

# Robinhood's FAIRE

The Connecticut Renaissance Faire • PO Box 433, Danielson CT 06239

## CONTACT INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME	
ADDRESS	
TEACHER	EMAIL
SUBJECT	GRADES/AGES
SCHOOL PHONE	TEACHER CELL
REFERRED BY	

## GUEST REGISTRATION

	Unit Cost	Subtotal
# Of Students	\$FREE	
# Of Chaperones	\$15	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please make check or money order payable to: The Connecticut Renaissance Faire.
- Contact us at (860) 478-5954 with any questions.
- Registration must be paid in full prior to the deadline listed on our website at robinhoodsfair.com. Any additional attendees not paid for in advance must pay the at-the-door rate.

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## **How do I register my class?**

You must use this form and submit it prior to the postmark date mentioned on the robinhoodsfaire.com website. Our FREE STUDENTS offer is only good for schools that register in advance so please take advantage of this special deal.

## **Will I get tickets for my students?**

You will not receive tickets for students or chaperones. When you arrive at the festival, we will check off your chaperones against your advance payment. Any additional chaperones will need to pay for their admission at the gate. Please have exact change.

## **How does check-in the day of the festival work?**

Upon arrival at the Faire a representative from your school should come to the front gate to check your chaperones in. Schools that have no registered in advance should send at least one representative to the Box office to pay for students and chaperones.

## **What payment methods do you accept at the Entry Gate Day-Of?**

Business checks (no personal checks) or cash. However, we strongly recommend, encourage and prefer advance registration and payment so you and your students can take advantage of the full benefits. Advance registration and payment also allows us to effectively plan our staffing and entertainment for the day for your full enjoyment of the Student Day.

## **Name Tags**

All schools (public, private and homeschools) are required to provide nametags for all attendees for the safety of all. The tags must have the student's name and with whom that are associated. (School name or Last Name of homeschooling chaperone) (*helpful hint: use a roll of white duct tape and a sharpie!*)

## **What if we arrive with more students that we originally signed up for?**

Great!! The more the merrier! Just let the School Day contact coordinator know and you may pay cash or write a business check to cover the cost of the additional chaperones. Schools that have registered in advance may add additional free students at no extra cost. A receipt will be provided at the Front Gate window if needed.

## **What are the hours for school day?**

9:30 am - 2:30 pm. This abbreviated Faire day is to better accommodate you and your students as it allows most students to be back in time to catch the bus home.

## **If we leave the Faire can we come back in?**

Yes. You must have your hand stamped or wear your admission bracelet when you return to the Faire. You can't re-enter the faire after we close. In order to initially enter the festival all adults MUST have an accompanying student and all students MUST have an accompanying chaperone.

## **Is there suitable parking for a bus?**

Yes. There is sufficient parking for hundreds of buses and cars.

## **How much should we expect to spend during our visit?**

What you spend in a day is entirely up to you. We recommend approximately \$20 for food and drink purchases. There is an ATM machine conveniently located on site.

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## **Are we allowed to bring outside food and drink?**

Yes. Outside food and drink is permitted and bag lunches are suggested for those who wish to avoid potentially long lines during the lunch rush or have diet restrictions. There is a wide variety of food and drink available to accommodate various diets, but we are unable to accommodate every possibility so please plan accordingly.

## **Is there a deadline to sign up?**

Yes. We encourage you to sign up and have your money in by the deadline shown on robinhoodsfair.com School Day section. If you are running close to the deadline we recommend you phone our education coordinator to expedite your registration.

## **Is the Faire a rain or shine event?**

Yes. We are a completely outdoor event that will remain open in most types of weather. We ask that all your students and chaperones prepare for whatever Mother Nature throws our way including wearing sunscreen, bringing rain gear, and definitely comfortable shoes. There are several places to get out of the weather, some of our stages have covered seating, and most of the merchants are under cover as well, but be prepared to be out in the elements. If severe weather is in the forecast please check our website ([www.robinhoodsfair.com](http://www.robinhoodsfair.com)) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/ctfaire](https://facebook.com/ctfaire)), please check our website for possible closures due to safety concerns.

## **Is the faire wheelchair accessible?**

The faire is an outdoor site, and though there are paved and gravel paths there are also grassy paths and hills. We certainly encourage visitors in wheelchairs, though on rainy days some areas of the faire may be unreachable.

## **Do you have special programs for students with disabilities?**

Since a lot of your experience at the faire is interactive, every faire experience will be unique. Our actors will take into consideration the age and abilities of your student when they approach your students.

## **Are my students required to wear costumes?**

No, as a guest of the faire you are not required to dress in the period, but it is highly encouraged. Wearing a costume adds to the overall continuity of the day and often helps students feel more comfortable interacting with our actors and educators.

## **Should students bring their lunches or can they buy lunches?**

Students can certainly bring their lunches. We recommend that lunches remain on the bus until lunchtime, then that a few chaperones and students go fetch them for everyone. There are picnic areas inside the grounds, where you class can sit and eat. It is also possible to buy lunch from food merchants inside the faire. In fact we encourage every student to bring some money to purchase snacks even if they bring a lunch. To get an idea of the sorts of foods available visit our web page [robinhoodsfair.com](http://robinhoodsfair.com) and click on shops, you will notice food merchants in the list that will give your students an idea of what types of food to expect.

## **Can my entire class walk around together?**

Though it will be possible for your entire class to meet up for lunch or at specific shows, we encourage you to walk around in smaller groups. Merchant tents tend to be small and can not accommodate so many students at one time, and our actors and educators will be able to better interact when approached in small groups.

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## **I see there is a study packet, am I required to use it with my class?**

Certainly not! The packet is provided as a favor for you, no one class will probably use the entire packet, and you are not required to use any of it. We understand that field trips are fun and a chance for students and teachers to relax a bit; we hope that by using the study packet your class will be better able to stay focused and get more education out of their day at the faire.

## **I've never been to a renaissance Faire, How can I get an idea of what my class can expect to find?**

There are number of ways to find out more before bringing your class to the Faire:

- The Robin Hood Festival web page ([www.robinhoodsfair.com](http://www.robinhoodsfair.com)) is full of photos for previous years, it has pages of entertainment, shows your class might see at the faire, merchants, things your class can buy, there is a message board where you can ask fellow visitors your questions, or contact phone numbers and emails if you would like to ask the staff.
- Every class that signs up for the school day will receive a study packet and that can give you an idea of what to expect at the faire. The study packet contains pages of historical facts and activities but also contains the faire rules and chaperone guidelines, reading this can give you a better idea of what to expect at the faire.
- During the summer around New England there are many other renaissance faires that you can visit. Though no two faires are exactly alike, and no other faire can speak for your student's experience at the Robin Hood Festival, it can give you rough idea of what to expect.
- Probably the best way to get a sneak peek into your upcoming field trip is to visit the opening weekend of the Faire. You are welcome to stop by then to get a better idea of the faire, though there will be a different entertainment schedule for school days, and the merchants will be selling some different wares, the layout of the faire is the same and you will be able to use your study guide to figure out the similarities.

## **What do I do if I have more questions?**

You should contact our Education Coordinator using the information listed on the School Day portion of the [Robinhoodsfair.com](http://Robinhoodsfair.com) website.