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Gringe in Terror Beneath the Heel of the Dark Overlord!!

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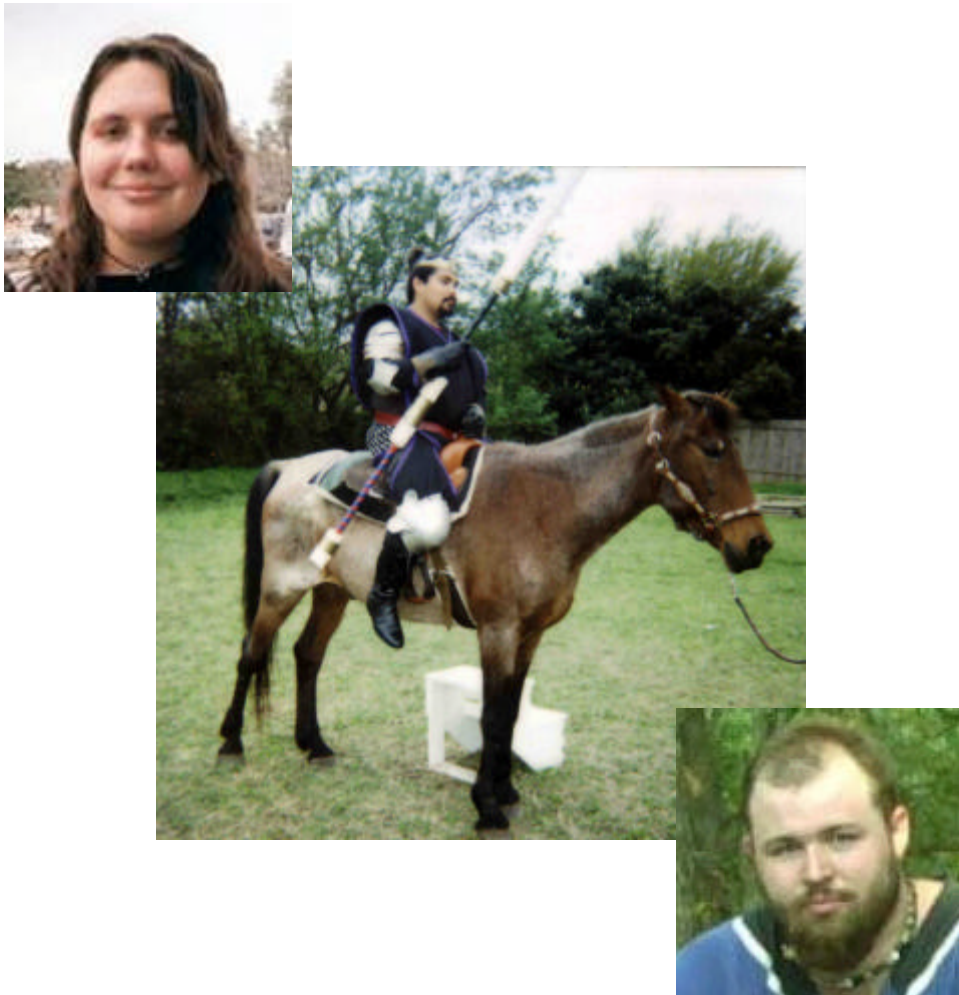
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"Puppets all of them!!! I will not have to destroy this kingdom, this kingdom will do it all by itself. And there is nothing you can do, Colonel. NOTHING!!!" Colonel's eyes gleamed bright red as he laughed out loud...

Greetings all,

Well Midreign is upon us once more, or as some of us have come to call it ¾-Reign. I would like to thank all the people that have made this first part of the second reign a success. Many people have stepped up and taken charge of running their respective parks. Without these leaders this kingdom would not run as it should. It takes all of us, from shire to kingdom level, to put in our part to make this kingdom great. Again, thank you all for your contributions to this kingdom.

Weapon/Dragon Master was a success. The change of date was well received by all. I will recommend the date be changed permanently in our Corpora. Thanks go to Linden and Bromhir for running a smooth Weapon/Dragon Master. Weapon/Dragon Master also brought us our prime minister elections. The winner of the election was Selene. I have full confidence in her abilities to do a great job as prime minister.

