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If you are going to be late, you must inform the Chronicler before the first of the month so that space may be reserved. Anything arriving after the first is subject to refusal and has no guarantee of being published.

Submissions shall consist of a [1] an electronic copy, [2] an event announcement checklist which has been signed off on by the Seneschal of your group, and [3] a release form for any artwork (including maps) in the submission. If your submission is missing any of the previous items it will potentially not be published if not resolved by midnight on the first.

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Reports from the Realm



Stellar Majesties

Greetings to our most generous populace,

We enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and hope you enjoyed yours as well. With the holidays behind us, our outward focus is now going to be Gulf Wars! We have been working tirelessly with the royals of the other treaty kingdoms to plan additional war points, many to promote the skills of the missile community in the SCA, many more to expand the attention for our youth participants, rework some traditional martial war points, and update some of the combat conventions to align with current trends across the known world.

The new Ansteorra Management Portal (AMP) has continued to evolve and improve the behind-the-scenes management of many manual processes of the Crown and Kingdom officers. In version 1.2 (Wandering Warrants), the AMP team will rollout the Officer Warranting section, which we expect to dramatically improve the warranting process in Ansteorra - even to include automatic email notifications when an officer gets warranted! Our eternal gratitude to all of the developers, testers, listeners, and data entry people who have been serving the SCA from their computers.

Thank you to everyone who has logged into AMP and submitted award recommendations to Us. To date, 459 recommendations have been written and read by Us, and We appreciate everyone who has spent time in commending your fellow Ansteorran. Please do keep it up. Please do look around for the quieter and less notable members, and think of what they might be doing that is worth celebrating.

We would ask that everyone in the kingdom please create an account in AMP if you don't have one already, and if you do have one make sure your name, OP link, and group data is up to date. It helps the crown immensely when that information is correct.

As a reminder, our Royal Whims for our reign include:
#1. A bye fight in any tournament must be non-destructive.

#2. Armored Combat, not Chivalric Combat

Finally, We want to remind all of us that not everyone is right for every job, but everyone has something to contribute. The trick is figuring out what. If you have a job to do, you have to decide what's best and be upfront and honest, even if that means the job isn't the right one for you.

With love and affection,

Jean Paul and Gilyan

P.S. If you see us in between this Black Star and the next one, come up and tell us the secret phrase "Whippets are a bag of elbows." We will have a small token for you.



Stellar Highnesses

Greetings Ansteorra!

What a wonderful way to start the New Year. Becoming the new Prince and Princess, witnessing Coronet Tourney and seeing a new Coronet. We have several great events and awesome regional fighter practices that have been happening. Laurels Prize Tournament is happening in February which is a great display of all the awesome artists that Ansteorra has. In March we get to travel to Gulf Wars and compete against our friends and foes to hone our skills and talents. We look forward to this opportunity to travel a support our Kingdom. We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events this month. Our progress is on the Kingdom calendar.

In Service,

Jason and Margherita
Prince and Princess Ansteorra



Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Ansteorra,

This is my first missive as Kingdom Seneschal and I look forward to many months working with you all. My name is Beatrix Alfray and I have been in the SCA since 1997. I have held many offices and lived in both the Coastal and Northern areas of the Kingdom. If you don't know me, please feel free to come up and introduce yourself.

Time again to get all our preparations for Gulf Wars started. Volunteering is a great way to support the War and meet new people.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events. There are a lot of open offices locally, regionally and Kingdom level, please reach out to the current officers if you have any interest.

There has been a change to Kingdom Law. It changed the date of the Principality Coronet tourney to be held in January and July instead of December and June.

Changes can be seen in Article IV, Section 2, Subsection 1C, 2 & 3 of the Kingdom Law signed 12/14/2024.

If anyone has any concerns or questions feel free to reach out to me at this email address, kingdom@seneschal.ansteorra.org

Beatrix Alfray (LKA Laura Meissner)
Regional Vice President/Seneschal of Ansteorra



Star Principal Herald

Greetings Stellar Kingdom of Ansteorra, and Principality of Vindheim from H Frú Sigrun,

HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ 2025 is racing in like a greyhound ~ February the Season of Amore and cold weather !

