

GUIDELINES FOR WAGONS

TRAIL WAGONS

The wagon should be historically correct, authentically restored or authentic replicas, drivable sound, with wagon bed at least two sideboards high, painted or unpainted, with or without Dutch oven boot or possum belly. Wagons should be equipped with the following:

1. A complete brake system.
2. Spring seat mounted on the wagon.
3. Complete wooden tongue assembly, with tongue cap, neck yoke, or tongue chains, doubletree and singletrees, wheel wrench and stay chains.
4. One set of team harness (two horse or mule hitch) displayed on wagon tongue.
5. Four or five wooden wagon bows mounted on wagon, a canvas wagon sheet with wagon.
6. 30 gallon wooden water barrel.
7. Old style chuckbox/toolbox made with regular lumber (no plywood).
8. Campsite appearance must be authentic. Wagon must be ready to be pulled.
9. The cooks must dress historically correct including hats (no caps). All food must be cooked on site over wood burning fires. NOTE: Expanded grates will be permitted.
10. Iron wheeled farm wagons and rubber tired wagons are not eligible to compete nor are those with an iron or pipe tongue, iron or pipe bows or with farm wagon type double tree or single trees.

RANCH WAGONS

Ranch wagons must be in useable condition. The other rules are the same as Trail wagons – with these exceptions. The following may be used: Wagon tire or pipe bows, metal water containers (no aluminum), Plywood accepted for chuck box, nylon ropes and tents, sides for wagon tents, metal wood burning stoves and metal work tables/chairs.

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT – Tools of the Trade

Pots, pans and eatin' irons. Copper, brass, graniteware and case iron preferred, some old aluminum is allowable, but no plastic or stainless steel. Coffee pots and cups must be graniteware or tin. Forks, knives and spoons must be old German or nickel silver, steel, or steel with wood or bone handles, or granite enamelware. A meat saw, cleaver and clock.

Large metal cans with tight fitting lids for flour, cornmeal, salt, sugar and beans. Metal cans or wooden boxes, sourdough kegs or crocks. Flour sacks for aprons and dish towels. Dish pans or small tubs, hand crank coffee grinders, Dutch ovens, pothooks and pot racks to set over fire.

Heavy hammer, single bit axe, a two-man crosscut saw, a brace and bits and a drawing knife. Water bucket, long handled dipper (tin, graniteware, or gourd) and wash pan. 30-50 gallon water barrel, kerosene lanterns, stake pins, rawhide and rope hobbles.

CAMPSITE – Tents and cowboy teepees and bedrolls must be canvas. Period saddles and cowboy bedrolls should be used. You must be able to load everything into your wagon. If you cannot do this you have too much equipment.