

Annual Huntington Beach Park Civil War Days

August 31-September 1, 2024

HB Central Park on Gothard between Slater and Talbert

Huntington Beach Civil War Days is only a few days away, at Central Park, in Huntington Beach.

With excellent weather predicted, a spectacular park setting, plus high projected reenactor numbers, this year's event should exceed last year's in recruiting opportunities, living history presentations, and spectator involvement.

An invitational event, this event is open to reenactors from any organization, including those participating as independents. Registration Fee is \$5.00. Reenactors may register via the HB website (<https://www.hbhistory.org/civilwar>) or at the Registration Booth, on site.

Again, this year, there will be several mounted horsemen. The addition of horses continues to be well-received by the public. Unlike the "open invitation" policy for the infantry, artillery, and dismounted cavalry, the mounted reenactors are handpicked, and no other mounted are permitted at the event or in the park. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

The event website: <https://www.hbhistory.org/civilwar> provides important information, including:

- Updates
- Daily Schedule
- Reenactor swap meet information (scheduled for 9 a.m. Sat) at the picnic tables
- Reenactor Parking Pass.
- Reenactor and Civilian Forms/Registration
- Organizations and Non-Profit Group forms; email for forms - <https://www.hbhistory.org/civilwar>

I suggest you visit the website frequently before the event, for updates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Park Entry:** Reenactors may enter the park after 12 noon on Friday. Do not line up and block the entrance, preventing park personnel from leaving the park or others who are permitted early access to the park from entering.
- **Reenactor Parking Lot:** NW corner of Ellis and Goldenwest (RV's may park in the reenactor parking lot). All reenactors must write their cell phone numbers on their parking pass and display the parking pass whenever in the park or reenacting parking lot.
- **Reenactor vehicles** in the park to set up, need to be out of the park by 9:30 AM Saturday, and 9:00 AM Sunday.
- **Artillery Tow Vehicle Parking: NOTE !!!-** Artillery truck and trailer parking is in the City Yard adjacent to the staff lot. To park there you **MUST** display your name and **cell phone number** on your dash or risk having the vehicle towed. This lot is for **artillery truck and trailer (TOW) vehicle parking ONLY**. If you park there, are not part of an artillery tow crew, and do not display your cell phone number, expect your vehicle to be towed. We

will provide the phone number of the tow company where you can recover your vehicle if you ignore this.

- **Civilian Town:** Anyone wanting to reserve a spot in Civilian Town, email hbhistory@aol.com before Thursday.
- **Sat night Dinner:** The HBHS Food Stand will remain open until 7 PM with a reenactor dinner and their regular menu available.
- **Trash:** There will be no cardboard trash bins. trash bags will be available at the registration area. Each camp is responsible for policing its trash, discreetly hiding the bags in the camp until they deposit the bags in the dumpsters located in the park (make as many trips to the dumpsters throughout the weekend as you deem necessary). The camps will appear more period-correct without the cardboard trash boxes, and the cleanup of the park will be easier for the event host. Company commanders are responsible for carrying out this directive.
- **Police the field:** After each battle, police the field. No spectators are allowed on the field until the cleanup is complete.
- **Shuttle:** The shuttle will begin running at 3 PM Friday, and then on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Start time subject to change.
- **LAST, BUT NOT LEAST IN IMPORTANCE** A Huntington Beach Civil War Days Military Procedures document is posted on the Huntington Beach website. This is new and it is very important that every reenactor reads and gets familiar with the requirements in this document. There are many procedures that require your cooperation and attention to ensure our event is as safe as possible.

Be mindful of the irrigation sprinklers and do not drive on the grass. Each year the HBHS has to pay the park for damaged irrigation sprinklers. This is money better left to the HBHS for their important work. The Huntington Beach Historical Society and Huntington Beach Park work very hard to provide you with a well-organized and friendly event. Your cooperation is appreciated in advance.

Please forward this message to your reenactor email list so the Huntington Beach Historical Society gets the maximum distribution to as many reenactors as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing everyone there for a great 2024 Huntington Beach event.

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