The Black Star

Volume 61 Issue 2  This is the February 2024 issue of the Black Star, the official newsletter of the Kingdom of Ansteorra. Ansteorra is a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and the Black Star is published as a service to the SCA’s membership.

Subscriptions are available only to members. This newsletter is available online at http://enewsletter.sca.org/ for current Sustaining, Family, and International members. Memberships are available from the Member Services Office, SCA, Inc., P.O. Box 611928 San Jose, CA 95161. All changes of address or questions about subscriptions should be sent to the Corporate Office.

Copyright © 2024 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on reprinting articles and artwork from this publication, please contact the Kingdom Chronicler, who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.

Neither The Black Star, nor the SCA, Inc., assumes responsibility for products that are advertised within.

For the vision impaired: cassette tapes of The Black Star are available from the Leon Travis Harris Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. 300 N.E. 18th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105. (405) 521-3514 or (800) 523-0288. This service is not available for use by the Corporate Office.

Express Mail Information
If you are sending your announcement by Express Mail or similar service, you MUST waive the signature requirement by signing the appropriate place on the form. This way the courier may leave the item. Otherwise, the delay in going to the Post Office to pick up your announcement may result in it not making it into The Black Star at all. In that case, you might as well not have sent it at all. So, for everyone’s sake: PLEASE WAIVE THE SIGNATURE!

General Information
The Kingdom Chronicler reserves the rights to redraw any map, retype any submission, or remove any borders to improve the printability of said item. All maps must be the original creation of the submitting party. No reproductions of printed or electronic maps will be accepted without a signed release. The Black Star reserves the right to refuse any item not suitable for publication.

Copyright Reminder
All content of the Black Star is copyright of the original submitters and/or the Society for Creative Anachronism. While we respect the need of citing text in fair use, we ask that you not copy segments of the newsletter verbatim by means of screenshots or similar methods. Please respect the rights of the SCA and of our precious contributors, without whom there would be no newsletter.

Artwork Thanks and Credits:
Photos and Art:
Front Cover:
Model: Deanna della Penna (Deanna Baran)
Photographer: Zubeidat Al-Badawiyah (Bethany Vann)

Back cover: Arms of Kingdom of Ansteorra by Emma de Fetherstan (Jennifer Smith). Reports: Officer icons, Kingdom Achievement, and Crown/Coronet icons by Emma de Fetherstan (Jennifer Smith).

No Rights Reserved. All items used with permission.

The Black Star
Unto my precious Kingdom, Ansteorra,

The holidays have passed and the promise of a New Year has dawned. As a Kingdom we have much to be thankful for. In the coming months we prepare for war with our friends from Trimaris. This will be a time of feasting and camaraderie in the evenings and showing them our prowess as the most powerful army in the known world from sun up to sun down. Now is the time to make your preparations to attend Gulf Wars! Our populace has always been generous with their time, talents, and possessions. Now is the time to remember and help our new populace members. They will need all the things for war - packing lists, garb, feast gear, camping supplies... If you have extra, remember our new populace that may need assistance.

As you read this missive, we have had our Crown tournament and Heirs have emerged victorious. Although at the time of the writing of this missive, I do not know who you are, I bid you welcome. Know that I am looking forward to working with you during the final months of my reign as Sovereign. I am confident that Our Beloved Kingdom will be in good hands.

Speaking of Heirs, I would like to offer my belated but heartfelt congratulations to Prince Romanius and Princess Deanna of Vindheim. May you hold our lands with love and loyalty in your hearts to the populace of Vindheim.

Now to some business:

When emailing the Sovereign, please use the following address:
Sovereign@crown.Ansteorra.org
This will ensure that I am receiving your correspondence and responding in a timely manner.

Award Recommendations: Please have your award recommendations submitted for consideration 2 weeks prior to the event that you are requesting the awards to be received at. Please keep in mind that all of the Scrolls for this reign are unique in their wording and there is no bank of pre-painted charters to choose from. Our amazing artisans need time to paint and prepare charters.

For the polling Orders: Please have your candidates with resumes and photographs where applicable to the Sovereign at least 2 weeks prior to the circle. Proxies are always welcome as I completely understand that you may not be able to attend every gathering of your respective orders. In that regard, proxies are due by midnight, the Friday of the event. To be clear, if the event is on Saturday, the 16th then the proxies are due by Midnight, Friday, the 15th.

May the new year bring peace and prosperity to each of you.