I am always happy to see everyone at Roundtable, check all our numbers, and hit the ground running for the New Year, and January does not disappoint ! We have filled offices, brought forth achievable ranks for heraldry (all for your personal usage if you choose) and are embarking on a year focused on education, digital awareness, DEIB acuity, and having as much heraldic fun as we can!

Ahhhh, What a great time to be a herald or a Scribe! What?! Not a herald?! Not a Scribe?! We would LOVE to help you learn more. For those with Experience and no office please see...

Current Offices in the College of Heraldry and Scribes accepting applications:

Sigillarius Herald - Heraldic Social Media Officer- works with the Obelisk (Heraldic Webminister)
Orle Herald - Commentary Herald
Barony of Northkeep - Local Herald need asap
Barony of Loch Soilleir - Serpentine Pursuivant
Barony of Stargate - Sentinel Pursuivant

If you have any questions about these offices please contact ME at kingdom@herald.ansteorra.org

Events we are actively seeking Stewards and locations for:

2025 Ansterorran Heraldic and Scribal Symposium (AHSS). We would like to see this happen in the deep south or coastal region this year, but all Bids are welcome! This is a 1 day event, classes divided between Heraldic and Scribal for the populace, as well as a warranting class for heralds - Needs approximately 10ish classroom spaces to rotate classes through, a general greeting/meeting room, space for court, and provide a luncheon.

Heraldic retreat and "Bootcamp" - 1 day event, details class for local heralds, theater style focusing on the Ansteorran Local Heraldry Training & Resource Textbook - one large room for lecture based class, general meeting/greeting room, teacher quiet/prep room, and provide a lunch, - this is a non garb event.

Gulf War 2025 We are in need of volunteers! Heraldry Point is open from Monday to Friday and we need people to do Armory consultation, Name consultation, and to draw and color armory! Please contact ME if you are interested in Helping the Happy heralds at Heraldry Point Gulf War 2025!

With the New Year breached and We are pwning it from the start! Let us Remember that our days are what we make them, focus forward and prioritize Kindness, Inclusiveness, and Commitment to make a difference in this world. We can have a positive effect no matter what is thrown our way. We have the experience as we live the dream in our SCA !!

Happy Valentines, Much Love my Friends!!
Keep Rocking The Sable Star !

H Frú Sigrun Sveinungsdóttir í Biarká
She/Her/They



Kingdom Exchequer

Greetings,

Opening my office for application. My time is drawing to an end and I am looking for my successor to keep this Kingdom growing and on the right track. Please submit your applications and if you are selected you will assume the duties and responsibilities of this Kingdom financial health on Sept 13th, 2025 at Kingdom A&S.

The list for me to thank during my time as Exchequer is a long list, but I would like to call out a couple rockstars that have made my life easier. Duchess Antigone of York and HL Gwenfrewi ferch Llewellyn.

I am including a link to the E-sign site that we use for the kingdom and principality as it might be useful to you as well. Free Electronic Signature - Xodo Sign (eversign.com)

In Service of The Dream,
HL Sean Mac Daniel



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Ansteorra,

I hope you are enjoying posting your "All Arts Ansteorra" arts, no matter what they are. Remember the Arts and Sciences are the most popular activity in the SCA. No one takes the field, decorates a hall, or entertains us without it. We will be continuing these up until Gulf Wars.

Laurel's prize is coming soon. Remember, this is not a competition but a display opportunity for artists and scientists to receive feedback on their work from laurels and other artists. It is a great way to meet new people who do your arts and see new arts that you would like to try. If you have a project that you are thinking of doing for Kingdom Arts and Sciences, this is a great time to discuss how to present it at the next one. If you want to do an experimental archeology or other academic project, you need to have it approved by the Kingdom MOAS before entry. This is a good time to let me know what you are thinking so we can make sure you have a good experience.

We will be doing the "laurel swim" setup again. For those that were not there last year, this is a two-hour block after morning court that allows the laurels unimpeded access to the artists for reviewing their work. After that, it is open to everyone to sit and enjoy. We will also be doing LPT bingo again, and there should be other opportunities to do other activities as well. We

will also be using the chalkboards again to allow you to leave your table and give a return time. If you want to bring your chalkboard from last year, great but there will be new ones and replacements available. Please make sure that you sign up today or as soon as possible. We will be closing signup February 1st but tables are first come first served. Hope to see you all there.

