

Fredrikshald Borgervæpning

INVITATION TO MARKING THE BATTLE AT THE BRIDGE,

23 - 25 August 2019 in Halden



Fredrikshald Borgervæpning (FB) invites you to an event in Halden from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 August 2019.

The event is a collaborative project between Halden municipality, the cycling competition “Ladies Tour of Norway” and FB. The purpose of the event is to get an historical look back at the events in 1659. This time, the Swedish forces were attacking the city from the west. On February 2, 1659, General Stake again crossed the border, first over the frozen Skjebergkilen directly towards Fredrikstad, two days later he attacked Halden. Now he went outside of Creetzensten at the fort and wanted to attack the city from the sea. First he took the Norwegian positions at Sauøya and Rødsberget. The cannons at Creetzensten, the mayor's boat, the rafts in the ice and the defensive positions in the city made the attack from the sea difficult. Therefore, the Swedes tried again to penetrate the city from the north side, but crossing the bridge they were violently shot and had to retreat. General Stake finally withdrew his forces from the ice in recognition of the fact that the price of taking Halden was too high.

The event includes:

- Parade
- Field Service
- Attacks on the bridge. Re-enactment
- Distribution of medal
- Socializing
- Music feature of local corps
- Ladies Tours of Norway <https://www.ladiestour.no>
- The audience in 18th century suits, both citizens and poor people
- *The program for the military history section is essentially as follows*

Friday August 23, 2019

1500 - 2000 Arrival. Establishment of camp in the Borgerskanse. For those who do not want to stay in a tent, there is an opportunity to be accommodated in Ekserserhuset on your own mattress or a camp bed.

2000 Supper

2100 Staff and planning meeting

2300 Tattoo



Saturday August 23, 2019 (Preliminary schedule, but will be adjusted continuously)

- 0800 Reveille and breakfast in the camp
0900 Staff Meeting
1000-1230 Preparation for the battles at the city bridge. There are safety requirements for the public
1330- Parade and Field Service in Busterudparken
1530- The attack at the bridge
1800 Dinner
1900 Concert and distribution of medals
0100 Tattoo

Sunday August 24, 2019

- 0800 Reveille and breakfast in the camp
1000-1200 Lunch, rigging down and return journey

Lodging Tent camps are established in Borgerskansen. The place is located between Fredriksten Fortress and Halden square. It is approx. 500 meters from the camp to the bridge.



It is also possible to stay in Ekserserhuset in Borgerskansen on a mattress or camp bed. In Ekserserhuset there are sanitary facilities .

In addition, Halden has access to a camping site.

Security The activities will take place in urban areas where strict safety is required. This means that regulations must be followed and precautions taken in relation to the public. Muskets are loaded as usual, 10 loads per soldier. The organizer will hand out gun powder to officers and soldiers.

Catering Breakfast and lunch will be distributed at Ekserserhuset. Two hot meals will be served.

Camp The tent camp is located a short distance from the city center.

Access to the camp will be marked from the center of Halden. We prepare the camp facilities and look forward to some nice evenings with you.

Registration On the attached form to: Pål Robin Gule, <mailto:pgule@me.com> by 25 May 2019. As soon as possible we would appreciate knowing the number of participants. This to make us able to buy food, among other things.

We welcome you all to a nice experience in Halden and at Borgerskansen.

*Best regards, Pål Robin Gule
Leader FB.*