In Service to Ansteorra and The Dream,

Queen Nicollet Deuville,
Sovereign Ansteorra
Greetings Ansteorra

Crown Tournament went well and now Ansteorra has Heirs.

Ansteorra will have Laurel’s Prize Tournament this month, where there will be many great artisans that will display their works of art and have a chance to learn from Laurels and other artisans.

Gulf Wars will be next 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 Ancient foes, the Kingdom of Trimaris. I look forward to seeing everyone supporting our Kingdom and our Sovereign Queen.

The Principality of Vindheim is doing well under the guidance of TSH Romanius and Deanna and we are excited to see what their plans for the future of Vindheim are.

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

Greetings Ansteorra!

I hope you are excited about all the great new things we announced at Round Table. Remember art is not about what you put on a table it is about what we do to help us all find something that give us joy. So share share share. Laurels Prize is in a few weeks. I hope everyone likes the new format and virtual option. Remember if you need anything else to be successful at LPT, our accommodations deputy is just an email away.

Gulf war is imminent as well. Please come out and support our artists as they represent Ansteorra for our arts war point. Also remember that the competition is on Wednesday this year. I encourage each and everyone one of you to take a class at war. This is a unique opportunity to learn something you might not have access to in kingdom.

Finally as the winter turns to spring tournament season. Make something new as or for a fighter. You will be glad you did.

In service
M Bia
Magnifica Biatrichi Malatesta Canzionari di Palermo, OL, KMOAS

Greetings Ansteorra,

I hope everyone had a great time at Round Table and that you learned something helpful. We are continuing to move forward as a College to offer more opportunities for digging deeper into all the heraldic things. If there are any classes you would like to see taught or would like to teach in the near future, please reach out to me and we’ll set up a day/time/place for that to happen. Also,
Greetings, Good Gentles, All!

I would like to thank those of you who have been sending in great event ads to the Black Star each month. People have been submitting ads in a timely manner, and that makes my job much easier.

Please continue to support your local Chroniclers by submitting content for them to include! Being a Chronicler is a collaborative effort. The more people who submit, art, poems, articles, and recipies help make the newsletters more interesting and fun!

I am still accepting applications for my office - Kingdom Chronicler. I am also accepting applications for Vindheim Newsletter Editor. If people have questions about what is involved in any of these offices, please feel free to contact me.

Ever in Your Service,
Baroness Beatrix Funteyn
Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings to the Kingdom!

I am happy to report that we are entering the new year on a good footing. There are a few tasks on my holiday todo that should be complete by the end of January

* our Kingdom Wiki needs a version upgrade. We use MediaWiki and I'll be moving us forward to version 1.40. This should resolve the issues where new accounts aren't getting confirmation emails
* I should be circulating a Draft of a Kingdom Webministers Handbook as well as a Data Policy. I'm coordinating with SocWeb on this to bring our Kingdom forward to a healthy and clear web policy

Look for recordings from multiple web-related classes at Round Table focused on leveraging IT to make announcements and calendar management easier and cross-office collaboration!

I'm also planning to work on Live Streaming
adaptation. Our official email addresses will be transitioning to reflect the new ministry name. We encourage all local officers to consider adopting "youth" as part of their email addresses as well. This simple step will make it easier for newcomers and families to connect with us directly, fostering greater accessibility and engagement.

We understand that change can be unsettling, but we believe this transformation is a positive step forward for our Kingdom. By embracing a more inclusive and holistic approach, we can create a stronger, more vibrant community where youth and families feel empowered, valued, and supported.

In the coming days, we will share more details about this transition, including specific email address changes and resources for local officers. We encourage you to join us in this exciting new chapter, and to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. Together, let us build a brighter future for the youth and families of Ansteorra!

With warmest regards,

Baron Goldweard of St. Golias
Kingdom Youth and Family Officer
Kingdom of Ansteorra

---

To the Kingdom of Ansteorra,

With a heart full of hope and excitement, I write to speak of a significant change within the Ministry of Children, one that reflects the evolving needs and aspirations of our youth and families. From this day forward, our office shall be known as the Ministry of Youth and Family. This new title embodies the breadth and depth of what we strive to achieve: fostering a vibrant community where young people and their families can thrive, learn, and connect within the tapestry of Ansteorra. This change was written into law at Round Table.

This change is not merely a semantic shift. It signifies a renewed commitment to inclusivity and representation. We recognize that “youth” encompasses a diverse range of ages and experiences, and our ministry aims to serve them all, from the wide-eyed page to the seasoned young adult. By embracing the concept of "family," we acknowledge the vital role parents, guardians, and loved ones play in shaping the lives of our youth.