We will also be hosting Middle Eastern Dance Championship. If you are interested in dancing, please sign up. We will be closing that signup the Wednesday before the event. There will be two rounds. Round one is a dance with period elements. For that round, documentation is suggested, and it can be choreographed or not. You are allowed to have music or use the drummers at the event. The second round is an improv dance to live drumming. This is designed to test your ability to dance at the request of the Crown. All dance elements are allowed even if they are a more modern style. If you want a rhythm other than the Ayoub, Beladi, Chiftatelli, Maksoum, Malfoof or a combination of those, please let us know in advance so we can teach all of the drummers the additional rhythms. We have some very talented drummers, and they always love a challenge.

Keep doing the things you love!

In Service,
Magnifica Biatrichi Malatesta
Canzionari di Palermo, OL



Kingdom Chatelaine

Greetings Ansteorra,

We had excellent recruiting over the last year and need to continue that trend. Goings on are light right now in the Chatelaine's office but big things are on the horizon. First off The Sherwood Forest Faire Demo is ramping up this month since it begins in March. If you are interested in participating check the volunteer portal on the kingdom website for more information. Also keep an eye out for the Kingdom Census coming out within the coming months. Editing is mostly done and we will be preparing for distribution after Gulf Wars. Next month we'll be talking about some new upcoming projects for the office of the Chatelaine. Help your local Chatelaines out and see you all soon!

Yours in Service,
Guathal O'Sheils



Kingdom Chronicler

Hello to Ansteorra, Kingdom of the Sable Star!

I come with bittersweet news: my time as Chronicler must soon come to an end. I can, with no reservations, recommend the role to anyone who might be interested- it has brought me great delight to see the wonderful publications of the Kingdom and make a few of my own! I cannot thank the Chroniclers, Historian, and other deputies enough for their work.

To those interested in taking on the role, note that the Kingdom Chronicler is the leading authority on publication practices in Ansteorra and Vindheim. The office oversees the regional and local Chroniclers as they publish newsletters, as well as publishing the Black Star. The office collaborates with the Kingdom SMO, Chatelaine, and Webminister to align communication. The office also oversees deputies handling the Wikipedia page and the Kingdom Regnum. Good technological skills, timeliness, creativity, and rapid communication are necessary.

Whichever good gentle is chosen as successor will assume the role in May or June, timeline TBD.

My time in Ansteorra grows short, and thought I will miss the innumerable friends and family here, I will always carry you in my heart- and will definitely return for visits!

Until that day, I will continue working on the upcoming Ansteorra Cookbook and the Farm, Field, and Forest Special Edition in collaboration with Jessimond of Emickskepe. Keep writing, photographing, and reading!

With sorrow and love,
Ra'isa Rayya al-Ruqay'ya



Zodiacus Herald

Greetings!

My thanks to, Adalia VondemBerg, Meurik the Humble, Abe no Sadasuke-go-i, and Etienne de Saint Amaranth for their court reports.

YIS
Magistra Estrill Swet

OLD BUSINESS

Aki Seulf - 2024-04-13 - Sable Crane
Aki Seulf - 2024-06-22 - Sable Thistle (Woodworking)

Antoine de la Tremoille - 2023-12-09 - Award of Arms
Bran Hammerbreaker - 2024-09-21 - Sable Sparrow
Emmalina de Medeland - 2024-06-29 - Key
Eric of Mooneschadowe - 2024-05-18 - Award of Arms
Jourdain Escarbin - 2023-12-09 - Sanguine Warhorse (Rapier Combat)
Mikjall Stoti - 2023-12-09 - Fountain
Miklos Nemeth - 2024-06-29 - Key
Myfanwy Ferch Eifion - 2024-06-29 - Key
Ragnar Larsson of the Ice Dragon Isles - 2024-04-20 - Sable Thistle (Heraldry)
Ranulph de Saint Clair - 2024-06-29 - Key
Robert de Bray - 2024-06-29 - Key
Singe du Coffre - 2024-06-22 - Sable Thistle (Theater)
Skeggi Berbeinn in Sterga - 2024-06-29 - Key
Thomas Barnhardt - 2019-10-12 - Golden Star
William Cameron de Blakstan - 2024-10-26 - Thunderbolt
Wulfar Martel - 2023-12-09 - Sable Talon (Rapier Combat)

