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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.

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In order for "lasting business" (for example, laws and awards) to take place at an event, there must be a COMPLETE ad in the Black Star issue for the month of the event (so an August event must be in the August Black Star, and would be due July 1), UNLESS the event is in the first ten days of the month. Then the complete ad may be in the previous month's Black Star.

PDF is the (much) preferred file format for electronic submissions. Any other format MUST be discussed with the Kingdom Chronicler for acceptability. But please, just send PDF. The Kingdom Chronicler can advise free software solutions for doing so for Windows users.

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# Reports from the Realm



Her Stellar Majesty

To My Beloved Subjects,

I write to you with a heart overflowing with gratitude and pride as I reflect upon the recent Gulf Wars. It was a time of camaraderie, valor, and joyous celebration, made possible only by the tireless efforts and unwavering dedication of each and every one of you. Allow me to express my sincerest appreciation for your contributions, both on and off the field.

To all who attended and volunteered their time, whether as fighters, artisans, or stewards of the event, I extend my deepest thanks. Your presence and enthusiasm brought life and vitality to the battlefield and the encampments alike. Gulf Wars would not have been the resounding success it was without your commitment and passion.

I must also take a moment to commend the honor and chivalry displayed by our Rapier and Chivalric Fighters. Your skill and sportsmanship serve as shining examples of the noble spirit that defines our Kingdom. Your dedication to the art of combat, tempered with respect for your opponents, is a testament to the values we hold dear.

To those who dedicated their efforts to the Roses' Tournament, I offer my heartfelt appreciation. Your hard work ensured that this beloved tradition continued in all its glory. Your commitment to fostering camaraderie and friendly competition among our Rapier Community is truly commendable.

Additionally, I extend my gratitude to all who helped make Chili Night a delicious and memorable occasion. Your culinary talents brought warmth and comfort to our gathering, enriching our shared experience and creating cherished memories that will endure for years to come.

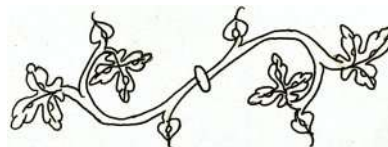
A special word of thanks is reserved for those who organized and ran events in Ansteorran Royal under the BFT. Your dedication to providing engaging and enriching activities for our populace is truly commendable. Your efforts contributed immeasurably to the success of our time together.

Gulf Wars was a wondrous tapestry of friendship, adventure, and unity. As I reflect on the events of the past days, I am filled with pride and admiration for the spirit of our Kingdom. Each of you has played a vital role in creating this extraordinary experience, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

I return from Gulf Wars feeling inspired by the boundless creativity, passion, and camaraderie that permeates our Kingdom. Together, we have forged memories that will sustain us until we meet again on the fields of glory.

With deepest appreciation and warmest regards,

Nicollet Deuville  
Sovereign Queen of Ansteorra





# Stellar Highnesses

Greetings Ansteorra!

It's truly our honor and privilege to serve the populace of Ansteorra once again as your Prince and Princess. We look forward to supporting her majesty through her reign and having a fantastic year. It's our goal to increase the transparency of how the crown makes decisions and the accessibility to hear the wide range of opinions of our populace. When appropriate, it is our intention to provide the populace a timeframe in which they may give the crown and heirs feedback upon intended actions.

We are eternally grateful that our friend Countess Elizabeth has agreed to assist us during our reign as Royal Steward. Lord Rollo Svensson will also be assisting us with the physical logistics of transporting the royal presence about which we are very thankful for. Lord Saebjorn Eydigardi has graciously agreed to speak as our Royal Herald. We of course welcome any member of the populace to spend time with us or volunteer in any way they feel comfortable. Please contact Countess Elizabeth should you have interest.

Both of us are fully committed to the efforts of our DEIB officers and support them wholeheartedly. We believe in providing a welcoming, kind, and inclusive space for all. We have taken the currently offered DEIB classes in order to better understand and serve all of our populace. These classes are incredibly insightful and as such we strongly encourage all of you to also attend these classes when able.

As we turn to a new year we also turn closer to our yearly war! Our preparations are well underway and we look forward to seeing so many of your smiling faces ready to defend our great kingdom.

A special thank you to all of our officers and teams that made Round Table happen this past

month. It's an incredible experience to be able to relax in the comfort of our home while connecting with hundreds of our populace!