To further solidify this evolution, the titles of our officers will also be updated. They shall now be known as Youth and Family Officers, each dedicated to specific areas of service within our ministry. This new nomenclature better reflects their roles and responsibilities, ensuring clarity and ease of communication for all.

Of course, with any change comes a need for
Greetings!

There is now a space in the OP to link to each individual person's Ansteorra Wiki Persona Page. So now it's easier to check "In case of court". Please remember to keep your wiki page updated. And remember to check your OP entry and that of your family and friends to make sure all awards are listed – or else make that award recommendation.

Please let me know if any links don't work. And sorry the accented & non-standard letters don't translate "pretty".

My thanks to Absolon of Hereford, Donnchadh Beag mac Griogair, and Brian O'hUilliam for their court reports.

YIS
HL Estrill Swet
Zodiacus Herald

Seawinds Defender (10/28/2023)
Rayla of Loch Soilleir Rising Star

War of the Rams (Bordermarch) (11/17/2023)
Gabrielle de Lacy Court Barony
Meurik the Humble Court Barony

War of the Rams (Bordermarch) (11/18/2023)
Antigone of York Star of Merit
Bridget Popham Sovereign's Archer
Cameron of Bryn Gwlad Award of Arms
Creppin l'Ostrich Queen's Rapier
Edric Haldyn Defense
Elise Green Barony in Fief (Bordermarch)
Elizabeth Caton Award of Arms
Floki Geirrekkson Defense
Floki Geirrekkson Queen's Rapier
Josep Gautsson Royal Blade
Lorence Castellon Arc d'Or
Magdalena de Paz Award of Arms

Magnus Bowbreaker Sable Talon
Mickey the Goblin Golden Bridle
Miklos Nemeth Knight
Paniko of Loch Soilleir Sable Falcon
Perrin de Beaujeu Queen's Rapier
Rande Robertson Queen's Rapier
Rook Hightower Award of Arms
Surayj ibn Azra al-Azhari Award of Arms
Tanne Haldyn Barony in Fief (Bordermarch)

Elfsea Yule Revel (12/02/2023)
Thomas Grey Award of Arms

Stargate Yule Revel (12/02/2023)
Agnes Olympe Fort deNice Sable Talon
(Target Archery)
Annes Clotilde von Bamberg Sable Thistle
(Bardic Arts)
Aoife inghean Mhichil Ui Domhnaill Sable Thistle (Dyeing)
Cassian Jaskólski Sable Thistle (Bardic Arts)
Ciarnat of Firethorn Court Barony
Kaitlyn McKenna Sable Sparrow
Katrina of Coventry Royal Bard
Leofwine of Sumersætum Court Barony
Nikolai Vladislav Sable Flur
Padraic of Kilkenny Pelican
Rurik Gunvaldsson Sable Sparrow
Wulflind of Stargate Rising Star