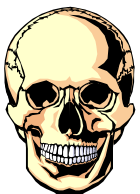
Special thanks go to our outgoing Prime Minister Ethan. He had the unique opportunity of working with the same monarch during his reign. He really put up with a lot from me. How he did not quit really shows what kind of person he is. He really pulled his own weight, and then some. Thank you Ethan for a job well done.

Special thanks also go to our champion Rand and our GMR Linden for organizing and running the "Summer of Discontent" campaign. Hopefully we can have them at least once at all the parks. Also our quest and Endreign should be very interesting, and of course fun. Thank you both for your enthusiasm in keeping the dream alive.

The CK calendar will change a bit. Updates will be made on the online calendar. There are some parks that have come back from the dead; also some date changes from our neighboring kingdoms. So please be on the lookout for these changes. If you need to get ahold of me please email me at lpcolonel@yahoo.com.

Thank you all.

In service to the dream,
Lt. Squire Colonel MacLeod Darkjester
Dark Overlord of the Celestial Kingdom.



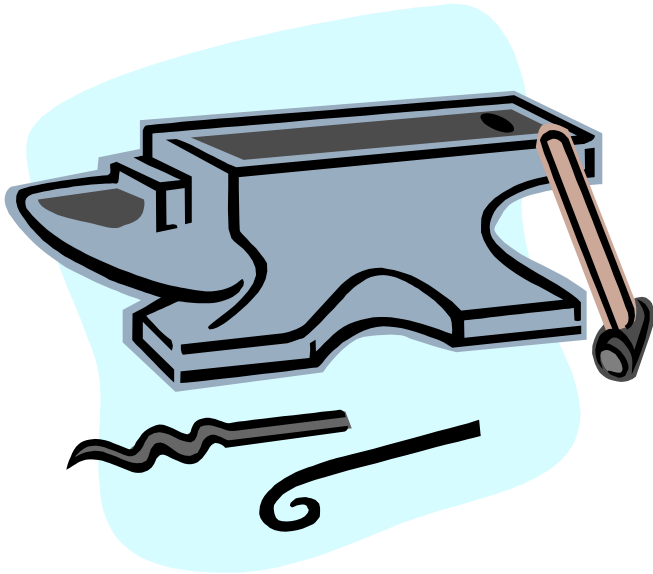
Bromhir looked toward Linden. "You are my equal here at this table; it matters not what titles we hold. But I will not join your cause, for I do not recognize your claim to the Throne."

To the Populace of the Celestial Kingdom,

This Reign has run pretty smoothly for the A&S so far, though I would like to see more. I know we have many Artisans in this kingdom and now is your time to shine. We had, what I believe, was our first Dragon Master and it went well. Lumi was our first Dragon Master winner; congrats to her. In September, Don Diego will be holding his first Serpent Knights A&S tourney. Beyond that the RP has been going very well.....though we need to see some more of that on the forum and on the field.

Well.....as I said before.....things are going well and I hope to see all of you at Midreign this coming weekend.

His Royal Highness,
Master High Ring-Giver Bromhir Ethindale-Tannon
Squire to Sir Father Thomas Von Drakken
Warrior of the Brotherhood



The reign of the Dark Overlord draws to an end; the Fates have deemed this reign to be his last. Will no one step up to challenge the right of the Usurper-Queen in the upcoming battle for the Throne?

Good people of the Celestial Kingdom...

Six months never seems like a short span of time until you realize just how fast it tends to go by when you're busy trying to fill every spare minute of it. Nevertheless, I feel that these last few months have been extremely productive, both for me and for the kingdom as a whole.

On the one hand, the O.R.K. (or Online Record Keeper, for those of you who may not have yet seen this newest Amtgard techno-tool) is nearly fully integrated, and only lacks one or two provinces' records to make it complete (though perhaps not exactly up-to-date). Between myself and the CK's newest Prime Minister, Selene, most of these gaps will soon be filled, and the job of keeping the records updated will be a relatively easy one. Furthermore, plans are currently in the works for a tool that will provide each individual province the means to electronically maintain their own park's records, and to generate automatic update reports that can be given to the kingdom PM for entry into the O.R.K.

