

Corporate gear to take to a Clann Tartan outdoor event when the trailer is not available

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A. WEAPONRY

1. At least six kiddie pikes—for events with school days, as many as you can find
2. Four ten-foot pikes; more if you have enough soldiers
3. A partisan or halberd for your officer (If you think you need both, you are fortunate, and you will have plenty of soldiers and probably enough vehicle capacity that you will not be agonizing over this list.)
4. Pike rack (or, in Canada, improvise from wood on site; see Note, Section D)
5. One Virginia pike for the ensign
6. One full set armor, for show, with back and breastplates and tassets, and a helmet (and the Monmouth cap). Two sets with gorgets went to Ft. William in 2012.
7. Muskets
8. One mortar OR the hail shotte
9. Its accessories (for mortar, linstock, worm, swab, and prick)
10. Powder, where permitted
11. Bandoliers
12. Match
13. Gun box or excerpts

B. CANVAS AND ACCOUTREMENTS

1. Troopers 1, 2, and 3, with their poles, enough stakes, and enough rope (One of these has an extra-deep pocket for the ridge and thus does not fly well.)
2. If needed, additional troopers (e.g., #6 for armory), with their poles, stakes, and ropes (or just bring rope bag)
3. Enough extra tent uprights to rig troopers as shade and rain flies: four each if the fly is to be open on both sides. The tavern uprights will serve.
4. Storm ropes and stakes
5. Extra rope for tying ensign pike to its support

C. METAL

1. An axe or two
2. Shovel
3. Stakes in small stake box
4. Stake hammer(s) and mallet(s), depending on the number of people setting up camp: you do not want the availability of tools to be a bottleneck.
5. Fire tool box: remove some stuff you do not need from it and add the storm stakes and some tools from the other tool box, which we left behind for Ft. William.
6. Blowpipe
7. A length of 3/8" steel rod and a hacksaw (or precut lengths of steel rod), in case any tent pins needed to be replaced

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D. WOOD

N.B. On account of vermin control regulations, do not bring firewood even across county lines in the U.S.. You will have to get firewood locally. Do not bring *any* non-commercial wood, such as sapling tent poles, across the U.S.–Canada border or you risk confiscation in both directions.

1. Four folding tables at minimum. For a larger show with multiple demos, e.g. Big Island, the group could make do with five tables, but six would be better: four for demos and two for the kitchen (one inside of, one in front of the cook's tent, the latter possibly also doing duty as a demo surface [although our current HCF prefers a bench to a table inside the cook's tent])
2. Six or seven benches. For a larger show, bring as many benches as possible. The extra benches (and table) allow us to invite the public to sit down and play with fiber or board games.
3. Four-legged stool
4. Fire and mortar buckets. Soak them with water in advance of the trip; otherwise you will spend half a day waiting for the wood to get thoroughly wet and expand to seal the buckets. Can be replaced by canvas buckets (listed in Section E).

E. KITCHEN

For a one-day event, plan on a cold breakfast. Serve a soup or stew for lunch. Thus you need one pot. For a longer event, you will want a griddle and perhaps a second pot. Plan your meals in advance and you can work this out quite precisely.

1. Coolers *ad libitum*
2. Preparing and serving utensils, including an assortment of sharp knives, metal cooking tools (poker, spatula, spoon, fork, tongs), and the Spoon of Authority
3. One or two cutting boards
4. A few period bowls, spoons, etc. for display if not as extras
5. The trivet
6. Teakettles
7. One potje pot, perhaps two (or one potje pot & one Dutch oven) for a multi-day event.
8. For multi-day events, a griddle will allow more variety in the meals.
9. For multi-day events, a tripod with S-hooks and/or grate, ditto.
10. Two or more copper washtubs
11. Kitchen basket with scrubbies, potholders, detergent, bleach
12. Handwashing station (may be ewers & basins)
13. Two blue water cubes, to be kept in cook's tent
14. Ceramic water cooler
15. First Aid bucket
16. Canvas buckets, squashable (owned by members)
17. Pop-up box for trash
18. Kitchen bell
19. Pestis and his new friend

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F. OTHER

1. Repair & maintenance kit, once we create it, or excerpts
2. Candles and scones? certainly for multi-day events during the spring or fall
3. Recruiting box, with business cards
4. Regimental ensign

G. TRANSPORT

A large station wagon with a roof rack is good for the long stuff (ridge poles, Va. pike, 10' pikes).
A moderate-sized vehicle with a roof rack suffices for the short stuff (uprights, kiddie pikes).
Bundle like items and then affix the bundles.

The tables are most easily carried in a van or SUV.