

Terms of participation for The Days of the Slavs 2019

Domestic authority

The Oldenburger Wallmuseum is the one and only organiser of the Days of the Slavs. The instructions of the organiser and his attorneys have to be followed by the participants. If not we reserve to take according action including dismissals.

Kit-guide / Presentation

The Days of the Slavs shall give their visitors an impression of an early-medieval market, how it could have been in the region of the archaeological site of Starigard/Oldenburg, where traders and travellers come together. Visitors shall get the opportunity to learn something about regional AND chronological about differences early-medieval kit and dress. Therefore we chose to abdicate a kit-guide. But we do expect the best possible authenticity of our participants within their own presentation.

The represented era of the Days of the Slavs are the northern European early Middle Ages between the early 9th and late 11th century. Of course we want our participants to display a limited point within this time span and not a creative interpretation containing the whole three centuries. ;-)

We prefer northern European living history presentations, e.g. western Slavs, Saxons, Anglo-Saxons, Cultures from the eastern Baltic and Scandinavia. Single “far-travelled” representations will be welcome, but stay the exception.

For gaining more information on the contents of the museum, all participants are invited to visit our exhibitions.

Arrival / Stay / Departure

Arrival for the Days of the Slavs is already possible during the week before the market. – **But earliest on Monday the 15th of July.** Following the market participants are invited to stay as long as they wish to.

We are always happy for you to come earlier and stay for longer. But as we are a museum and open to the public in all areas, we have to insist on the camps being presented in an authentic manner and manned by reenactors. The only exception we make, are the days of arrival and departure as far they are not Saturday or Sunday of the Days of the Slavs.

Beginning with day two of your stay we want modern or pseudo-medieval objects to be invisible for visitors in the camps. Please forgo things like wristwatches, cell phones, sunglasses, piercings, plastic bottles, wooden shoes, so called “viking chairs” etc. Medieval clothing is of course also a “must”: Please avoid modern clothing or an “interesting” mix of modern and medieval clothes during the opening times of the museum (10 – 18 o'clock).

We know: It is your spare time you spend for us and Eastern Holstein is a wonderful destination for tourists. But if you are going to visit the beach or other places of excursions, do it off the opening times of the museum or take care that your camp is not unmanned/unguarded. If you want to spend your holiday before or after the Days of the Slavs in or near Oldenburg, we can provide you with addresses for nice accommodation, but our museum is not a free B&B.

Registration

Before building up your tent or camp: Register at the organization-tent. According to the measurements given by you in the application-form the places for each tent / camp are planned and reserved. Any unauthorized camp-assemblies or changes affect the whole site plan directly. Therefore we can unfortunately not tolerate any pre-decided changes in the camp-setting. In doubt you will have to rearrange your tents or leave. – But spoken in general: Don't just do, talk to us and we will find solutions together.

Set-up

Please set up your tents as quickly as possible. With respect of your neighbours and the emergency routes, the limitations of your camp area have to be held strictly.

Driving on the camp-site has implicitly to be agreed upon by the organization. According to the weather and state of the site or visitors' frequency the passing of the camp with cars can be temporarily prohibited.

Cars on the camp-area are only allowed for unloading. All vehicles must be removed as soon they are unloaded. Cars parked for several hours will not be tolerated. Participants inhabiting one of the reconstructed medieval houses can exclusively move in and out off the museums opening time (10 – 18 o'clock).

Parking

ALL vehicles have to be removed from the museum's parking space until Friday afternoon. We have parking spaces exclusively for participants in the town. The museum offers you a shuttle-service to them on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday evening. In case of emergency we can bring you to your car at any time, if you contact our organization-team.

Use of Fire

Fireplaces may only be established and used within the permitted areas. According to fire protection specifications of our municipality open fire have to be kept in a distance of at least 15 metres to the forest and at least in a distance of 1.5 metres to the next tent. Please dig out pits for your fireplace and relocate the sods before you leave at the end of the camp. Fire bowls are not allowed.

If you want to use coal fire (e.g. smith's hearths etc.), please use only charcoal. All sorts of fossil coals will not be accepted for reasons of historical correctness and with regard of odour nuisance for your tent-neighbours. Fossil coal-fires will be extinguished by us or your neighbours. ;-)

We will provide you with fire-wood but you will have to take care of safety and attendance. So please keep an eye on your fireplaces while in use and extinct unneeded fires or share one with your tent-neighbours. Keep water near the hearths. For case of emergency we also keep fire-extinguishers distributed in the camp area.

Garbage disposal

Every participant/participating group is in charge for the cleanliness and tidiness of his/her/their camp. We provide you with a container for the garbage disposal in the backstage area. Please dispose your garbage there and not in the dustbins for the visitors.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome in our museum, but with regard to safety and visitors keep them leashed on at any time. And don't forget to remove their "residues". Be aware that you are in charge of your dogs and their behaviour.

Smoking

We want to point out that smoking is only permitted in your closed tents or in the smoker areas backstage during the opening time of the museum (10 – 18 o'clock). Before and after that time you may enjoy your cigarette, cigar, pipe or whatever pleases your lungs (almost) wherever you need it, as far it is outside.

Pond

Fishing is not allowed in the pond. Also for swimming is the pond not appropriate. If you really have to, do it NOT during the opening times of the museum. The sacred island may not be trespassed!

Entrance fees for private visitors

We have to take entrance fees for the visit of our museum. Unfortunately we cannot make any exceptions for your private visitors even if they come in medieval clothing.

Products on offer

As organizer the museum is legally in charge of taking care that no illegal products or publications which are harmful to the youth and children are distributed. Therefore we reserve our right to control the products on offer. Should those not conform with the declared products in the application or legal regulations, they will have to be removed.

According to German law do products for sale have to be price tagged (Preisangabenverordnung vom 18.10.2002 (BGBl I, S.4197)).

Professional traders must to have a valid trade licence or travelling trade licence and be able to show them in case of control.

Symbols

Irrespective of archaeological evidence do we prohibit the display or sale of symbols or items which can be connected with fascism, national-socialism or other right-wing extremist groups. Especially any form of **swastika** (regardless of direction, number of wings, angled/round) will not be tolerated. Symbols and ornaments containing swastikas (e.g. „**Reçe boga**“, interlacing patterns etc.) or using the “sig-rune” repeatedly (e.g. “**Schwarze Sonne**” / “**Black sun**”) are also included.

The display of anti-constitutional symbols according to German law (§86 StGB and following court decisions) is - of course - also forbidden.