War of the Rams (Bordermarch) (11/22/2024)

Bjorn Ulfarsson - Silent Trumpet
Hrefna Skjaldvor - Silent Trumpet
Padraic of Kilkenny - Silent Trumpet
Sewallus Siward de Shirley - Silent Trumpet
Taghdan mac Briain - Silent Trumpet

War of the Rams (Bordermarch) (11/23/2024)

Aerin Navarre - Sable Crane (Equestrian Support)
Aki Seulf - Arc d'Or
Alexandre Crane - Key
Alusch Annika Von der Stern - Sable Falcon
Anna von Wurzburg - Award of Arms
Armand de Lacy - Star of Merit
Brandy Christine - Award of Arms
Bridgette of York - Sable Sparrow
Daniel Schade - Sable Falcon
Dimitri Zenonovich - Sable Falcon
Domhildr Grimsdottir - Sable Falcon
Elena Wyth - Sable Sparrow
Etienne de Saint Amaranth - Sable Sparrow
Geoffrey de Gournay - King's Archer
Gilli Refsson - Royal Thrown Weapons Champion
Grady of Acres - Award of Arms
Gunnlaud Leifsson - Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Hans Ulrich Haps - Sable Sparrow
Hillary Rose Greenslade - Sable Sparrow
Hugi Orlanderson - Sable Sparrow
Kaitlyn McKenna - Royal Hunter
Karl Hungus - Centurion o/t Sable Star
Kobayashi no Hotaru - Centurion o/t Sable Star
Lucia of the Steppes - Sable Falcon
Marcus Haldyn - Aquila Aurea (Target Archery)
Marguerite Dinard - Key
Nafisa al-Nahdiya - Laurel
Nikolai Vladislav - Sable Sparrow
Orlaith inghean Ui hUallachain - Arc d'Or
Phocas of Bordermarch - Sable Crane (Site Tokens)
Robin Elwood - Sable Sparrow

Rogan Olafson - Award of Arms
Romanus Vesperianus - Key
Samo Koza - Sable Talon (Rapier Combat)
Sean Tabor - King's Archer
Staberia of the Steppes - Sable Falcon
Thorstan Hip-Breaker - Sable Falcon
Valgard of York - Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Vanessa Haldyn - Award of Arms
Vera Tishova - Award of Arms
William Cameron de Blakstan - Key

Winter Crown Tournament (Elfsea) (12/07/2024)

Alexandre Crane - King's Blade of Chivalry
Alexandre Crane - Sable Talon (Rapier Combat)
Faolan O Suilleabhain - Sable Falcon
Faolan O Suilleabhain - Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Gabriel of Maccuswell - Iris of Merit
Jason Drysdale - Prince of Ansteorra
Kormakr Mikjallson - Sable Crane
Margherita de Mantua - Princess of Ansteorra
Matthew Marcus Tullius - Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Nicaize Maupetit - Pelican
Sorcha McCullogh - Pelican
Sven Torsgard - Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Thorstan Hip-Breaker - Award of Arms

Vindheim Winter Coronet (Wyldewode) (12/14/2024)

Adalia VonderBerg - Key of Keys
Adria Lorelle - Princess of Vindheim
Caterina Cavaliere - Thunderbolt
Cicily Bridges - Star of Merit
Dafydd Whitacre - Hawk's Wing
Dafydd Whitacre - Viscounty
Deanna della Penna - Key of Keys
Facon du Pray - Defense
Gelis of Iron Mountain - Thunderbolt
John of Severn - Red Bowl
Kiah of Northkeep - Wellspring
Lillias MacGuffin - Pelican