Sven and Antigone

Crown Prince and Princess of Ansteorra



# Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings Ansteorra

Laurel's Prize Tournament was a huge success, there were many artisans displaying their works and progress in their field. Having an opportunity to sit down with Laurels and other artisans that have some knowledge and skill related to what they are doing has proven to be invaluable in their future endeavors. Everyone there had a great time getting to spend the day focused on the arts and various types of projects.

Gulf Wars is happening this month and many of us will be traveling to our lands in the East where we will fight and compete against our honorable and worthy foes, the Kingdom of Trimaris. I appreciate the time and effort of all the participants that travel to GW and give of their time and efforts to help make this great event a reality. I love how Ansteorra always shines as people from across our great Kingdom to work together and support our Kingdom and get to see our Sovereign Queen in action.

The Principality of Vindheim is growing and doing well under the leadership and guidance of TSH Romanus and Deanna. We are excited to see the continued evolution of Vindheim as it grows into it's own identity and personality.

All across our great Kingdom groups are preparing for the spring season and so many wondrous events. All kinds of tourneys, contests, demos, and gatherings will be held, and I hope to see every one of you at one of these spectacular events.

I would like to make sure that everyone knows that I am here for you. I have had the honor of

working with many great Seneschals in the past and from them I have learned a great deal. Please use your chain of command for everything official along with my official email address.

In Service,

Margherita de Mantua (mka Vallie Copley)  
Regional Vice President/Seneschal of  
Ansteorra  
kingdom@seneschal.ansteorra.org  
Society for Creative Anachronism



**Kingdom Exchequer**

Greetings,

We have a lot of events coming up, please remember to turn in your reports on time. For bank account requests please remember to use mundane names for everyone. I would like to thank the groups that have started sending myself and the NMR deputy event numbers by email so that the process is not held up by snail mail. As always if you need help first try your regionals if they are unable to help, please reach out to me and we will see what we can do.

Opening officer applications for the Southern regional exchequer, and the NMR deputy, and chamberlain. For the chamberlain office you will become a deputy under our current deputy to learn the job and take over around Jan 2025. Applications will be accepted until 4-30-2024. Please support your kingdom with service.

In Service of The Dream,  
Lord Sean Mac Daniel  
Chancellor of The Exchequer  
Kingdom of Ansteorra



**Kingdom Minister  
of Arts & Sciences**

Greetings Ansteorra,  
Laurel's prize was amazing and a big thanks goes out to the amazing crew from Mooneshadowe. I knew that we would have an amazing day with their skilled coordination. I hope that you all felt

that it was a better experience this year. I hope the chalkboards made it easier to get a break from your table and enjoy the quiet room if you need it. This can be a day when even I get peopled out, and we want to make sure LPT is fun for all. I also hope that the populace enjoyed arts bingo. We wanted you to be able to see the tables, but give our Laurels and Crown time to occupy the chairs in the morning. This helped make sure everyone got seen. Please take some time to fill out the survey that is posted on the Ansteorra Facebook and on the Ansteorra A&S Webpage. We want to keep improving our arts events wherever we can.

Congratulations to our new Middle Eastern Dance Champion. For those of you that don't know, we just celebrated the 20th anniversary of this competition and cultural group. I want to thank all of those who have participated, drummed, and done the extensive setup that this competition requires. Thank you all for keeping this tradition alive in Ansteorra, as not everyone in the known world has this opportunity.

Speaking of cultural groups, we now have several new groups in addition to Middle East and Islamic Studies. We currently have additional groups Far Eastern Asian, Jewish and Jewish Diaspora, Indigenous Western Hemisphere, and Romani Cultures. Each group has an official Facebook page, as well as some of the other platforms that are being used. There are people looking to form South Asia India, African and African Diaspora and LGBTQ2IA+ cultures. However, are short members. If you are interested please reach out to me and we can get everyone together. Come join the fun and if you are interested in something that is not listed, let's talk.

Finally, GULF WARS! We have a great set of participants coming to war to represent the kingdom for the A&S war point. We also have the open A&S Competition and War Bardic. Again, there are classes for everyone so make some time to learn something new, and please come out and support our artists between your

time on the field or in Artist Row. Hope to see you all there.

In Service,  
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Magnifica Biatrichi Malatesta, Canzionari di  
Palermo, KMOAS, OL



## Kingdom Webminister

Greetings to the Kingdom!

