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The Official Monthly Newsletter
of the Kingdom of Meridies



Meridian Calendar of Events

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Feb 2 – 4, 2024 	Midwinter A&S	Hosted by the Barony of the South Downs POC: Baron Piers Simmons Lord Eirikr Palsson Twarsmith@gmail.com bullseyex5@hotmail.com
Feb 9 – 11, 2024	Knight's Gambit	Hosted by the Shire of Thorngill POC: Mistress Muirghein thlmuirghein@gmail.com
Feb 16-18, 2024	Black Gryphon	Hosted by the Barony of Thor's Mountain POC: Marina Donati Tristram Jaeger von Bonn shannonsbryant77@gmail.com cromag69@hotmail.com
Feb 23–25, 2024    	Meridian Challenge of Arms	Hosted by the Kingdom of Meridies POC: THL Fine Dubh Stephykla@gmail.com
Mar 9–17, 2024    	Gulf Wars	Hosted by the Kingdoms of Ansteorra, Gleann Abhann, Meridies, and Trimaris POC: Magister Sean MacRory En Guillermo Berenguer autocrats@gulfwars.org autocrats@gulfwars.org
Apr 5 – 7, 2024    	Spring Coronation	Hosted by the Barony of the Shire of Depedale POC: Essyllt prasa fostra David Duckworth sca_esther@bellsouth.com jmonty0071@yahoo.com

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Publication Deadlines

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Calendar

The Meridian Event Calendar originates with the Kingdom Seneschal's Office and is correct as of January 8, 2024. To add your event to this calendar contact the Kingdom Calendar Deputy at [calendar@meridies.org].

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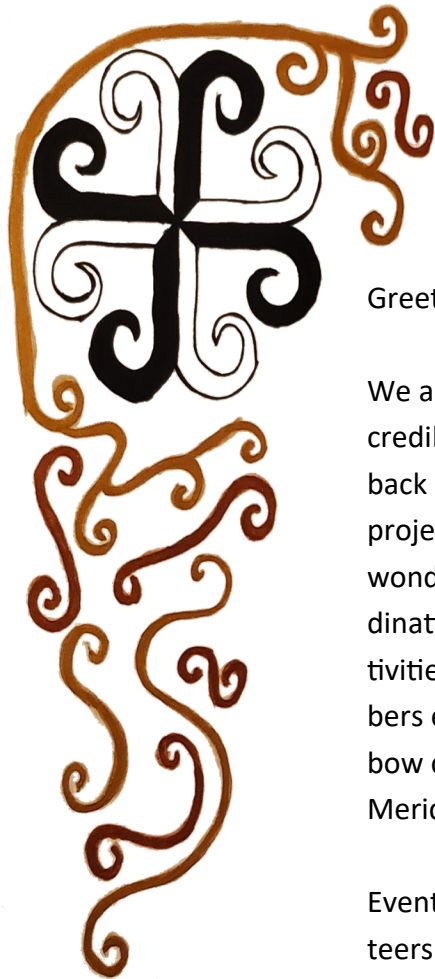
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A Missive from Their Royal Majesties

Greetings Meridies.

We are so excited to usher in a new year and can't help but reflect on how incredible 2023 was. It was a year where we saw the kingdom growing and getting back into its rhythms. We saw artisans working with inspiration and vigor on projects both old and new. We saw our fighting communities energized with a wonderful surge in regional practices. We saw the equestrian community coordinating a revitalized effort to keep Meridies as a focal point for equestrian activities in the society. Our archery and live weapons community saw more members earning their ranks as weapon master while inspiring events like the iron bow challenge pressed on with delight. From the dance floor to the battlefield, Meridies was well represented with grace and an unfettered sense of joy.

Events last year were absolutely wonderful. We saw so many groups and volunteers collaborating and working hard to keep the dream alive, giving us all a place to gather and celebrate the traditions and joys of the SCA. We had the pleasure of meeting so many new members who have found their home in our unique hobby. We reveled, and socialized, cheered and saluted as the culmination of decades of historic spirit were practiced and celebrated.

