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Ms. Felisha, January 3, 2020

Bert Blackmon has instructed me to personally contact you about the possible use of Bicentennial Park. He said you were looking for a basic outline of what we had in mind, and I will therefore try to explain our objectives in this communication.

My name is Ron Griffin, and I am the commander of a group of Civil War reenactors along the Gulf Coast known as the *Gulf Coast Battalion*. We have units from Florida to Mississippi, including Artillery, Dismounted Cavalry (no horses), and Infantry. The Battalion seeks to portray the period known as the *War between the States* in an authentic fashion for public education through actual battle reenactments, living histories, and memorials.

We have been wanting to conduct a *Camp of Instruction* for our Battalion for several years, and have been looking for the best possible location to conduct it. A *Camp of Instruction* is a time where the various branches, Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry, come together for instruction in their respective branches. This is for safety reasons, as well as in depth training for new recruits in the hobby.

We would like to conduct this *Camp* on a Saturday, from 7:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. but would also like the option of meeting on Friday evening as well. Perhaps allowing us to camp outside, or camp inside of one of the historic buildings on site. Would you allow a camp fires as well on site? We could bring our own firewood, and be sure to cover any holes made for fires. Friday would be a time of instruction just for the commanders, while Saturday would include the rest of those who participate. The public would be free to observe and ask questions during the day. We would fire both canons, and muskets during the time of instruction.

I am in the process of putting together a detailed schedule for the entire day on Saturday. What each group would be doing during the day etc. At this point I have no idea of the exact numbers of men who would be coming to this event. I know that we have already secured commitments from several of our company members to participate.

As far as dates are concerned, we are fairly flexible. The last Friday and Saturday of February 28-29 would be preferred, or March 27-28. The first weekends in February and March are definitely out, as is February 21-22.

I would be happy to answer any additional questions you might have, so feel free to contact me either by phone, email, or text. I can be reached by:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Griffin