Lyra Fiammetta Caravaggio - Sable Crane (Fighter support)
Megan Flower del Wal - Sable Crane (Fighter support)
Octavia de Verdon - Dove
Octavia de Verdon - Viscounty
Uriangqadai Cinoajin - Sable Crane (Kitchen support)
Uriangqadai Cinoajin - Prince of Vindheim
Yzabeau Brossier - Key of Keys
Zubeydah al-Badawiyyah - Key of Vindheim
Zubeydah al-Badawiyyah - Sable Thistle (Block printing)

Stargate Yule (12/14/2024)

Ceara inghean mhic an Ghabhann - Sable Thistle (Culinary Arts)
Elvira al-Jayyaniyya - Sable Crane (Equestrian Support)
Fastrada the Furious - Sable Crane (Missile support)
Ingrid Bjornsdottir - Sable Crane (Missile support)
Lif of Loch Soilleir - Sable Talon (Rapier Combat)
Lothar the Easily Amused - Sable Crane (Missile support)
Margot de la Marche - Sable Talon (Rapier Combat)

Wiesenfeuer Yule (12/21/2024)

Alana Becket - Court Barony
AElfwyn Webbestre - Court Barony
Beatrix Funteyn - Laurel
Brendan of Wiesenfeuer - Lilium Aureum (Tassel Making)
Carole of Wiesenfeuer - Award of Arms
Cera ingen Fhaelain - Laurel
Darian de Shameless - Lanternarius
Ian Thornhill Chisholm - Lanternarius
Kazimir Olegson - Award of Arms
Lyra Fiammetta Caravaggio - Lanternarius
Margherita de Mantua - Laurel
Patrick of Wiesenfeuer - Aquila Aurea (Rapier Combat)
Rosalind Crawley - Award of Arms
Toriana Thornhill - Lanternarius
Zelda Bornmann - Rising Star

Board of Directors Resolutions

The Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. (SCA) held a special conference call meeting of its Board of Directors on December 22, 2024.

The Board emphasized the importance of collaboration among officers, Crowns, and Seneschals to ensure the success and happiness of the populace. They urged all Crowns and officers to prioritize this guiding principle in their interactions. The following statement was directed to be added to the minutes and all officers of the Society are encouraged to actively reflect upon it:

'Ensuring the success and happiness of the populace is the first duty of every officer in the Society; this is especially true for Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals,

who have been entrusted with the highest authorities in their Kingdoms.

The faithful execution of this duty works fully and best only when all officers, Crown and Seneschal included, work together collaboratively. The Board entreats all Crowns and officers to make this guiding principle foremost in their interactions with each other

The Barony of Northkeep

invites one and all to:

WINTERKINGDOM: EXPLORE OUR WORLD

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00am—9:00pm

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church

400 W. New Orleans St.

Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Event Registration:

Adult Event Registration: \$25

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15

Youth 17 and under: Free

Feast: \$15

Make checks payable to SCA Inc/Northkeep

Event Stewards:

HE Jehanne de Montauban

(Joanna Morton)

918-720-3835 (text only)

Maître Perrin de Beaujeu (Matt Morton)

918-720-3834 (text preferred)

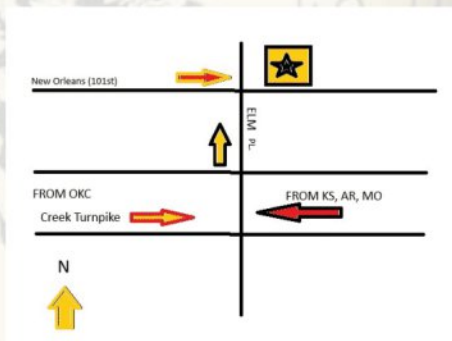
northkeep.winterkingdom@gmail.com

One thing that has not changed from ancient times is our curiosity and desire to learn.

wlnterkingdom is an Interkingdom collegium (in winter) allowing teachers and students from across several kingdoms to join together in an exploration of knowledge.

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19RAcANFzo/>

Event Website: <https://ansteorra.org/northkeep/activities/events/winterkingdom/winterkingdom-2025/>



Directions

Take your best route to Tulsa

Take the Creek Turnpike toward Broken Arrow, and continue until the S. Elm Place exit. Take the exit and turn north onto S 161st E Ave/S Elm Pl.

Go 1.7 miles, then turn right onto E 101st St/W New Orleans St.

0.2 miles later, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church will be on your left.