I come bearing good news and great success since my last letter. We had excellent turnout for Kingdom Round Table and just over 200 (two hundred!) responses to the feedback and attendance survey. Thank you to everyone who took time to give feedback and record your attendance in warranting classes.

My roster was submitted to the Crown for signature, and my quarterly report submitted upline to Society.

In more good news, I identified the issue with our Wiki that was preventing new accounts from authenticating. I found a solution and have had reports from multiple new users that they have been able to make their first edits!

We have several groups that have had a webminister in officer for several years, and I am always looking for anyone interested in volunteering for local positions. Please reach out to me if you are interested, and keep an eye on the Kingdom Calendar for upcoming webminister training events.

In service,  
Hersirkona kolfinna inn kyrra  
Kingdom Webminister Ansteorra



## Star Principal Herald

Greetings Ansteorra from Annais Star,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at Gulf

Wars! Were any of you able to attend Heraldry Day under the Ansteorran BFT and the field trip to Heralds' Point? Did you learn something new? Did you have a good time? I'd love to hear about your experiences! Please email me, ping me on FB or Discord, or find me at an event, and let's talk!

I want to commend our College of Heralds. We, as a heraldic community, are leaps and bounds ahead of the rest of the Known World in almost every aspect of heraldry. We have a solid education base, and we're developing an intermediate/advanced curriculum. Our submissions have about a 96% acceptance rate, which is way higher than the average for the other kingdoms. We have a great set of heraldic officers who report promptly and are meeting the needs of their populace. We have a very active community of Heralds-at-Large who help with lysts, courts, submissions, and everything else. I am so proud of each of our heralds and all they do! Your efforts are impactful and are greatly appreciated!

Please welcome HL Thomas de Groet as the new Bastion Herald! I know he will do a great job for Vindheim and its people! Huzzah!

ICYMI, there have been some changes to the College of Heralds website. Lord Estienne de Bretagne is doing a marvelous job updating the site. But he needs help. We'd like more media to enhance the visual CoH. If you have heraldic photos and videos you'd like to share, please send them and a release to [obeleisk@herald.ansteorra.org](mailto:obeleisk@herald.ansteorra.org).

We'd love to have more folks join us in all the fun and shenanigans. Please visit us at a consultation table, lyst field, Herald's Point, or a meeting! We love to share what we know!

Until next time,  
I remain,  
Yours in Service  
Annais de Montgomerie  
Star Principal Herald



# Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings, Good Gentles, All!

I am pleased to announce that Viscountess Emmelina de Medeland has stepped in as Editor for the Whispers on the Wind - the Principality Newsletter of Vindheim! She brings a lot of skills to the office, and I look forward to how she shares the glories of Vindheim with the Known World!

I am accepting applications for my office - Kingdom Chronicler. I would love to be able to announce my successor soon. If people have questions about what is involved in my office, please feel free to contact me.

Ever in Your Service,  
Baroness Beatrix Funteyn  
KingdomChronicler



## Kingdom Youth and Family Officer

Attention all Gulf Wars Enthusiasts and  
Community Champions!

The sun glints off polished armor, laughter echoes across the fields, and the thrill of adventure hangs heavy in the air. It can only mean one thing - Gulf Wars is upon us! This year promises to be another epic saga of chivalry, skill, and camaraderie, and the Bastrop County Kingdom Youth & Family Office is gearing up for another phenomenal summer of youth activities.

However, we can't do it alone. Behind every jousting champion, every archery prodigy, and every campfire story lies the dedication of passionate volunteers. These heroes, both young and old, are the backbone of our youth programs, providing guidance, encouragement, and endless fun. This year, we're calling on YOU to join our ranks!

Whether you're a seasoned veteran of Gulf Wars, a newcomer to the SCA, or simply someone who wants to make a difference in the lives of young people, we have a volunteer opportunity for you. From assisting with archery and combat games to leading arts and crafts workshops, crafting

magical costumes, or simply offering a supportive smile, there's a way for everyone to contribute.

Not only will you be making a lasting impact on the lives of these young adventurers, but you'll also:

- Discover a vibrant community of like-minded individuals who share your passion for history, fantasy, and making a difference.
- Learn new skills and share your own expertise with others.
- Witness the magic of youth as they explore their creativity, build confidence, and forge lasting friendships.
- Create memories that will last a lifetime – memories that will rival even the most epic Gulf Wars battle!