On the other hand, there are still quite a few things yet to do before any Prime Minister, present or future, can rest on his or her laurels. At the moment, the CK Forums are the most widespread means of disseminating important information to the populace, but there are still a few inherent problems that have prevented everyone from utilizing them fully. As a result, the CK Yahoo Group is still a more reliable secondary bulletin board, though I expect that will change in the coming months. Secondly, there has yet to be found a single effective means of getting up-to-the-minute information about kingdom news and events

to the populace in general; much of this job still falls on the individual provincial officers. Finally, there are still a few major flaws in the whole attendance/credit system that will need to be ironed out before someone finds a way to abuse it.

Despite the setbacks I have encountered (of which there were, fortunately, very few), I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Prime Minister over the past six months. I am grateful to all of you for showing me a great deal of patience and support, and I hope to be able to do it all over again sometime. I especially want to thank Sir Clalibus, for giving me a lot of helpful advice and getting me off to a productive start, and to Sir Esuom, for giving me loads of moral support and the occasional (well-deserved) kick in the ass when it was necessary. Thank you both from the bottom of my heart!

Now I pass the baton to my capable successor, Selene. I hope you all give her as much support as you have given me.

In Service to the Dream,

Ethan Wallace of Trent
Prime Minister of the Celestial Kingdom



Normally they would simply wait until the end of the reign and let the polls decide which of them is the better leader, but would not be nearly as simple or as dramatic as going to war... Now if I can just get ESPN 8, "the Ocho" to cover the battle, then we would really have something...

All things considered it has been a fairly smooth reign. I haven't run into any safety issues, and have personally encountered less than a hand full of illegal weapons and it is not for a lack of looking either. The reality of the situation is that most people are using fun noodle based technology and thus all things being equal are not very likely to hurt one another. Which to my mind is a good thing. The only room for improvement I can see would be the addition of more courtesy padding on certain types of swords and or "war clubs". Yes, I know the extra padding adds weight but at the same time no body likes being hit with bare kitespar or golf shaft.

Given the general outbreak of sanity and preponderance of legal weapons I haven't had nearly enough time to gratuitously throw people's weapons off the field, or engage in screaming matches. How very disappointing, why I don't know if I would have taken this job in the first place is someone had told me how reasonable everyone would be. Given my inability to peruse my office's normal pastimes I have had to concentrate almost entirely to setting up battle games and scenarios for upcoming events. As a result the next three months are almost entirely filled with games and or events to be held in some part of the kingdom or another.

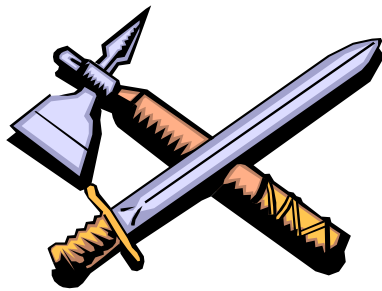
Midreign will see the Pretender's War settle the conflict between Bromhir and Linden. Two weeks later we have the Kingdom Quest entitled "The three Missions of Sinbad the Sailor". "Missions" is going to be very different than your standard linear quest. In fact it's not linear at all. Instead of running everyone through the same point a to b to c game, we are going to have a series of battle games similar to what Brennon has been running in the EH. Everyone will have an equal chance at winning at artifact and hopefully can have some fun along the way. Following the "quest", we are going to have a cook out courtesy of the Diego and the MoG.

On August 22nd the Summer of Discontent campaign heats up again starting with the battle of Murky Waters. Not only will this game break the deadlock between the Loyalists and the Rebels but it is a great chance to beat up on some Prowlers! Now that friends is good clean fun for the whole family. The following Saturday (August the 28) we will have the battle for Mystic Springs. After that we have the battle for Bifost September 12th, and Dragon's Haven on the 19th. The other dates are still tentative at this point, and I will be sure to post them on the forums just as soon as they solidify. Finally the campaign will conclude with the End Game war at Coronation.

