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Historical and Interpretive Reenactments

I. POLICY

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) recognizes the importance of historical and interpretive reenactments in preserving and educating the public about our rich heritage. This policy aims to establish guidelines and procedures for conducting historical and interpretive reenactments within the District.

II. PURPOSE

This policy applies to all individuals, groups, organizations, and entities interested in organizing historical and interpretive reenactments within the District.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

1. **Historical Reenactment:** The recreation of historical events, battles, or periods using costumes, props, and settings to immerse participants and spectators in a specific historical context.
2. **Interpretive Reenactment:** A performance or presentation that aims to interpret historical events or periods by providing insights, explanations, and context through dialogue, demonstrations, and interactive activities.

B. Guidelines for Historical and Interpretive Reenactments

1. **Accuracy:** Reenactments should strive for historical accuracy in costumes, props, dialogue, and actions to ensure an authentic representation of the chosen period.
2. **Sensitivity:** Reenactments must be conducted with sensitivity to diverse perspectives and cultural sensitivities, avoiding any depiction or portrayal that may be offensive or disrespectful to any group or community.



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3. **Safety:** Safety of participants and spectators must be prioritized at all times. Organizers are responsible for conducting risk assessments, implementing safety measures, and obtaining necessary permits and permissions as outlined in the Facility Use Agreement and District Planning Guide.
4. **Environmental Impact:** Reenactments must minimize their environmental impact by adhering to responsible waste management practices and respecting natural and cultural resources.
5. **Educational Value:** Reenactments must serve an educational purpose by providing accurate historical information, engaging storytelling, and interactive experiences that encourage learning and understanding.
6. **Collaboration:** Organizers are encouraged to collaborate with historical societies, museums, educators, and local communities to ensure the integrity and educational value of reenactments.
7. **Documentation:** Organizers should document their reenactments through photographs, videos, and written records to preserve the historical significance and educational value of the events.

C. Special Event Permitting Process:

- a. All applicants intending to conduct historical and interpretive reenactments must comply with District Policy 6.1, Special Events and Interim Use of District Facilities.
- b. All organizers intending to conduct historical or interpretive reenactments within the District must complete a Facilities Use Agreement (FUA) through Guest Services. The FUA shall include details such as the proposed location, date, duration, description of the reenactment, safety plans for firearms/replicas, and any other relevant information.



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- c. Permits for historical and interpretive reenactments shall only be issued once all conditions and reviews required by Policy 6.1 have been met and fees, if any, have been paid.

D. Internal Process:

- a. For District events hosted in partnership with an outside entity, the FUA must still be completed. Additionally, the site supervisor will provide a District Planning Guide (DPG) outlining setup and safety measures that are required.

E. Enforcement and Compliance:

- a. Failure to comply with this policy may result in permit revocation, fines, or other enforcement actions as determined by the relevant county authorities.
- b. The District reserves the right to suspend or modify this policy as necessary to address emerging issues, concerns, or changing circumstances.

F. Review and Revision:

- a. This policy shall be subject to periodic review and revision to ensure its effectiveness, relevance, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- b. Suggestions for revisions or amendments to this policy may be submitted to the appropriate District personnel for consideration.

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