But our impact doesn't end at Gulf Wars. Your volunteer spirit will be instrumental in shaping the future of youth activities at all our events. Your dedication will help us expand our programs, develop new and exciting initiatives, and ensure that every child has the opportunity to experience the joy, learning, and camaraderie that the SCA offers.

So, what are you waiting for? Join us today! reach out to us to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make this year's Gulf Wars and all future events the most unforgettable yet for our kingdom's youth!

Onward to adventure!

Sincerely,  
Baron Goldweard of St. Goliass  
Kingdom Youth & Family Officer



## Zodiacus Herald

Greetings!

My thanks to Elionora inghean Ui Cheallaigh, Vitalis Gabrielle Venier della Mare, and Brian O'hUilliam for their court reports.

YIS  
Magistra Estrill Swet  
Zodiacus Herald

### Steppes 12th Night (01/06/2024)

Ade Estes	Award of Arms
Decimus Cornelius Scaevus	Sable Talon (Chivalric Combat)
Estrid Freya Vogdottir	Award of Arms
Hadassah Sarai bas Yossi	Sable Crane
Maddoc Sylvan	Award of Arms
Maria of the Steppes	Lyra Aurea
Mheri Hamlin	Award of Arms
Rayya al-Ruqay'a	Oak o/t Steppes

### Winter Crown Tournament (Loch Soilleir, Raven's Fort, Seawinds) (01/13/2024)

Antigone of York	Princess
Fastrada the Furious	Star of Merit
Lothar the Easily Amused	Sable Talon (Chivalric combat)
Melessent Michel	Court Barony
Paniko of Loch Soilleir	Award of Arms
Sven Randullsson	Prince
Wilhelm Artzt	Sable Flur
William Flokason	Guardian o/t Sovereign's Dream

### Winter Round Table (01/20/2024)

No awards

### Northkeep wInterkingdom (01/27/2024)

Darian De Shameless	White Scarf
Emma O'Ruairc	Barony in Fief
Emmelina de Medeland	Lions Paw of Kenmare
Estrill Swet	Pelican
Francesca di Lucca	Lions Paw of Kenmare
Gunnarr Bjornulfsson	Centurion o/t Sable Star
Halldóra Hrafnisdóttir	White Scarf
Ian Thornhill	Sable Sparrow
Ian Thornhill	Sable Talon (Thrown Weapons)
Isabeau Wynter	Sable Thistle (Leatherworking)
Isabella Coppola	Heart o/t Sable Storm
Isabella Coppola	Barony in Fief
Jael Magnasdottir	Sable Sparrow
Kiah of Northkeep	Sable Thistle (Cooking)
Kolfinna Egilsdottir	Court Barony
Marcus von Fürth	Sable Thistle (Blacksmithing)
Margherita de Mantua	Centurion o/t Sable Star
Mariana von Kol	Sable Thistle (Stone Carving)
Thomas de Groet	Lions Paw of Kenmare
Torben Ulfbrok	Centurion o/t Sable Star
Vanesa de Verona	Lions; Defender o/t Dream
Vincenti da Murano	Iris of Merit
Vitalis Gabrielle Venier della Mare	Sable Thistle (Instrumental Music)
Voyszvilk Greycius Vilniszkis	Sable Thistle (Crossbow Building)
Yancy Alfsson	Court Barony

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## Society Announcement

<https://www.sca.org/news/membership-fee-increase-effective-february-15-2024/>

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.) is announcing an increase in membership fees and non-member registration fees for events.

This decision comes after careful consideration and extensive discussion among the Board of Directors, office staff, and Corporate officers. The effects of inflation across all sectors of operation,

as well as other factors impacting the organization's operational costs, including insurance premiums, legal expenses, and general business expenses, necessitated a comprehensive review of membership rates.

Annual membership fees have not been adjusted in over a dozen years, and non-member registration fees have not increased in over 15 years.

In response to the evolving financial



environment, the organization streamlined operations during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and significantly reduced corporate expenditures. The relocation of the office to San Jose, CA resulted in an annual savings of over \$35,000, and upgrades to software and CRM systems have netted a further savings of over \$100,000 annually. While membership numbers have rebounded post-pandemic, operational costs continue to rise.

SCA, Inc. Corporate is solely funded by membership fees, including the Non-Member Registration fee, and does not currently seek operational funds from its Kingdoms or subsidiary organizations, including those overseeing Pennsic and Gulf Wars.

