

## Helpful Hints

- Teachers should anticipate a combination of entertainment and educational activities at the Festival for their students. The mixture of entertainment and education will help give the students a proper perspective of what a marketplace celebration in the Renaissance Era was like. Study Guides can be downloaded at [www.carolina.renfestinfo.com/teacher-resources](http://www.carolina.renfestinfo.com/teacher-resources)
- We strive to keep our Student Day entertainment both authentic and suitable for all ages. However, you may wish to advise parents that our Jousting Tournaments are staged performances with elements of humor and are a re-creation of historical combats. The Dungeon Museum has displays that exhibit scenes of medieval dungeon devices in a “haunted house” atmosphere.
- Your scheduled plans should include time for the students to view the many crafts demonstrations and activities throughout the village (three hours is recommended). These are not all listed in the show schedule, as they run at a variety of times and locations throughout the day.
- Admission to the Festival includes all entertainment and demonstration programs. Games, rides, craft purchases, food and beverages are all additional cost factors. The cost of games and rides average between \$2.00 to \$8.00. The price for food varies from \$4.00 to \$8.00. Beverages and desserts are \$3.00 to \$6.00. **Students may opt to bring a bag lunch.**
- **To ensure proper supervision and eliminate traffic flow problems, please break your students into groups of eight. One adult chaperone per group of eight or less is mandatory. Chaperones, supervisors and/or teachers must remain with their group.**
- The Information Booth (located outside the front gate) is where lost items will be sent. Lost students who become separated from their group will be taken to the front gate security personnel.
- The Festival operates RAIN OR SHINE. If the weather is questionable, please feel free to call us (704-896-5555) the day before, or the morning of, the field trip. If we have to cancel, **only in the case of severe inclement weather**, we will re-schedule the trip for a future week. Once again, **WE DO NOT EXPECT TO CLOSE UNLESS CONDITIONS ARE EXTREME**, but we need to have contingency plans.
- To enable the students to hear the shows that are on stage, we ask that you go over some simple show-watching etiquette rules with your students. Most of our shows are not sound amplified, please be courteous so others around your group can hear the show.
- Inform students that shoplifting, from Festival crafters and vendors, is a serious offense and will not be tolerated. **Violators will be prosecuted.**
- For identification purposes, we **STRONGLY** recommend that all elementary school students wear a tag with their name and school’s name.

*All Chaperones should be given copies of these "Helpful Hints".*

## DIRECTIONS TO THE CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

It is not recommended that you use any internet mapping programs to find the Festival. There seems to occasionally be some discrepancy between the existing streets and the directions provided by such services.

**Festival Physical Address:** 16445 Poplar Tent Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

**From Charlotte:** Take Interstate 85 North to Exit 52 West (Poplar Tent Road). Follow Poplar Tent Road about 5 miles to the Festival entry on the left. The entrance road will be just before the intersection of Highway 73.

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Take Interstate 77 North to Exit 25 east (NC 73). Follow the signs 5 miles to Poplar Tent Road. Turn right onto Poplar Tent Road. The Festival entry road will be on your right.

**From Greensboro:** Take Interstate 85 South, just past Kannapolis to Exit 55 west (NC 73). Follow the signs west 5 miles to Poplar Tent Road. Turn left onto Poplar Tent Road. The Festival entry road will be on your right.

**From Winston-Salem:** Take Interstate 40 to Interstate 77 South. Take Exit 25 east (NC 73). Follow the signs 5 miles to Poplar Tent Road. Turn right onto Poplar Tent Road. The Festival entry road will be on your right.

**Lost? Questions? Call:** (704) 896-5555

