safety rules that all participants are required to follow. Upon your camp's arrival at the event, the camp leader will be responsible for signing a copy of these rules at the Adjutant's Camp, located in the HQ Wall tent on the northeast corner of the Parade Grounds.

- All participants should consider themselves safety officers and report any unsafe or potentially hazardous situation to Fort Concho staff
- In case of any life-threatening injury, first call 9-1-1 then call Sarah Ross, 325-650-3161.  
\*If Sarah does not answer, please call the director, Bob Bluthardt, at 325-234-0316
- Unit commanders bear the responsibility for the members participating under their command.
- Live ammunition is forbidden on Fort Concho grounds
- All ammunition can be subjected to inspection
- Firearms should not be carried by anyone under 18 years of age. Children 14 and up must have the consent of a parent or guardian who is present with the child.
- Firearms may only be discharged during scheduled drills and demos. Non-black powder weapons require Sarah Ross's approval and appropriate licensing
- Bayonets should be carried openly only in drills and demonstrations
- Please do not overload any weapon
- Unauthorized individuals should not handle firearms, edged weapons, knives, etc. without permission and guidance of the weapon's owner
- Horses shall not be ridden between artillery limbers and guns
- Individuals riding horses or in driving a wagon shall take great care to control their animals and move safely among guests, camps, and any obstructions
- All fires should be above ground in rings, boxes, etc.
- Please report any problems or suspicious behavior to Fort Concho staff
- Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Please maintain safe distances for the firing of all pistols and firearms
- **Consuming alcohol during or after public hours on Fort Concho grounds is prohibited. Please enjoy alcoholic beverages off-site!**



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Name (Individual/Group) \_\_\_\_\_

StreetAddress \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off all of the following that you will be bringing and please be specific:

Equines: \_\_\_\_\_

Wagons: \_\_\_\_\_

Artillery: \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants in your group: \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Adults

Era (time period) you will be portraying: \_\_\_\_\_ (Winter Rendezvous covers the American Revolution to World War I. We ask that living historians stick to American-specific interpretations. If you would like to interpret a different region or a time period outside of above, you will need approval from Fort Concho Education, first.)

Please indicate the number of individuals who will be portraying each of the listed categories below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Infantry \_\_\_\_\_ Artillery \_\_\_\_\_ Cavalry \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian \_\_\_\_\_ Other

What is your interpretation for the public? (3 to 4 sentences, please)

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Day of Arrival:

Time of Arrival:

I will be / will not be (please circle one) participating in "Students' Day"  
from 9 am to 2 pm, on Friday, December 1st.