Vindheim Winter Coronet (12/09/2023)
Adena Terrickdoutter Key of Keys of Vindheim
Alana Becket Key of Vindheim
Alexandre Crane Key of Vindheim
Alisandre Oliphant Sanguine Bowl of Vindheim
Anastasiia Dmitrieva Sokolova Key of Vindheim
Andriu Hay Award of Arms
Cadmus Lochagus Sable Falcon
Cailleach Ui Chaerbhaill Key of Vindheim
Caterina Giovanni Key of Vindheim
Cera ingen Fhaelain Key of Keys of Vindheim
Damon Xanthus Key of Vindheim
Deanna della Penna Key of Vindheim
Donnchadh Beag mac Griogair Key of Keys of Vindheim
Eadwyn Gathyrde                        Key of Vindheim
Emma O’Ruairc                           Key of Vindheim
Emmelina de Medeland Viscount (Vindheim)
Emmelina de Medeland Dove of Vindheim
Facon du Pray                            Key of Vindheim
Fionnghuala Ruadh inghean Ui Chonchobhair Key of Vindheim
Gabrielle de Lacy                        Key of Vindheim
Gilyan Alienora of Clonmacnoise Key of Keys of Vindheim
Gyna Brusadotther                        Key of Vindheim
Isaac Bane                               Key of Vindheim
Isabella Coppola                         Key of Vindheim
Jan w Orzeldom                           Key of Vindheim
Jean Paul de Sens Vindheim Chivalric Champion
Jean Paul de Sens Key of Keys of Vindheim
Jel Magnadottrr                          Key of Vindheim
Keina Terrickdouther Pillar of Vindheim
Kenneth MacAlister Key of Vindheim
Koia Karasova                             Key of Vindheim
Koke Gan                                 Key of Vindheim
Kyrus Logisson                           Key of Vindheim
Margherita de Mantua Key of Vindheim
Marguerita Dinard Key of Keys of Vindheim
Meurik the Humble Key of Vindheim
Micauley Morison Sable Talon (Rapier Combat)
Michelle Chantal de Charente Key of Keys of Vindheim
Orlaith inghean Ui hUallachain Key of Keys of Vindheim
Raulff Smeithberde Key of Keys of Vindheim
Rinalda Dagunet Award of Arms
Robert of the Eldern Hills Award of Arms
Rosalie Clare d’Avignon Sable Thistle (Silk Banner painting)
Romanius Vesperianus Territorial Prince
Sabine Fulhaeberin Key of Vindheim
Sainte du Bois Key of Vindheim
Sævarr Máni Vindheim Rapier Champion
Skeggi berbeinn Sebbason ins sterka Viscounty (Vindheim)
Sorcha McCullogh Key of Vindheim
Taddeea de triste Key of Vindheim
Thomas de Groet Key of Vindheim
Torben Ulfbrok Key of Vindheim
Turpin Tyme Key of Vindheim
Umm al-Jafna Nalkah Key of Vindheim
Valencia of Vindheim Sable Falcon
Villana Palazolo Key of Vindheim
Vincenti da Murano Key of Vindheim
Yzabeau Brossier Key of Keys of Vindheim
Zubaydah al-Badawiyyah Key of Vindheim

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 VenderBerg, at reservations@gulfwars.org

Event Stewards
Magister Sean MacRory
Autocrats@gulfwars.org
En Guillermo Berenguer
Autocrats@gulfwars.org

fini
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
  - 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-Paid, to:
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Chatelaine and DEIB Changes
PO. Box 611928
San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than March 1, 2024.
Please come and join the Riding of Marata for a full day of exciting combat including Chivalric, Rapier, and Youth Chivalric melees at our winter event!

Noble County Fairgrounds, 1 Ivanhoe St, Perry, OK 73077

February 3, 2023  8 am to 8 pm

Site registration is: Make checks payable to: Province of Mooneschadowe
$15 for adult registration   Dry site, leashed friendly dogs allowed.
$10 member discount registration
$0 for children 17 and under

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.

We will also have a lunch tavern for Student Gulfwars fund raiser. Menu will be a potato bar and prices are still to be announced.

Directions: From I 35, take exit 186 (rt 64) towards the East. In 2.2 miles turn L onto N 6th St. Then Turn R onto Ivanhoe St.

Event Stewards:

Turpin Tyme
Tanner Simpson
580-467-8303
turpin@hailmog.org

Nalkah umm al-Jafnâ
Sage Simpson
405-747-5137
nalkah@hailmog.org
The Kingdom of Ansteorra &
The Province of Mooneschadowe
present

**Laurel’s Prize Tournament**

February 10th, 2024

To be held at the

**Stillwater Community and Event Center**

315 W 8th Ave, Stillwater, OK 74074

Site Opens at 8 AM and Closes at 7 PM.

Site is dry. Service animals only. There will be a donation only Lunch Tavern.

Event Registration: Adult $20, Adult Member $15, Attendees under 18: Free

Make Checks payable to: SCA Inc./ The Province of Mooneschadowe

**Event Stewards:**

Bantiarna Ségína Brecc  
MKA: Sharon Wells  
electricredd@gmail.com  
405-334-3957

Cent. Charles the Grey of Mooneschadowe  
MKA: Charles Snyder  
Charles@HailMOG.org  
405-614-1888

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 Form from the parents.

**Directions:**

From Tulsa: Take OK-51 West toward Stillwater. Once in Stillwater, turn left on Duck Street (6 blocks after HWY 177) and travel 2 blocks. The Community Center will be on your Left.

From I-35 North or South: Take Exit 174 to Stillwater. After 16.2 miles, turn right on Duck Street and travel 2 blocks. The Community Center will be on your Left.

Attribution: Border Art by pikisuperstar from Freepik.com
The Black Star

The Barony of Bjornsborg presents

The Battle of the Beasts

February 23 ~ 25, 2024

For centuries, the Houses of Hare and of Hart have suffered in noble silence while hunted by those of the Houses of Hawk and of Hound, until Lord Hare and Lady Hart chose to take a stand and fight back.