At the January 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes, effective February 15, 2024:

Raise the Sustaining membership price from \$45 a year to \$55 a year (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Associate membership price from \$30 to \$40 a year. (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Family membership price from \$10 a year to \$15 a year, per person. (This represents an \$0.42 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

No changes to Canadian or International memberships have been announced at this time. Note: this change will take effect for all renewal transactions processed on or after February 15, 2024. Renewal transactions prior to that date will be processed at the previous rate, regardless of membership expiration date.

The Board also approved the following changes to Non-Member Registration fees, effective April 1, 2024:

Raise the Non-Member Registration Fee from \$5 to \$10 per event. As always, this only applies whenever there is an actual event fee charged.

Both Sustaining and International Membership

allow subscriptions to printed publications, as well as the ability to add Family memberships.

It should be noted that these increases remain less than the cumulative U.S. inflation increase of 36.5% which has occurred since 2011. (Data calculated using the US Inflation Calculator).

SCA, Inc. emphasizes its commitment to transparency and sustaining a vibrant community. These fee adjustments aim to ensure the organization's fiscal health, support ambitious initiatives in 2024 and beyond, and keep the Knowne World thriving and dreaming for years to come.

For more information, please contact John Fulton at [president@sca.org](mailto:president@sca.org).

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

SCA Inc.  
P.O. Box 611928  
San Jose, CA. 95161

You may also email:  
[SCA-comments@sca.org](mailto:SCA-comments@sca.org).

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## Society Request for Commentary: Omnibus Peerage Proposal

Currently approximately 8000 people around the Knowne World actively participate in target archery, combat archery, siege weapons, thrown weapons and equestrian martial activities. While no ultimate decision has yet been made the Board believes that a proposal of a path to peerage for these individuals is worthy of deep consideration.

Having received advice from the Peerage Committee, Directors have discussed the matter

and following some minor amendments to language which align the proposed draft of Corpora wording to the existing patent orders, the Board feels that the proposal has matured to the point where commentary on the proposed Corpora wording from members is requested. This commentary will assist the Board in forming further decisions relevant to its consideration of this matter.

The draft Corpora language approved for commentary is:

#### VIII.A.4:

##### e. The Order of <Name>

(i) Members of the Order of <Name> may choose to swear fealty but are not required to do so. The candidate must have attained the standard of excellence in skill and/or knowledge equal to that of their prospective peers in a pre-17th century martial pursuit as practiced in the SCA, including, and limited to, target archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, equestrian activities, and siege engineers. The candidate must have applied this skill and/or knowledge for the instruction of members and service to the kingdom to an extent above and beyond that normally expected of members of the Society.

(ii) The duties of the members of the order are as follows:

(a) To set an example of courtesy and chivalrous conduct on and off the field of honor.

(b) To respect the Crown of the kingdom; to support and uphold the laws of the kingdom and Corpora.

(c) If in fealty, to support and uphold the Crown of their kingdom.

(d) To enrich the kingdom by sharing their knowledge and skills.

(e) To enhance the renown and defend the honor of the peer's Lady or Lord.

(f) To advise the Crown on the advancement of candidates for the Order of <Name>.

(other sections re-numbered as needed)

Knowing exactly what the people who work, study, and play in the Society want a potential new peerage to achieve and do will be key to moving forward in this discussion. The Board welcomes any additional context that people feel may be of use to the discussion.

We are looking for your feedback – as you begin to type up your comments please feel free to include your thoughts on the following questions:

- Does this language fill the gap I personally feel exists in the paths to peerage, why or why not?
- What is my ideal vision of a new peerage and its members? What virtue will they embody?

If you are a financial member of the SCA, please include the relevant information.

The expertise of our community is invaluable, and these responses will contribute significantly to an outcome that positions our Society to meet its goals and future opportunities.

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>.

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title “Omnibus Peerage Proposal” 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: Omnibus Peerage Proposal  
P.O. Box 611928  
San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than April 2, 2024.

# 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.*

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](http://www.gulfwars.org)

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](mailto:reservations@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.

Event Stewards

Magister Sean MacRory  
[Autocrats@gulfwars.org](mailto:Autocrats@gulfwars.org)

En Guillermo Berenguer  
[Autocrats@gulfwars.org](mailto:Autocrats@gulfwars.org)



“With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come!”



