

Civil War Scavenger Hunt

Name _____

Date _____

Find a person at the encampment who can answer these questions.

1. What is the official motto of the 8th Illinois cavalry?
2. How much black powder is used in a standard artillery round?
3. How do cavalry rifles differ from infantry rifles?
4. What caliber is a standard infantry rifle? What caliber is a cavalry rifle?
5. What is the longest effective range for an infantry musket?
6. When an infantry unit, or dismounted cavalry unit, wants to turn in a different direction while staying in the same place, what command is given?
7. During the physical exam of a potential recruit, what was the most important thing a doctor looked for?
8. How was the McClellan saddle used by cavalry units in the Civil War different from the saddles we use today?
9. What is a "bummer"? (Be specific!)
10. How many men are on a standard artillery crew?
11. Who is the commanding officer of the 8th Illinois Cavalry today? What is his rank?
12. What is a "wrist breaker"?
13. What was the most common usage for a bayonet during the civil war?
14. What responsibilities does a quartermaster have for his unit?
15. What device is used to clean powder debris from a discharged cannon?

16. On their uniforms, what color trim is used to signify a member of the following units:

Cavalry –

Infantry –

Artillery-

Sharpshooters-

Dragoons -

17. What signal is used by an artillery crew when a round fails to fire in a cannon?

18. According to the medical doctors, what item caused the most soldier's deaths during the Civil War?

19. What were the two most common nicknames given to a cavalry trooper's small tent?

20. What insignia on a sergeant's stripes is used to identify an infantry unit's first sergeant?

21. What command is given when an infantry, or dismounted cavalry, unit wants to move at a 45* angle?

22. Name one of two ways a person could avoid the draft during the Civil War.

23. Who commanded the 8th Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War?

24. Camp Kane was the original 8th Illinois Cavalry's training site in northern Illinois. Where is Camp Kane?

25. What event is described by the phrase "throwing paper"?

26. What is meant by the phrase "seeing the elephant"?