End Game will see the winner of the Pretender's War pitted against Colonel in a full life, no holds barred, mutual annihilation battle game. Naturally there will be a few twists, for starters all classes will be assumed to be wearing max armor. This will be facilitated by the use of non-standard colored ribbons (purple for six points, orange for four/three, and green for 2pts). Additional details will be posted to the forum as we get closer to the event. After the war but before court, I am hosting a dodge ball tournament. What's that? Not period you say? Who cares! We will be using 5 man teams and the standard rules of play. Needless to say themes are strongly encouraged.

That just about covers the high lights, for complete details see my published works.

Rand Falconbridge,
Champion of the Celestial Kingdom



"No, I don't see another way, but I fear that every battle will be like this one, a near miss. It's hard to tell that we won today; I'm not even sure why we took the field. I fear that I'm going to have to pull the kingdom from his hands a province at a time."

And then there was Clan...

It's a regular Wednesday night but I'm bursting with excitement. In just a few hours I'll be leaving for Clan.

I drop off the kids with Esuom the next morning; this will be the longest I've been with out them since they were born, four whole days. It will also be my first clan in three years, various life changing events had conspired to have me miss it a couple of times in a row.

It's seven thirty on Thursday morning and we're off. My page Yami and I fold into the back seat of the car and prepare to be very uncomfortable for the next few hours, Sir Clalibus is at the wheel and Camilla (Amanda's mom) crams into the front, we all strive to find positions that won't make it feel like a good idea later to remove our legs with a hacksaw. We fail.

It takes almost 13 hours of banter, missed turns and bad crochet to reach our destination. Turns out we initially drove all that way so that we could say howdy to all the EH people at the gate.

The site is beautiful, I have a lot of time to appreciate it; since the altitude is so different (nothing compared to Rakis but still high up) it takes a bit before you can do much more than take two steps and stare at the scenery.

There is some light ditching on Thursday night, people fight until it's to dark to see. Then it's time to do that thing we do every night, wander the earth like Cain in Kung Fu. I meet people from various Kingdoms and states, even the Wisconsin people showed (you might remember them from spring war). Most are trying to find a flat spot to put their tents, but since we are in a valley that's a bit difficult.

I spent most of the night trying to stay awake on gate duty, Though I felt that my sacrifice wasn't really worth it since only two cars came through. At about eight am Mezzi arrived to relive us and feed us full of breakfast tacos and we got free t-shirts for our trouble. I tried to get a few hours sleep, but who can slumber through Forest's cackle?

We all pulled ourselves out of bed and wandered down to the field for some early ditching. The fighting was good, mostly good attitudes and more than a few newbies interspersed among the warlords. Around noon Brennan pulled together an impromptu monarchs meeting, witch we sat in on for a few hours, it seemed like we got some stuff done.

However it did seem to hold up the following events, The team ditch tourney came first, I believe the GCA/Green Dragon team won, it was run by Kade (BL?). The woman's tourney, run by Sir Boots (Monarch GP), started soon after, on a kingdom side note, Yami (TF/CK) placed in two of the events, 3rd in open and 2nd in draw. There was monster battle, run by Elder (EH) witch people seemed to enjoy, and a lot more ditching. As soon as the lights went out Bardic and drinking began.

On Saturday there was a warlord battle (if you've ever played in an overlord battle, or team kill your killer, it's the same thing) also run by Kade (BL?) and as always Forest War (EH) This year the it was the GCA's and friends against McFadden (Monarch, EH) after one throw the McFadden team surrendered, and both teams joined forces against Dragonspine for switching sides. After some small opposition (read none) the GCA/McFadden/Everybody else team won. After all this a whole other impromptu mutual annihilation battle game was run. And then for the second night in a row, lighted ditching!

In short, without all my rambling Clan was AWESOME. All the proposed events went off with out their usual hitches. And the fighting was clean, clean I tell you! The event was small but still carried some big names, and the attitudes were great. The only people who had problems calling shots were noobs who didn't know what they were doing yet and didn't mind some redirection. Next year Clan will have an open schedule, with people from all over running what they do best. So

if anyone has something that they would like to contribute, please contact Kurse@hotmail.com. Incidentally I will be hosting the women's tourney.