We made friends in other kingdoms while travelling to Pennsic's historic 50th anniversary, and we revitalized relations with our neighbors in Atlantia at War of the Wings.

All in all, 2023 was a blessing. It was more than a return to normal. It was a joyous reminder of how important this hobby and its underlying spirit are to us all. As we look toward 2024, we can't help but be excited and optimistic.

We absolutely can't wait to celebrate this new year with all.



In Service to the Dream,
TIMOTHY YSMAY



A Missive from Their Royal Highnesses

Greetings to the magnificent Populace of Meridies from your Prince and Princess,

2024 is off to a great start! We had a lovely time at the Nant-y-derwyddon's regional fighter practice. There were 19 heavy fighters from, we believe, 5 kingdoms and 6 rapier fighters. Our newest Laurel had a lovely class and workshop on Mosaic paintings which Her Highness enjoyed greatly. Master Thomas and Mistress Adela are amazing hosts and We all had a fantastic time learning and sharing knowledge with each other. It was His Highness' first time fighting since the end of November, so He was very excited to fight new people. The next day was very exhausting!

Soon, We will be at Panhandle Skirmishes, War College, Midwinter A&S and a comic con demo in our very near futures. There is also plenty of opportunity for Us to get geared up for Gulf Wars.

We hope that everyone had a lovely holiday with their friends and family and that everyone is well rested and ready for a great 2024! We look forward to going around at events to get to know people better and see what lovely skill, service, and treasures that the populace brings to our lovely kingdom.



Yours In Service to the Dream,
MORGAN II & SEBASTIANOS II

Crown Princess and Prince of the Kingdom of Meridies



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Elevations, Events, Announcements



REQUEST FOR COMMENTARY – CHATELAINE AND DEIB OFFICES

The Board of Directors is currently considering changes to Corpora. It invites commentary from the membership and participants.

These changes aim to enhance recruitment and member retention in the SCA. They also aim to further support these goals. They elevate the Society Chatelaine to a greater Society Officer. They align local and regional

chatelaines to this same structure. It is a strategic move. It aims to support the implementation of comprehensive recruitment and retention strategies. It also aims to align the office to a clear vision.

The Board also approved proposed wording. It supports the creation of a Society Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Officer. They also approved aligning

local and regional DEIB officers into one structure. Like the proposed Chatelaine changes, it aims to support an aligned Society vision. It also aims to support the implementation of strategy in this space.

Finally, the Board approved changing the name and scope of the Corporate Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Office. It is now the Office of Inclusive Programs. This office will handle the implementation of large scale, heavy-lift projects. This work will move

Inclusivity in the SCA forward. It will also transition leadership and management of game-facing DEIB work to the newly created Society DEIB Officer. This office will support all corporate and society officers. It will also serve as a primary DEIB advisor to the Board.

Note: Changes to corporate offices don't require changes in Corpora or public commentary. Understanding the changes to the Corporate DEIB Office will add context for the proposed changes to Corpora. It will also provide clarity for the realignment of responsibilities among these offices.

This restructuring aligns with better practice for organizations that aim to improve recruiting and retention by creating welcoming and inclusive environments.

Recruiting and Retention structural changes for .member commentary and verbiage change to Corpora:

- Section VI. Society Officers

o Add:

I. Chatelaine:

The Chatelaine is responsible for promoting and supporting recruitment initiatives and guiding retention practices.

J. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer:

The Society DEIB Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and maintenance of game-facing DEIB initiatives and education.

Change:

Renumber I. Reservations to the Board, to K. Reservations to the Board, with no changes in content Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>.

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title "Chatelaine and DEIB Changes" in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. ,RE: Chatelaine and DEIB Changes , P.O. Box 611928, San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than March 1, 2024.