*Site is dry.

*Service animals only.

*Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

FEBRUARY 1, 2025
9AM - 9 PM

GEORGETOWN EVENTS CENTER

SITE WET IN PERIOD CONTAINERS

1 CHAMBER WAY GEORGETOWN, TEXAS 78626

SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY

From Temple:

Head South on I-35, Take exit 264
towards TX-158 Spur/NE Inner Loop,
Turn left onto Lakeway Dr., Turn right
onto N. Austin Ave., Turn left onto
Chamber Way, Follow signs for
Community Center, Building will be on
your left

From Austin:

Head North on I-35, Take exit 262
towards FM 2338/Granger, Turn right
onto Forest St., Turn left on E. Morrow
St., Follow signs for Community Center,
Building will be on your left

BARONY OF BRYN GWLAD

CANDLEMAS

FEAST \$15

EVENT REGISTRATION \$30
MEMBER DISCOUNT \$20

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCA INC./ BARONY OF BRYN GWLAD

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may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and
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EVENT STEWARD: SD. GEROLD SCRIEVOGAL,
M.K.A. ANDY KAPLAN 210-776-4288
ANDYKAPLAN4@GMAIL.COM



Laurel's Prize Tourney

presented by the Barony of Namron

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025

SITE IS OPEN 8AM-7PM

Stephens County Expo & Fairgrounds,

located at 2002 S 13th St, Duncan OK

Event Stewards:

Isa Mikjalsdottier

Tami Adams

405-664-2866

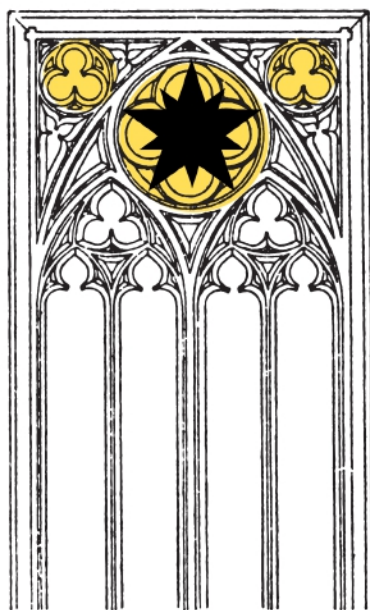
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LUNCH SIDEBOARD INCLUDED.

Sideboard will include soups, salad, bread, cheese and assorted desserts.

Service animals are welcome. Alcohol is only permitted for tasting purposes while displaying.

Registration: \$30

Member Discount Rate: \$20

Children under 18 are free.

Make checks payable to SCA Inc. / Barony of Namron

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DIRECTIONS:

From OKC: Take I-44 South toward Lawton. Take exit 80 toward Duncan. Stay on Hwy 81 South approximately 30 miles to Duncan. Proceed through Duncan, staying on Hwy 81. Take the right exit onto Hwy 7. Take the first right onto 13th street. The fairgrounds are about 1/2 mile down on the left.

THE SCA PROHIBITS HARASSMENT AND BULLYING OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS. Participants engaging in this behavior are subject to appropriate sanctions. If you are subjected to harassment, bullying or retaliation, or if you become aware of anyone being harassed or bullied, contact a seneschal, President of the SCA, or your Kingdom's Board Ombudsman.

The Shire of Graywood Proudly Presents

Battle of the Pines

Saturday - February 15, 2025

Lake Murvaul Park & Marina 638 Country Road 1234 Carthage, Texas 75633

GATE HOURS: Saturday 8:00 a.m. – NOON Site Closes at 8:00 p.m.

See Event Website for more details:

<https://ansteorra.org/graywood/battle-of-the-pines/>

PRE-REGISTRATION will be through PayPal

Adult Event Registration: \$25.00

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15.00

Children (0-17): FREE

FEAST (limit to 50): \$10.00

Make Checks payable to: SCA, Inc - Shire of Graywood

Event Steward:

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ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Chivalric Championship
- ❖ Rapier Championship
- ❖ Arts & Sciences Championship
- ❖ Archery Championship
- ❖ Bardic Championship
- ✓ Children's Activities
- ✓ Arts and Science Classes
- ✓ Marketplace

Bring a Picnic Lunch OR There is a restaurant adjacent to site over at the Marina!