The one dark spot of the event; our stuff got stolen! We are missing two shields and weapon bag. Clalibus lost a shield that he's had for almost 8 years, and this was the first weekend that Yami actually got to use hers. So if anyone you know magically acquired new stuff this year beat him or her about the head and shoulders and please send it back.

Shield one Neon (witch at one point was covered with black spray paint) green snow disk with darkened leather arm strap and comfy soft rubber orange and brown handle. The cover was (if they kept it) black with and embroidered gray torch.

Shield two: Dark blue snow disk with a snowflake on the inside traced with a sharpie marker. The handle was plain black plastic and the leather armband was not dyed, and the holes were burned through with a soldering iron. The cover (again if they bothered to keep it) was made of blue and white trigger on the front was painted with the name 'Yami' on a scroll and a girl stick figure standing on a pile of dead boy stick figures.

Also Solice's giant green army bag full of swords, and his gloves.

So next year GO TO CLAN.
Lady Defender Linden Tul Esq.



"They might have their own Names, but they are bound by her own Entity. They ARE Scarlet. Only Hoo is different. She feels that though they were once together, they are now only linked. The mysteries of the trolls have made Hoo her own creature and now mostly separate."

Greetings from the GM of Monsters!

I would like to thank all the help I have received on creating the CK Appendix to the Dor Un Avathar.

shameless plug

http://www.geocities.com/annilliana_of_the_wilds/ckdorunavathar/ckdorunavathar2.html

Yeah, its long and stinky but I'll eventually get it sent to the new Webmaster of the CK for integration with the CK Site.

For those who enjoy having longish pointy ears on monsters I have included (see the back cover of the newsletter) a leather ear pattern I have been working on to help assist with the construction of simple lightweight pointy ears that don't cost you 10 dollars or require spirit gum... This pattern may not be to scale in printing and may need slight tweaking to fit your own ears... The long tongue of leather goes behind your Ear, and the short comes down in front. the curve of the leather should sit behind the shell of your ear. The 2 holes near the middle of the curve go on a headband to secure the ears to your head. The other holes allow you to do some creative jewelry to pull the leather earpiece into a curl around your ear. Or you can soak and clothespin the ear and allow to dry to form it into a curl. This piece can be augmented with a second piece attached to cover your real ear though I omitted this to keep the project simple and lightweight.

Have fun and I hope to see more garb out there!

Hoo Troll and her friend

Baronet Squire Scarlet Ethindale Tannon Stormblade

World Banner Wars V

The Art of War

October 7-10, 2004

Tanglewood Forest

hosted by the Kingdom of the Emerald Hills

\$15/person, which includes access to all activities and Feast

The World Banner War begins at 12pm (noon) Saturday, October 9th:

Team sign in is from 10am to 11am and Armor/Weapons check is at 11am.

Autocrats

The Autocrats of World Banner Wars V are the Justicars. They can be reached via email at worldbannerwars@nondescript.net

Tanglewood Forest

Tanglewood Forest is the Emerald Hills' event site, located at Silver City, Texas, a few miles outside Corsicana, Texas.

It is located x hours from Dallas airports, or x hours from Austin airports.

Tanglewood Forest has cleared areas for camping, a lit area for all-night ditching, and running water at the gate. Port-a-potties will be provided for the event.

How to get here

1. Take I-35 NORTH to Hwy. 31 in Waco.
2. Take Hwy. 31 EAST to FM 3050 near Silver City.
3. Take a LEFT onto FM 3050 ~ drive 0.5 miles
4. Then take the FIRST RIGHT (3055) ~ drive 0.5 miles
5. Tanglewood Forest will be on your LEFT.

Rules of Tanglewood Forest

1. Keep the grounds clean. Do not put cigarette butts on the ground! Use a pouch or your pocket!
2. Please keep any music you play at a level as to not be heard beyond your campsite.
3. Upon vacating your campsite, make sure all trash is bagged and then drop it off in the trash trailer on your way out.
4. Watch Your Step: Be very careful of potential hazards such as burrow holes, stumps, uneven ground, etc. This is particularly important if you plan to consume alcohol.

