

Participants Expectations around Wagons and Teams:

- Keep feet and all body parts away from the wheels while wagon is in hitch or hitching.
- When forward of the wagon, never turn you back to the team with 20 feet and a 45 degree angle
- Wagoners will NOT dismount to assist in loading or unloading a wagon while hitched
- Thou shalt never attempt to capture a team or wagon without arrangements with the driver before hand
- Never grab the Halter, bridle, reins of a team without permission
- Never hide in the woods, then jump out to attack or startle a team or driver
- Never discharge a weapon toward a team within 30 feet
- While moving Artillery with a wagon, NEVER!! get between wagon and gun or limber without clear approval from the driver.
- No Bone in the human body can resist the PSI of a wagon wheel (heard of a dog getting cut in half with a wagon, Saw a horses leg crushed from an empty wagon)
- When loading a wagon, always load from the rear only, if hitched
- Never step or stand on the breaks
- Never step or stand on the spokes
- Never put your hands or feet on any part of the wheels while hitched
- Do not attempt to mount a wagon without permission from the driver
- Never trust an animal, no matter how well trained or gentle it has been
- Do not walk behind a strange animal. If you must be behind an animal to work, make physical contact with the animal
- Never approach an animal without the owner or the wagon help with you
- If you see an animal in camp lying down, when it gets up and does not shake let the wagoners know. Also if the animal keeps rolling, or kicking at it belly notify the wagoners
- Do not feed an animal without permission
- If an animal gets hung up in the lead rope or something notify the wagoners. Do not help the animal unless you know what you are doing. You could be severely wounded.
- If you want to pet an animal, get permission first. Only pet from the front shoulders forward. Move slowly. Some animal will not allow you to touch from just below the eyes up to behind the ears
- If you are standing in front of a mule within a foot or so, you can still be kicked with the back hooves before you can see it coming
- If you see what you believe is unsafe actions from a wagoner please contact the wagonmaster of that event, or the overall commander