

School of the Renaissance Soldier presents

# Actions of the Lowe Countries II



A Renaissance Military Society Event

**What:** Actions of the Lowe Countries, a multi-unit, full immersion event, for Pike, Shot and Horse. Enjoy the weekend training with your comrades in other military units. Drill in period battlefield tactics, share your latest research, swap lies around the fire, learn a new dice game, dance, drink, and experience what it really feels like to receive a cavalry charge! This event will be *"in costume & in accent"* from sunrise Saturday to Sunday afternoon.

**Where:** Gibson Ranch Regional Park, 8556 Gibson Ranch Road, Elverta, CA (just north of Sacramento)

**When:** Noon, Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> through 4PM, Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006

**Who's invited:** All persons equipped and attired as 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> century Soldiers and Campfollowers. This includes all RMS members, friends, and guests, members of other reenactment groups and guilds, and anyone interested in participating in Renaissance era military reenactment.

## What will we do:

- Instruction and drill in marching, pike, sword and shot
- Battlefield tactical maneuvers
- Camp life and period crafts
- Eating, drinking, singing, dancing and gambling. The silver halfgroat (1/4 of your daily pay) will be the standard gaming currency (nickels are just the right size, so pack a few rolls!)

## Special workshops and lectures on:

- George Silver Swordsmanship
- Learn to shoot a matchlock
- Fire making and camp cooking
- Lead ball casting
- 16<sup>th</sup> Century battlefield medicine
- 17<sup>th</sup> Century siege tactics

## What will it cost:

- \$20.00 per person for the weekend (1 to 3 days). \$4.00 per vehicle per day parking fee, required by Sacramento County.

Advance registration is not required, but you are advised to contact the organizers and announce your plans for attendance (contact information below).

## What should I bring:

- Your period tent and camping gear
- Your period winter/spring clothing
- Firewood will be provided for communal cook fires, but bring a box or two for personal use.
- Camp furniture
- Your own ice chest, food, beverage and cooking equipment. The park does not permit glass bottles or containers. Please plan accordingly.

**Note: Please store your ice chest in your personal tent. If you store your ice chest outside it must be covered. There will be no provision to store personal ice chests. This is the responsibility of each participant.**

## What will be provided:

- Blunted pikes will be provided for drills and tacticals. You may bring your own pike if you wish, but only 16 foot pikes will be allowed for group drill.
- A hearty breakfast of oatmeal, nuts, dried fruit and milk will be served Saturday and Sunday.
- Tasty hot period food items will be available for sale by RMS sutlers at a very modest price for mid-day and evening meals (most items will be between \$1.00 and \$1.50... pack a roll of quarters or bring some dollar coins).

## What specifically will not be provided:

- Food (other than mentioned above), ice, and beverages.
- Cooking equipment.
- Firewood (please bring what you think you might need).

For RMS members, benches and cooking equipment are available for loan. You must pick up and transport the equipment to and from the site, and accept responsibility for it while it is in your possession. Please contact Julie Bradley to make arrangements for pickup (707-552-6425). Any borrowed equipment must be picked up by Thursday evening March 30<sup>th</sup>, and must be returned clean and in good condition.

## What about food:

For this encampment, unless you plan to purchase meals from the sutlers, all campers are responsible for providing, prepping and cooking their own food for all meals (except for breakfast, which is provided). Campers are encouraged to share cooking and cleanup responsibilities within small groups of their choosing, but there will be no formal potluck. Bring your own period cooking equipment.

Here is a list of suggested food items to bring. It is by no means a complete list, only those items that would be most appropriate for a Renaissance period winter/spring encampment.

- *Meat:* Beef (sausage included), Eggs, Fish (fresh water, saltwater, smoked and dried), fowl (chicken, capon, goose and turkey), Game Birds (duck, quail, pheasant), Lamb or Mutton, Port (bacon, ham and salt pork included), Rabbit, Veal, Venison, Wild Boar.
- *Dairy:* Butter, Cheese, Cream, and Milk
- *Grains:* Almonds (whole and ground), Barley, Dried Beans, Chestnuts, Dried Peas, Hazelnuts, Oatmeal, Rice (whole and ground), Walnuts, Wheat flour, Whole Grain Breads
- *Vegetables:* Artichokes; Beets; Peas and Beans (fresh and dried): Cabbage; Cauliflower; Fennel; Pumpkin/Squash.
- *Fruits:* Apples; Figs; Dates; Pears; Pomegranates; Persimmons; Quince
- *Other Suggestions:* Nuts; Dried Fruits; Dried Herbs; Garlic; Fruit Preserves; Pickled Vegetables.
- *Sweeteners:* Honey, Unrefined sugar
- *Drink:* Apple Juice; Herbal infusions. (Coffee & Tea are not period for 16<sup>th</sup> century Europeans... so if you want to drink coffee, be discreet!)

## What else do I need to know:

- You may arrive any time after 10:00 AM on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Please arrive and set up on Friday, if at all possible. Our military style schedule begins at 6:00 AM Saturday morning.
- Full accent and military courtesies and protocols will be observed for the duration of the event.
- All non-period items must be stowed, all vehicles moved to the main parking lot and all campers in costume from Saturday morning until the event closes on Sunday. If you arrive Saturday morning, please dress in the parking lot and set up your camp in costume.
- Please remember that this is a period encampment. Keep all non-period items covered or out of sight.

## Directions to Gibson Ranch

- From U.S. Highway 50 or Interstate 80: Take the Watt Avenue North exit. Travel north on Watt Avenue, past the old McClellan Air Force Base. At the Wal-Mart, turn left onto Elverta Road. Travel less than 1 mile to the park entrance on the right, just past the Antelope Greens Golf Course.
- From Interstate 5: Drive north from Sacramento and continue on Highway 99 at the split. Exit on Elverta Road and turn right. Continue 7 miles through the rural community of Elverta. Turn left into park entrance just past Cherry Island Golf Course.

### Questions:

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David Luckhardt; (510) 233-5065; [david@luckhardt.com](mailto:david@luckhardt.com)

Gordon Frye; (360) 297-8429; [gefrye@earthlink.net](mailto:gefrye@earthlink.net) (for horse issues)

*If you are unsure if your costume or period kit is appropriate for this event, please contact us.*

### Have questions about food or need recipes:

Juliana Bradley; (707) 552-6425; [damejb@pacbell.net](mailto:damejb@pacbell.net)