5. *Plant life and wild animals abound! Be on the watch for poisonous plants, spiders, and insects, and remember that leaving food outside and uncovered may attract wild animals, stray dogs, and ants!*
6. *Take reasonable measures to protect your belongings. Neither Tanglewood Forest nor its lessees nor any of their constituent members can make any guarantees about your safety or the safety of your possessions while you are in attendance at a Tanglewood Forest event, and you attend such events entirely at your own risk.*
7. *All federal, state, and local laws are still in effect at Tanglewood Forest.*
8. *By attending a Tanglewood Forest event, you acknowledge and accept the above rules, and further acknowledge and accept that under the site owner's agreement with his lessees, the site owner may remove anyone from his land at any time for any reason and without warning. This acknowledgement and acceptance is given by means of your presence at the event, even if you do not "sign in" as an official attendant.*

Additional information may be found at <http://www.tanglewoodforest.org/>.

Schedule

Thursday

4 pm Gate opens

9 pm Shaolin Showdown

Friday

All Day Make and Take Workshop

2pm Five Man Tourney

6pm Armour Tourney

9pm Iron-man Tourney

Saturday

10am - 11am Sign in for War

11am - 12pm Armour and Weapons Check

12 pm World Banner War!

4 pm Chain Mail Workshop (Beginners)

6 pm Chain Mail Workshop (Advanced)

7 pm Feast

Sunday

12 pm Site closed

Visit the World Banner Wars website at <http://www.worldbannerwars.com> for more information about the event, including the Rules of the Game...

Serpent Knights' Arts and Sciences Tournament

Hosted by the Barony of Tori-Mar and Don Diego Velazquez

Basic Info:

Location: Walnut Creek Park in Austin, Texas (12138 N Lamar Blvd)

Date: Saturday, September 18, 2004 (that's a week earlier than before)

Time: Sign in from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., judging from 1 p.m. till we finish

Categories:

Fighting Weapons: Amtgard legal weapons meeting CK specs (2" diameter minimum)

Shield Construction: Amtgard legal shield meeting CK specs

Armor : leather, metal, or cloth armor, please include your estimated point value

Active Construction: construction items with moving parts such as siege engines, books, puppets, etc.

Passive Construction: construction items with non-moving parts such as thrones, pillows, boots, small models, ceramics, masks, etc.

Fighting Garb: garb intended for field or fighting use

Court Garb: garb intended for formal or court use

Fighting Accessory: items intended for use on the battlefield such as wands, spellbooks, pouches, etc.

Court Accessory: items intended for use in court such as sashes, coronets, fine boots, gloves, etc.

2-D Art (including photos): drawings, sketches, painting, photographs, or prints

3-D Art (including relief art): standing art or shallow relief sculpture

Smith (for write ups): writing based on battlegame scenarios or written work intended to be instructional in nature: no more than 5 pages, including illustrations

Writing (both fiction and non-fiction): fictional stories or historical essays, poems, or songs: no more than 2 pages in total length

Bardic (spoken word and song): performance of songs, poems, or theater segments: should run no longer than 5 minutes per piece

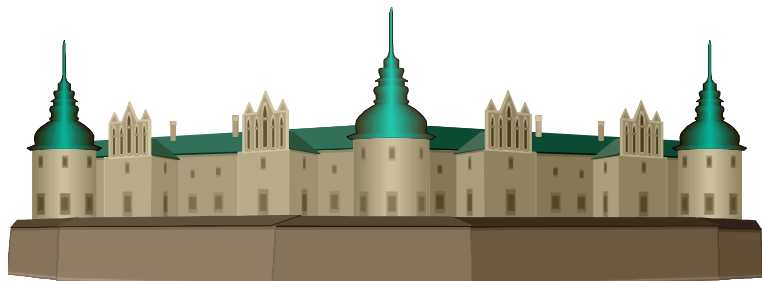
Basic Requirements:

1. Entries may have been judged in a previous arts and sciences tourney, but you must declare any awards the piece may have already won
2. All entries must have been created within 12 months prior to the tourney date
3. No more than 2 entries per category will count towards tourney points
4. Placement will be awarded to the contestant with the highest average among their top 8 entries (you must enter at least 8 entries to place)
5. No more than 15 entries total per contestant (we want to go home too!)
6. One “best in show” award will be chosen by the judges; a tie will be broken by yours truly
7. You must provide your record sheet, current to the month of September 2004, in order to register your items. These sheets must have the signature of your local seneschal, prime minister, or paper pusher.