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PLEASE NOTE:

VIRTUAL, QUARTERLY
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON
SUNDAYS. LIVE, QUARTERLY
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON
SATURDAYS TO
ACCOMMODATE NECESSARY
TRAVEL. SATURDAY
MEETINGS WILL STILL BE
BOTH STREAMED LIVE AND
RECORDED FOR VIEWING AT
A LATER DATE. ALL MEETING
DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND
SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE
CHANGE

April 21, 2024 Quarterly
Board Meeting – Virtual
(Tentative)

July 21, 2024 Quarterly
Board Meeting – Virtual
(Tentative)

October 20, 2024 Quarterly
Board Meeting – Virtual
(Tentative)

Mid-Quarter Conference Call
Schedule: TBA

Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the
Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting
requirements and how to submit a bid.

THE BARONY OF SOUTH DOWNS PRESENTS:

MIDWINTER A&S

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, CARROLLTON, GA

Site opens at 9:00 am EST and closes at 7:00 pm EST on Saturday, February 3, 2024

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FEES

Adult fee: \$20
SCA Member discount: \$5 off
Kids 17 and under: Free
UWGA Students and Staff: Free w/campus ID

Make checks payable to SCA, Inc./Barony of South Downs

Requests for refunds must be postmarked to the reservationist or baronial exchequer within
24 hours of the close of the event. Refunds will not be issued at the event.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PAFFORD BUILDING (UWGA):

206 West Georgia Drive, Carrollton, GA 301180

From I-20, take exit 19 to Carrollton (headed south). Merge onto GA 113S/Carrollton St. Follow GA 113S to W GA Drive, turn left onto W GA Drive. The Pafford Building is on the right, across from the Townsend Center for Performing Arts. Handicapped parking is available in front of the Pafford Building; all others please park in the Townsend Center lot across the street.



Knights' Gambit

February 9 - 11, 2024
 Dalwhinnie Fields
 1515 Pine Flat Church Road
 Selma, AL 36701



Come join the **Shire of Thorngill** for one of the premier fighting events in Meridies! Show off your skills in the Robert Hightower Unbelted Classic, and then get the opportunity to train, one on one, with the **Knights!** Stay tuned for more details of activity schedule! Feast is sure to please. Come for the day or stay for the weekend. Camping included in site fee. Limited bunkhouse beds available for additional fee. Upper bunk is \$10 and Lower bunk is \$15. Site opens 5 pm Friday (Feb 9) and closes Sunday (Feb 11) at 11:00 am.

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Fees:	Before Jan 31, 2024		At the Door		Knights & 17 & under
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
Daytrip	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	FREE
Weekend	\$19.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	FREE
FEAST	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

Make checks payable to: **SCA, Inc./Shire of Thorngill.**
NOTE Checks / cash only at the door.
PAYPAL REGISTRATION:
<https://forms.gle/5kdj6zFsRC22w55g6>
 available through **01/31/2024**

Directions: Make your best route to AL-14 W (West of Selma). Turn North onto County Rd 58 near mile marker 101. Dalwhinnie Fields will be approx. 1.5 miles down the road on the left.

The Barony of Thor's Mountain Presents

Black Gryphon 2024: Our Journey East

Join us for a weekend full of learning and fellowship at this collegium event as we celebrate Black Gryphon's journey to the Eastern part of Meridies!

February 16-18, 2024

Site opens at 5 p.m. and closes at 11 a.m. Eastern Time
 Laurel Grove Event Venue, 2125 Carolina Avenue, Bristol, TN, 37620
<https://thorsmountain.meridies.org/events/black-gryphon/>

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Pricing:

Adult Member : \$20
Adult Non-member: \$25
Children under 18: Free
Food (feasts and breakfasts):
 Add \$20 per person

Make checks payable to

SCA-TN Inc./Barony of Thor's Mountain

PayPal information to be announced.