STARGATE BARONIAL 2024

APR 19 -21, 2024

[WWW.ANSTEORRA.ORG/STARGATE/BARONIAL2024](http://WWW.ANSTEORRA.ORG/STARGATE/BARONIAL2024)

**The Stronghold of Hellsgate invites you to**  
**Commander's Crucible 2024!**

*Easter weekend, compete in one or more tournaments for your chance to be named a Hellsgate Commander!*

**March 29-31, 2024**

**Camp Arrowhead Belton, TX 76513**

**Tournaments include Chivalric, Rapier, Archery, Brewing, Arts and Sciences, Youth Chivalric...and Ice Axe!**

**There will be a feast, camping, bardic circle, thrown weapons range, kid's Easter themed activities, and a special memorial/archery competition in honor of Lord Eric. The feast will be a Celebration Meal at Haithabu (Hedeby).**

**Site Information:**

\*Camp Arrowhead is a primitive site! There is a water source, but no electricity or flushing toilets.

\*Accessibility: Plan for dirt roads. There will be handicap parking close to event field, ADA portajohns, & parking allowed in campsite.

\*GPS coordinates= 31.12519°N, 97.55672°W There is no physical address, the closest is 7999 Sparta Rd. Belton.

\*Directions:

Make your way to I-35 in Belton, TX. Take the US-190 W/I-14 W exit. Follow signs for Killeen/Fort Cavazos. Merge on to US 190 Frontage Rd. Turn right on to Loop 121 North. Turn left (West) on Sparta Rd, follow for 7.3 miles, you will cross a cattle guard entering Fort Cavazos. Continue straight for approx. another 3 miles. Turn left onto a dirt road at a sign for Camp Arrowhead. If you pass BLORA then you have gone too far. (Do not use Facebook directions.)

**Site Rules:**

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. Pets are welcome.

Dogs must be current on vaccinations, be on a leash at all times and never unattended.

Site is discreetly wet. Beverages in period containers only.

Camping event

Merchants welcome

Site opens 4PM Friday March 29 and site closes 2PM Sunday March 31.

**Event Steward:**

Rosalind Lancaster (Raylene Gill) [gillfamilyof6@yahoo.com](mailto:gillfamilyof6@yahoo.com) (804) 514-4925

**Co-Steward:**

Vilhjalmr pursasprengrir (Liam Gordon)

**Feast Steward:**

Daria von Drachenwald (Patti Riley) [armypatti@gmail.com](mailto:armypatti@gmail.com)

**Site registration:**

Adult Registration-\$25 Adult Member discount registration-\$20 Child & Youth

(0-17)-Free Family Max-\$60

Feast-\$10 limited to 60 people (Under 10 yrs eats free when accompanied by paying adult) Make checks payable to SCA Inc, Stronghold of Hellsgate

Paypal registration link to be posted in Facebook event page on Stronghold of Hellsgate facebook page.

More information can be found at <https://ansteorra.org/hellsgate/crucible>

And at <https://facebook.com/events/s/hellsgates-commanders-crucible/595012806103802/>



# Elfsea Defender

April 5-6-7-2024



Their Excellencies Silvana and Absolon invite you to come and enjoy the XXXV Elfsea Baronial Defender Tournaments.

Chivalric, Rapier, Cut and Thrust and Archery for adults and Youth Chivalric and Rapier tournaments will be held on Saturday and planned Melee practices will be held on Sunday.

Site will open at 5 pm on Friday and close at sundown on Sunday.

Primitive camping with plenty of shade and close in parking. 300 picnic tables and 150 elevated fire pits (BBQ grill—wire brush is suggested). Above ground fire pits also welcome. Flush toilets with mobility impaired access are all centrally located. OPEN Spring fed shower for a rinse off are for the brave (68 degrees). Potable water centrally located and plug ins for charging medical equipment are very limited (please contact autocrats to schedule time.) Alcohol for adults is permitted –period containers please. RV welcome but no hookups on site.

Adult registration \$25.00 Adult Member Discount Registration \$15.00 Children under 17 free. Make checks payable to the SCA. Inc.-Barony of Elfsea.

