



How do I register my class?

Fill out the registration form included in this packet and either submit a check with the form or wait for our invoice, then send a check or go online to the advanced ticket sales area of our website and use a credit card.

Will I get tickets for my students?

No, you will get a single confirmation letter, stating how many students and chaperones will be attending, our gate greeters will also have a copy of this letter and will confirm your group then let you into the faire.

Is there a deadline to sign up?

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

Is The CT 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.

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 emergency medical staff on site?

Yes we do.

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.

I am expecting a class of 100 but what if my count is off?

We understand that students get sick, or forget to return their permission slips on time, we expect your count to be as close to accurate as you can get but will do a head count on the bus when you arrive and can take cash or checks to accommodate extra students, though at this time we can not offer rebates if you bring fewer students.

Is there Bus parking?

Yes. We have a large parking area that can accommodate many busses.

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 lunch time, 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 www.ctfaire.com and click on merchants, 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 (of 29 students) 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.

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 all of the 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 CTFaire web page (www.ctfaire.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 speech for your student's experience at the CTFaire, 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.

How much money should students bring?

Children are welcome to bring bagged lunches/drinks to enjoy in our covered picnic areas (we recommend this to maximize your time spent enjoying the faire on a shortened day). Thus there is no real requirement to bring money. There are activities which can cost between \$1-\$5 each and souvenirs which range from \$1 to hundreds of dollars. As a faire we believe the day should be about making history fun for the students, but we acknowledge that many students will want to bring home a memento of their day. The amount each child brings should be a personal decision made by the individual and their parents.



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 www.ctfaire.com website.

Please complete and mail this form to:

Connecticut Renaissance Faire

11 Llynwood Drive
Bolton, CT 06043



FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Grade: _____

Subject: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of students: _____ (x \$ _____ = _____)

Number of Chaperones _____ (x \$ _____ = _____)

Total: _____

I have read this form in its entirety and understand that by sending in this form I am agreeing to bring my students to the Connecticut Renaissance Faire's School day. I also understand that if I do not pay via credit card online a check must accompany my registration, and that I will receive confirmation once my check and registration has been received.

SIGNATURE

Notice:

- Do not use this form if you are bringing under ten students, either use the online registration method or pay at the gate on the day of the faire.
- All mail-in payments **MUST** be received by the deadline.
- You will receive email confirmation of your registration, so please print your email address clearly. If you do not have access to email please enclose a \$5 shipping charge for your confirmation and teacher packet.
- Your confirmation will include a single paper ticket for your entire class, please print it and bring it with you on the 1st. Confirmation will also include a link to the educator's page where you can download a pre-trip kit, lesson plans, and more.

Please make checks payable to: **The Connecticut Renaissance Faire** and mail this form and the check to:
The Connecticut Renaissance Faire, 11 Llynwood Drive, Bolton, CT 06043