Directions: Take your best route to Exit 69 from I-81 to TN-394 E in Blountville, TN. Follow 394 E 13.7 miles. Continue onto TN-435N. Turn left onto Old Jonesboro Rd, then turn left onto Carolina Avenue. Laurel Grove will be on the right.



Meridian Challenge of Arms

February 23-25, 2024

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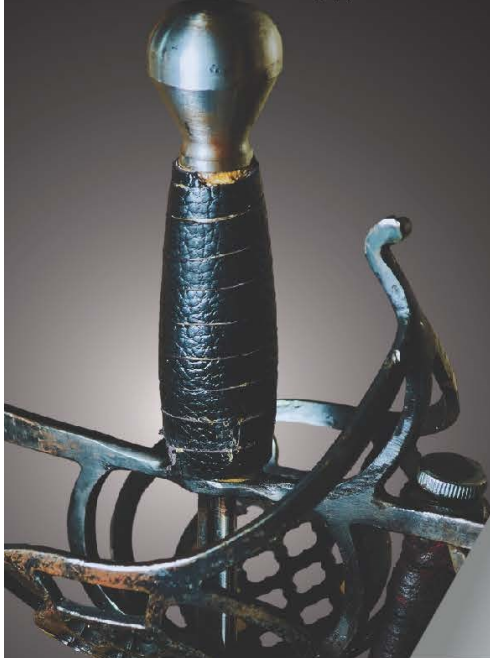
- Adult Weekend Member:
\$29.00
- Adult Weekend Non-
Member: \$34.00
- Adult Daytrip Member:
\$19.00
- Adult Daytrip Non-
Member: \$24.00
- Children 17 & under: Free
- Feast: \$13 only 48 spots
available.

Please make checks payable
to The Kingdom of Meridies
and sent to
3700 Carlyle close Apt 851
Mobile, Alabama 36609

Site opens at 5pm Friday
and closes at 12 pm Sunday

[HTTPS://RAPIERCHALLENGE.MERIDIES.ORG/](https://rapierschallenge.meridies.org/)

Dalwhinnie Fields
251 Pine Flat Church Rd
Marion, AL 36756



Gulf Wars 32

A War With No Enemies | March 9-17, 2024

Kings Arrow Ranch, 222 Rault Dr, Lumberton, MS 39455

Site Opens At 1:00 PM On Sat. March 9 and Closes At 12:00 Noon On Sunday, March 17

Reservations will not be processed without payment. To receive member pricing, your membership must be valid through the start of the war. **CASH or TRAVELER CHECKS ONLY** at the door. There is no separate pricing for daytrip. Preregistration checks should be made to *SCA, Gulf Wars Inc.*

All Preregistrations will close February 26, 2024

For any questions or issues regarding Gulf Wars registration, please contact the Reservationist, Mistress Jutte VonDerBerg, at reservations@gulfwars.org

Event Stewards

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Arrival Day	Pre-Register Member	At The Door Member	Youth 17 and Under	Pre-Register Non-Member	At The Door Non-Member
Sat-Sun	\$120.00	\$125.00	FREE	\$125.00	\$130.00
Mon-Tue	\$105.00	\$110.00	FREE	\$110.00	\$115.00
Wed-Thu	\$90.00	\$95.00	FREE	\$95.00	\$100.00
Fri-Sat	\$50.00	\$55.00	FREE	\$55.00	\$60.00

Online registration information, schedules, and information on attending and participating at the war: www.gulfwars.org

Directions: Take your best route to Exit 35 (Hillsdale Rd) on I-59 South of Hattiesburg MS and North of New Orleans LA. Turn East and travel about .01 miles and turn right at the Hillsdale Resort Hotel. Follow the SCA signs.