Event Updates:

Three months down, three to go. Still interested in the prize, or are you cracking under the pressure? Better take note that the date has changed. Tori Mar is now a Saturday park, so we’ve moved the event forward one week. Hope it doesn’t clash with your timetable. So far, the CK has managed to raise \$190 to this effort. We’re gunning for \$400. First place wins a cash prize of 40% of the purse. Second place wins 30%, and third wins 20%. And the “best in show” award wins the final 10%. Better get to it. If you don’t win, somebody else will.

Don Diego Velazquez, Serpent Knight



Harvest War IX

August 26-29th in Jemez Springs, New Mexico

This year Harvest War is being held at YMCA Camp Shaver which is located under Battleship Rock near Jemez Springs, New Mexico. There are showers and fishing on site. We also have 9 cabins with 10 beds each. More information on getting a cabin for your groups use will be added soon.

Event cost is \$20 (subject to change) per person, with children 12 and under being only \$5.

Directions to the event...

Albuquerque and Points South

- ☀ Take I-25 North from Albuquerque
- ☀ Take Exit #242 to NM-44/550 West
- ☀ Continue about 22 miles
- ☀ Turn right onto NM-4
- ☀ Continue about 22.8 miles
- ☀ Camp Shaver will be on your right

Santa Fe and Points North

- ☀ Take US 84/285 North from Santa Fe
- ☀ Continue about 13 miles
- ☀ Turn left onto NM-502 West
- ☀ Continue for 18.5 miles
- ☀ Turn right to NM-501 /W Jemez Rd
- ☀ Continue for 4.3 miles
- ☀ Turn right onto NM-4
- ☀ Continue for 26 miles
- ☀ Camp Shaver will be on your left

Event Director = Skywalker

Innkeeper = Teliel

Head Chirurgeon= Open

Head Entertainer = Alexar

Head Guard = Open

Games Master = Open

Amtgard Liaison/Webmaster = Glenalth

Features of this year's event:

Cabins!

The camp has 9 cabins available with 10 beds each. Information on reserving cabins for your groups use will be posted soon.

Viking Games!

The Viking Games are back after a 3-year hiatus. Pull Man, Axe Throw, Stone Throw, Axe Duel, Spear Throw, and Pillage Run events.

Entertainment!

Mistress Jade and her drumming circle. Mia and her dancing troupe, Las Gitanas. Sara, Jewel of the Nile will be there as a dancer and merchant. Plus the return of Nightmares Bar.

Food!

The Randy Pegasus Tavern will be open during the event, selling hot food so that you don't have to make your own.

Personal Hygiene!

Showers on site, hot springs nearby.

Merchants should contact Alexar at **drin@aol.com** for information on the merchant program for the event.

Please direct any questions about the event to:

harvestwar@pegasusvalley.com

Harvest War Website:

<http://www.pegasusvalley.com/hw/>



Summer of Our Discontent Campaign

At Coronation, Colonel took for himself the title of King (aka Dark Overlord of the CK), and dismissed Linden from his service. In response she stood up at the end of his court and declared him to be a usurper and tyrant. She went on to proclaim herself Arion's heir, and as such the rightful Queen of the Celestial Kingdom. Colonel immediately declared her to be a traitor to the crown, but was unable to take her into custody due to the intervention of nearly a third of those individuals attending court. As a result the rebels escaped into the outer provinces and even now plot to wrest the crown from Colonel's iron grasp.

Well now that the battle lines are drawn, what happens now?

As Champion I will be running a reign long campaign of battle games through out the kingdom to determine the outcome of Linden's proclamation of Civil War.

How does this work?

Summer of our discontent will be a multi-part campaign, that will be played out in a series of battle games held in each province, the Kingdom Quest, and two wars held at Mid-reign and Coronation.

The battle for the provinces:

Colonel intends to visit each park twice, during one of those visits we will have a battle game to determine which side controls that province for the rest of the reign. This is important because each province has material that will prove crucial to the war effort. These materials take many forms including that of minor "relics" that can be used in selected battles through out the campaign. As you can imagine the side controlling the most provinces has a much better chance of winning future engagements.