Marina is open year-round serving snacks and meals.

<https://www.lakemurvaul.us/amenities/>

Please visit the Lake Murvaul Park and Marina website to make RV/Tent site or Cabin rental reservations.

- 75 RV sites with full hook ups
- 10 Tent sites with water and electricity
- Cabins for rent

Lake Murvaul is located ten miles southwest of Carthage on Murvaul Creek in the Sabine River basin in Panola County; three miles south of Clayton and 14 miles north of Timpson.

ATTENTION MERCHANTS:

Please see the Event Website or Facebook for information about being part of our **Marketplace!**

*** Site is wet in period containers ***

Non-aggressive dogs are permitted on site, but they **must** be kept on a leash and owners **must** clean up after them.

Directions:

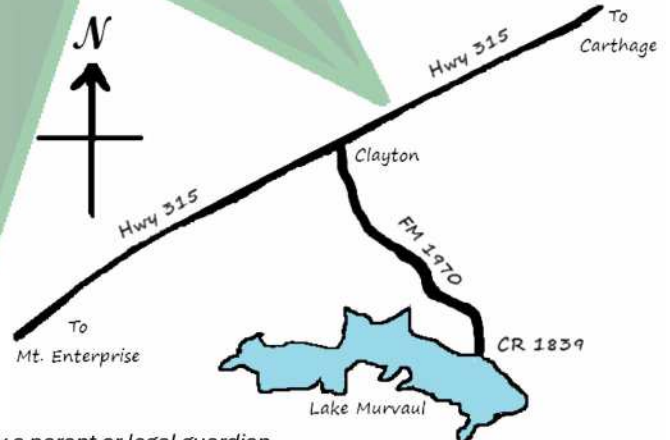
Take your best route to Clayton, TX on Hwy 315.

Go South on FM 1970.

Turn right on FM 1234 then left on CR 1839.

Parking is on the right across from event building.

*** Look for SCA signs ***



Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

JOIN US IN A RECREATION OF SLEEPING BEAUTY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST-SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD 2025

PEDIGO PARK
925 US 59, LIVINGSTON, TX, 77351

ENTER INTO OUR FAIRYTALE WORLD WHERE BATTLE IS AMONG US ALL. INCLUDING CHIVALRIC, RAPIER, THROWN WEAPONS, ARCHERY. FEELING MORE SCAVENGEROUS JOIN US ON A HUNT THROUGH THE WOODS. GRANTING THE WISH OF BEAUTY BRING YOUR BEST GARB FOR A STYLISH COMPETITION. CRAFT TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT WITH AN ARTS AND SCIENCE CLASS. COME TOGETHER WITH STORY AND SONG IN A BARDIC GATHERING. ENDING THE NIGHT WITH THE HAPPIEST BALL OF YOUR DREAMS.

SITE RULES

SITE IS DRY
ALL MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. THEY MAY ALSO ATTEND WITH A 21 YEAR OR OLDER ADULT WITH A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED MINOR EVENT WAIVER FORM FROM THE PARENTS.
PETS ARE WELCOME. DOGS MUST BE CURRENT ON VACCINATIONS, BE ON A LEASH AND NOT UNATTENDED.
SHOWERS AND FLUSH TOILETS ON SITE.

SITE REGISTRATION

-ADULT REGISTRATION WITH MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT \$20
-ADULT REGISTRATION \$30
-YOUTH 17 AND UNDER ARE FREE
-FEAST \$10 (50 AVAILABLE)
CHECKS SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO: SCA INC., BARONY OF RAVEN'S FORT
-SITE WILL OPEN AT 5 PM ON FRIDAY
-SITE WILL CLOSE AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY
CAMPING AND ELECTRICITY ARE FREE AND AVAILABLE.

SITE DIRECTIONS

MAKE YOUR BEST WAY TO LIVINGSTON. SITE IS WEST OF HWY 59, BETWEEN 146 & 190. E FROM 59N: EXIT 434D, FOLLOW 59 LOOP S, AROUND AND UNDER THE FREEWAY.
FROM 59S: EXIT 434B
TURN RIGHT ON PEDIGO PKWY, STAY RIGHT AT THE BASEBALL FIELDS. WATCH FOR SCA SIGNS!

