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Veteran of Pennsic Wars, since PW X (1981)
Fighter
Marshall
Chirurgion
Cannon Gunner
Teacher
Volunteer
Party Animal

You?

Veteran Camper, or Novice?
SCA, or Other? How Long?
What do you want out of War?

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Philosophy, and Principles

Planning vs Expectations

Planning, good. Expectations, you can EXPECT Chaos.

Self Reliance, and Community

Be Prepared (kind of what this is about). If you camp with a group, be a good citizen of that group.

Participation in the Event

This isn't a RenFaire, where you come to be entertained. YOU make the event.

Contributing to the Event

Volunteering helps the Event. It's also a lot of fun, and rewarding in other ways.

OBJECTIVES: Have Fun, and Get Home in One Piece



Clothing:

This is a Medieval Event, in Garb

Bring enough Garb for the event, or expect to wash. Don't bring anything that you care about wrecking, unless you want to be REALLY careful.

FEET are your Most Important Part

Footgear should be comfortable, and broken-in. Boots are your friend, and sandals are handy. Day-Glo Sneakers are kind of blatant, but comfy modern is better than blistering-chafing period.

Layers are Important

Pennsic can go from 102 Heat index to 40 wind chill

“Some Attempt” at Pre-1600

clothing is good enough.

Have a Tote Bag, Haversack, Pack Basket



Food, and Cooking

How do you want to do this?

All Period? Food Court? Minimal?
Gourmet? Lazy and/or busy? Camp has a meal plan?

Super-Period

Lots of Firewood, period cookware
Period, or peri-oid recipes
Non-perishable, or fresh, ingredients

Minimalist / Lazy

Propane Stove, Cook Kit, Cooler
Canned / Dried / Instant / Non-perishable

Me:

Cook breakfast & Dinner, Bag Lunch
Meats, cheeses, tortillas for wraps
Atkins bars, snacks, trail mix
Gas grill and a propane burner

I've come a long way since 1993, though.



Shelter, and Living Space

Weather Survival

Floods, heat waves, tornadic level winds
Expect at least one torrential rain
Become a super-staker

Tentage

Enough room for you and stuff
Consider the pros / cons of modern vs period
Social Space
Communal?
Front-porch tarp

Furniture

Cots, rope beds, air beds
Folding tables and chairs
Flat-pack plywood gear
You can cover your modern furniture
Coil-spring laundry hamper = trash can

This was from the year that my dome tent died. The following Pennsic, I had the 10x12 foot Wall Tent, that I've used for many a great year.



HEALTH

Cooking Sanitation

Boil some Water

Scrape dishes, wash with soap, rinse hot

Air Dry

Showering

Does your group have a shower?

Cooper's Lake Shower buildings

Antibacterial Wet Wipes, Castile Soap

Powder for Chafing Bits

First Aid

Have A Kit

Wound cleaning & Bandages; Moleskin

Scissors, Tick Remover, Tweezers, etc

Sun Screen and Bug Repellent

EMS Point has pros, and Docs, for heavy stuff

Medicines: Cooper's Lake Store has OTCs

BRING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS

There I was, on my way to teach my Barber Surgeon class, and a campmate had a real-life boo-boo.



TOYS

What do you Want to do?

Fighting:

Get your armor up to snuff, BEFORE War.
Repair your weapons.
Update your auth card.

A&S

Put together a checklist of your tools and materials.
If teaching, have your course materials.

Dancing

Bring Comfy Shoes
Check the schedule on Dance Tent

NOTE: You can generally find whatever you forgot, on Merchant's Row.



Amenities of the “Village”

University
CLIC (Cooper's Lake Internet Cafe)
Cooper's Store
Food Court
Merchants
Herald's Point
EMS Point
Info Point / Newcomers
Bus Service – Early on, take a tour



Party Survival

Rules of Pennsic Drinking

If it's on fire / smoking / glows in the dark / from a trashcan, don't drink it.

If it has "Surprise" in the name, don't drink it.

If it looks like Windex / is green / tries to climb out of the jug,

Situational Awareness

Know what you're into, and NOT into.

You have an absolute right to refuse any activity.

Don't be afraid to yell for help.

Know your limits, with alcohol etc.

Know where your camp is. Scribbling your block # on the back of your medallion in Sharpie, may be a good idea.

BYO Drinkies, perhaps. I generally have a few Monsters in my haversack.

At night, head down-hill toward the lake. Listen for drums, and look for fire.