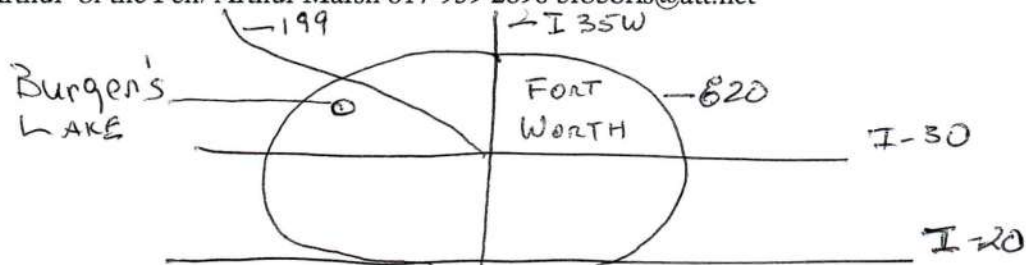
(Please see webpage or Facebook " Elfsea Defender 2024 " for links and updates.)

All buildings around the lake and the lake are strictly OFF Limits. Except for the bathroom and showers.

Burgers Lake is located at 1200 Meandering Rd. Ft. Worth TX 76114 Near the Joint Service Base on the west side of Ft. Worth.

Event stewards Master Sebastian Frobishire/ Archie Darr 817-501-4647 adarrri@att.net

Sir Arthur of the Fen/ Arthur Marsh 817-939-2890 broboris@att.net



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THE BARONY OF WIESENFEUER PRESENTS

# Wiesenfeuer Baronial Flames of Sherwood APRIL 19 - 21, 2024

**Will Rogers Scout Reservation**  
362689 Highway 64 Cleveland, OK 74020

## Directions to Site

*I-35 to US-64 E (exit 186) for about 44 miles. Camp on left hand side.  
From Tulsa, take US-412 to US-64. Camp on right hand side.*

**Site Opens: 6pm Friday**

**Site Closes: 11am Sunday**

## Site Information:

Leashed Pets Permitted - ONLY Service Animals allowed at Gate  
Alcohol in period containers only  
*Site is mostly grassy field terrain with sidewalks and gravel roads.  
Site has a Bath House with accessible stalls and showers.*

**Adult Event Registration: \$25 (Family Max \$45)**

**Adult Member Discount Registration: \$15**

**17 & Under: FREE!**

**Feast Fee: \$12**

*Make checks payable to: SCA Inc./Barony of Wiesenfeuer  
Or Pre-register and pay in advance via PayPal*

## Event Steward:

*Lillias MacGuffin (Meggan Cividanes)  
405-614-0866, meggan.cividanes@gmail.com*

## Event Co-Steward:

*Gwenyvere Rose Foxe (Jennifer Jones)  
405-822-6829, blackwolf085@gmail.com*

## Feast Steward:

*Aubrey Ericsdatter (Aubrey Cole)  
405-361-6095, aubreyericsdatter@gmail.com*

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



# Kingdom Calendar

## March 2024

9-17.....GULF WARS (OUT OF KINGDOM)  
 29-31.....HELLSGATE -COMMANDER'S CRUCIBLE

## April 2024

6.....ELFSEA DEFENDER  
 13.....CORONATION  
 20.....STARGATE BARONIAL  
 20.....WEISENFUEUR BARONIAL  
 27.....GLASLYN DEFENDER OF THE FLAME  
 27.....ELDERN HILLS DAY AT THE PARK

## May 2024

3-5.....LOCH GUARDIAN  
 3-5.....NAMRON BELTANE  
 17-19.....NORTHKEEP CASTELLAN  
 24-27.....STEPPE WARLORD  
 29-31.....VALOR - BARONY OF VATAVIA  
 (OUT OF KINGDOM)



RP - Royal Presence, HP - Heir's Presence, KP - King's Presence, QP - Queen's Presence, Pc—Prince's Presence, Ps—Princess' Presence, CC - Chivalric Circle, LC - Laurel's Circle, PC -Pelican's Circle, WSC - White Scarf Circle, CSSC - Centurion's Circle, AdO - Arc d'Or Circle, GL - Golden Lancer Circle, GTT- Golden Ticket Tournament, \*PED\* - Perpetual Event Date.

Royal Presence and Circle Scheduling for informational purposes only, and is subject to change without notice.

This is the official complete Calendar of Events for the Kingdom of Ansteorra as of November 7th 2023. 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 Deputy Kingdom Officer listings).

### **Board of Directors Quarterly Meetings 2024**

**April 21 (Virtual)**

**July 21 (Virtual)**

**October 20 (Virtual)**

All agenda items must be submitted by the first of the month before the meeting.