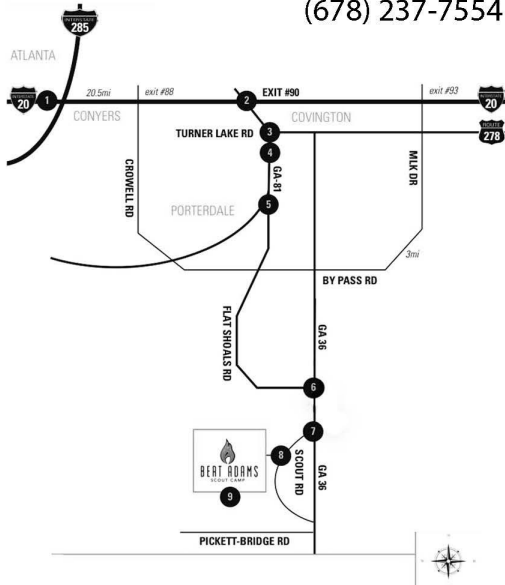


Hosted by the Shire of Depedale
**CORONATION OF
 SEBASTIANOS II AND MORGAN II**
 April 5-7, 2024 at Bert Adams Boy Scout Camp, Camp Emerson

Member Daytrip: \$20
 Non-Member Daytrip: \$25
 Member Weekend: \$25
 Non-Member Weekend: \$30
 Under 18: Free
 Feast: \$10

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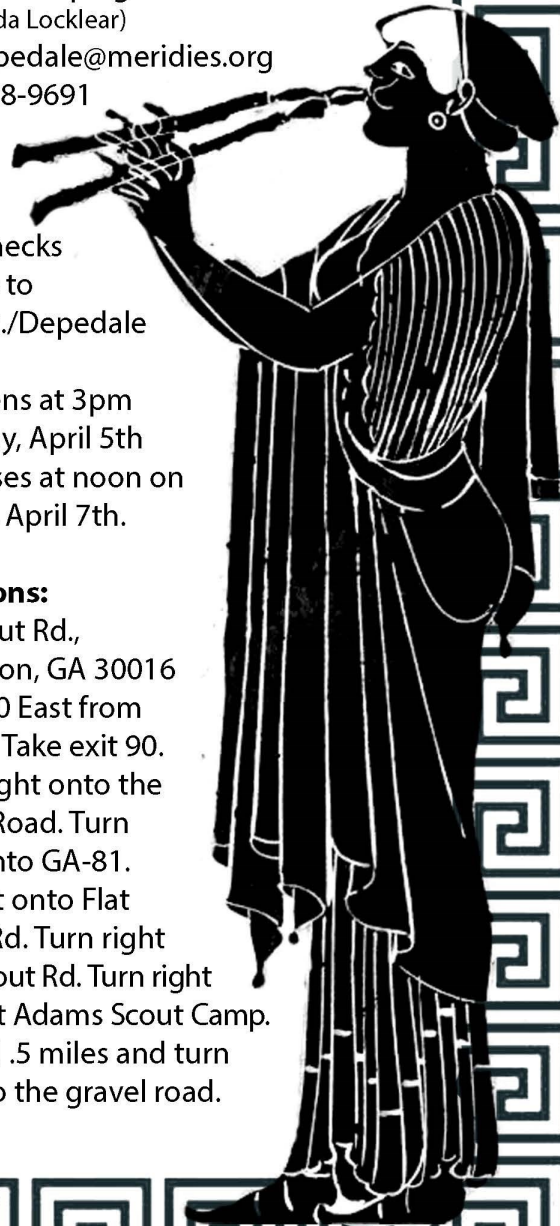


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Make checks payable to
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Site opens at 3pm on Friday, April 5th and closes at noon on Sunday, April 7th.

Directions:
 218 Scout Rd.,
 Covington, GA 30016
 Take I-20 East from Atlanta. Take exit 90. Slight right onto the Access Road. Turn Right onto GA-81. Turn left onto Flat Shoals Rd. Turn right onto Scout Rd. Turn right into Bert Adams Scout Camp. Proceed .5 miles and turn left onto the gravel road.



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