The Bear-on and Bear-ones of Bjornsborg will be naming our new champions in

- Rapier (please send in a letter of intent)
- Arts and Sciences (there will be both novice and champion competitions)
- Thrown Weapons (Knives, Axes, and Spear)

Other activities:
- A&S Classes
- Jusric Memorial Archery Shoot
- Children’s Activities
- Games of Skill
- Merchants

...and more!

Hunters’ Supper Feast featuring Stews (Vegetarian options provided)
Luncheon Feast included with Entrance Fee

Adult Event Registration: $25
Adult Member Discount Registration: $20
Children under 18: Free!
Family Max: $60 (+$5 per nonmember adult up to 3)
Hunters’ Supper: $10
Children under 5 Eat Free with Paying Adult

Make checks payable to “SCA Inc Barony of Bjornsborg”
Only cash or checks accepted at gate.

Minors must be accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.
They may also attend with an adult over the age of 21 with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver Form from the parents.
Alcohol in period containers.
Pets allowed on leashes.

Site Opens: 5pm Friday Feb. 23
Site Closes: 12pm Sunday Feb. 25
Camping available from Fri 5pm until Sun 12pm
*PLEASE GATHER ALL TRASH FROM CAMPSITE

Event steward: Marjorie Harper of Rosedale (Jennifer Allison)
CONTACT: 210-859-5217  jnallison2008@gmail.com

Location:
Nolte Island Recreation Area
2220 FM 466 Seguin, TX 78155
https://www.gbra.org/recreation/nolte-island-park/

Directions:
The site is located 5 miles outside of Seguin, Texas. Make your way to Seguin.
• Going SOUTH on TX-123: turn left onto FM 466/Eastwood Dr., then right onto GBRA Access Rd.
• Going NORTH on TX-123: turn right onto FM 466/Eastwood Dr., then right onto GBRA Access Rd.
Follow SCA signs
Note: GBRA Access Rd. has several sharp turns and crosses a narrow bridge before entering Nolte Island. Please travel safely.
THE BARONY OF RAVEN'S FORT INVITES ALL TO PREPARE!
FIGHTERS AND ARCHERS, COME GET AUTHORIZED!
ARTISANS, HAVE YOUR DOCUMENTATION CRITIQUED!
TARGET ARCHERS, COME OUT AND PRACTICE!
PERFORMERS, COME REHEARSE AROUND THE FIRE!

Adult Registration - $20
Adult Member Discount Registration - $15
Youth (0-17) Registration - Free
Saturday Evening Feast - $10 (40 available)
Make checks payable to The Barony of Raven’s Fort

Site opens at 5PM Friday and closes at 12PM Sunday.

Reminder: The Stones of Raven’s Fort is a primitive site.

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.

Site is wet in period containers.

Leashed pets are allowed.

Site Location and Directions:
The Stones of Raven's Fort
189 Four Notch Rd.
Huntsville, TX 77340
GPS: 30.652801, -95.440100

Activities:
- Armored, rapier, and combat archery authorization and equipment inspection.
- Open melee and combat archery field.
- Open target archery range.
- A&S documentation review.
- Bardic circle Saturday evening.

Event Steward: Lady Bjorna Ulfsdottir (MKA Nikki Tate) (346)218-6778 - nikkitateo8@gmail.com
Feast Steward: HE Jean-Michel de Meaux (MKA Jeremy Meaux) (936)355-1851 - baron@ravens-fort.ansteorra.org
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 Hethabu (Hedebuy).

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 (804) 514-4925

Co-Steward:
Vilhjalmr pursasprengir (Liam Gordon)

Feast Steward:
Daria von Drachenwald (Patti Riley) 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/
Kingdom Calendar

February 2024

3...................................................MARATA MIDWINTER MELEES
3........................................................BRYN GWLAD CANDLEMAS
10..............................................LAUREL'S PRIZE TOURNAMENT
17..............................................GRAYWOOD - BATTLE OF THE PINES
17....................................................................HERALDS RETREAT
23.................................BJORNSBORG - BATTLE OF THE BEASTS
23-25...............................................RAVENSFORT VIKING RAIDS

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..........................................................WEISENFEUER BARONIAL
27.......................................................GLASLYN DEFENDER OF THE FLAME
27.......................................................ELDERN HILLS DAY AT THE PARK

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.