

RCHS Standards of Attire for Children & Adults

- **All natural fabrics** – wool, linen, cotton, etc. or accepted satin or silk substitute. NO **obvious** polyester materials, zippers, Velcro that is visible, etc., and as much as possible the period correct prints and fabric colors. Please do the research.
- **Style/Design of Clothes** - appropriate to the time period of the day and the time of day. *The time period RCCHS covers is 1760-1820. The time period depends on the particular event we are participating in.*
- **Hair style or wig** appropriate to the time period of the day and the time of day. *The time period RCCHS covers is 1760-1820. The time period depends on the particular event we are participating in.*
- **Hats** appropriate to the time period being portrayed. Examples:
1770- men's cocked hats, ladies 'round eared' caps, ladies flat or low crown brimmed straw or wool felt hat.
- **Shoes** – **Appropriate to the time period being portrayed.** They can be 21st century shoes converted to 18thC /19thC with buckles and/or ribbons. No 21st century shoes such as sneakers, Dockers, etc.
- **Gloves/Mitts** – for men, women, & children when suitable
- **Make up** – The “natural” look please if you are wearing 21st century makeup. Mascara, blush, lipstick are acceptable if worn in an “unassuming manner.” Make up was worn in the 18thC but make sure what you wear is appropriate for **who** you are portraying and **what** you are portraying. Do your research first.
- **Nail polish** – is not appropriate. If you have to wear polish make sure to keep your hands covered with gloves.
- **Jewelry** – make sure that it is appropriate to your persona/station and also to the time of day (morning/evening).

Very Important: Appropriate “**Dress of the Day**” – Our manner of dress (dress style, hair, hat, etc) portrays whatever **time period** we are doing **that day**, and that the **style** of dress be correct for the **time of day -daytime or evening.**

If you are unsure of your fabric, hat, hairstyle, etc. check with someone that has been designated **before** the day of the performance/event. When we are doing a function for ourselves our manner of clothing is not that important. **When we are in the public eye “on stage” we need to be the best personification of the 18th century that we can possibly be.**

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