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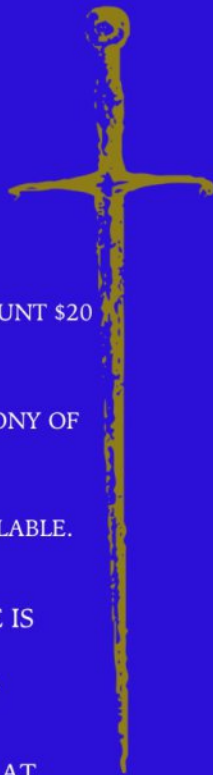
* * DISCLAIMER * *

ANYONE WITH A FOOD ALLERGY, THE MEALS MAY CONTAIN DAIRY, GLUTEN, PEANUTS, FAT, BOLD FLAVORS ETC. PLEASE CONTACT THIS EMAIL FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS FOR FEAST.
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FEAST

LADY ELIZABETA WILL BE SERVING AN EXQUISITE ITALIAN FEAST. THE MENUE PLANNED IS BREAD, BUTTERS, ASSORTED CHEESES, CAPRESE SALAD, ZUCCHINI ITALIANO, POLENTA WITH ITALIAN HERBS AND MOZZARELLA, POLLO AL LIMONE AND POLLO AL MARSALA
DESSERT- CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE

Enchanted *Conflict*



GULFWARS XXXXIII

A War with No Enemies | March 8-16, 2025

King's Arrow Ranch | 39 Kings Highway

Lumberton, MS 39455



Site opens at 1:00pm on Sat, March 8th and closes at 12:00pm Sun, March 16th.
Reservations will not be processed without payment. To receive member pricing, your membership must be valid at the start of the event. Cash and PayPal will be the only forms of payment accepted at the door. There is no separate pricing for day tips. Transfer of reservations is prohibited.
For any questions or issues regarding registration for the event, please contact the reservationist Mistress Adalia Vonderberg reservationist@gulfwars.org

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Flyer by Bice Lafrancha di Mantua

PREREGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 11:59pm CST FEB 28, 2025

Online registration information, schedules, and information on attending and participating at the event:

www.gulfwars.org



Arrival Day	Pre-Registry Member	At the Door Member	Children 17 and under	Pre-registry Non-Member	At the door Non-Member
Sat-Sun	\$125	\$130	Free	\$135	\$140
Mon-Tues	\$110	\$115	Free	\$120	\$125
Wed-Thurs	\$95	\$100	Free	\$105	\$110
Fri-Sat	\$55	\$60	Free	\$65	\$70

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February 2025

1.....	WINTERKINGDOM
1.....	BRYN GWLAD CANDLEMAS
8.....	LAUREL'S PRIZE TOURNAMENT
15.....	BATTLE OF THE PINES
21-23.....	ENCHANTED CONFLICT

March 2025

8-16.....	GULF WARS XXXIII
28-30.....	COMMANDER'S CRUCIBLE
28-30.....	BORDERMARCH BARONIALS

April 2025

4-6.....	ELFSEA'S DEFENDER
4-6.....	NORMAN MEDIEVAL FAIR DEMO
12.....	CORONATION
18-20.....	STARGATE'S BARONIAL
18-20.....	WIESENFEUER'S BARONIAL
25-27.....	GLASLYN'S DEFENDER OF THE FLAME
25-27.....	BJORNSBURG SPRING EVENT
25-27.....	ELDERN BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIP



This is the official complete Calendar of Events for the Kingdom of Ansteorra as of January 6, 2025. Only those events listed above, whose times and locations have been published in this newsletter, may be the site of activities where actions of long-term significance may take place. Other events of local or limited interest are published in both this publication and official branch newsletters. For changes or deletions, please contact the Deputy Kingdom Seneschal for Calendar Requests (see Directory Officer listings).

Board of Directors
Quarterly Meetings 2025

January 25 and 26, 2025 – Virtual
April 12 and 13, 2025 – Live
July 12 and 13, 2025 – Virtual
October 18 and 19, 2025 – Live