The Pretender's War: At Midreign Linden's leadership of the rebellion will be contested by Bromhir! Who will win this deadly duel for dominance over the rebel forces? Complete details will be announced later.

End Game War: The winner of the pretender's war will go on to fight Colonel's loyalists in the final battle of our campaign. The victor of this battle will help decide the future of the Celestial Kingdom! As with the Pretender's War, complete details will be announced later.

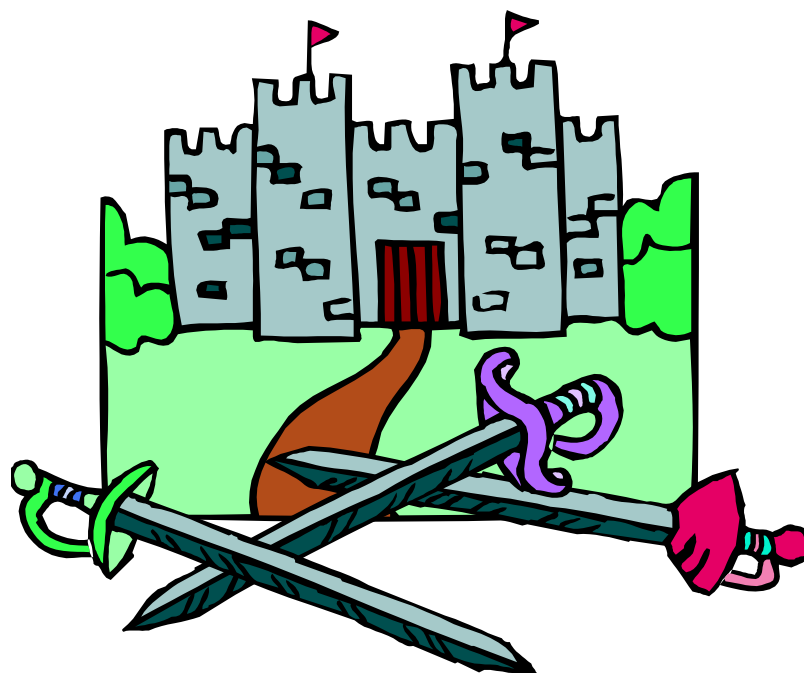
Regarding Game Balance:

No one likes playing in games that are completely over matched. As champion I therefore reserve the right to balance the number of players, archers, and magic users to insure that the base elements of the battle are completely fair. Principle parties to the story arch (Colonel, Linden, FT, Bromhir, etc) are fixtures of their team, and will not be moved even for game balance. Likewise out of kingdom players who come to Mid-Reign or Coronation are also immune to being transferred to another team for balance issues. Yes, that does mean that out of kingdom participants could mean a big edge for one side or the other. I realize that isn't especially fair but at the same time this is a campaign and campaigns rewards players who spend the most time and effort working toward victory. So what are you waiting for, get out there and start hiring mercs!

The Rebellion fresh from its victory at Avalon's Gate, immediately marched west in an attempt to beat the Colonel's army from consolidating its position at Talon Field. They were aided in this by a series of very informative messages from someone calling himself "Sinbad the Sailor". The messages contain troop movements, intelligence and helpful advice for avoiding the ACK's fixed defenses. It seems clear as good glass that "Sinbad" must be a member of Colonel's high command if not the Monarchy its self. Until further notice due to Sinbad's warnings the rebels each have two passes with out trace per game.

Even so the self styled "dark overlord" is not with allies of his own. Chief among the Crown's new supporters are a powerful and evil group magic users known as the Fell Brethren. The Brethren provide the Crown with magic superiority, and make it very difficult for the rebels to bring the ACK into open battle with out facing over whelming odds. Of late they have also begun to serve as a part of his Praetorian guard. As a result Colonel's side enjoys an additional number of free wizard enchantments each game. The number and type of enchantments will vary depending on the scenario.

Ultimately the rebel raiding party lead by Linden and Bromhir met Colonel's retinue on the plains of Talon Field, and were decidedly beaten in no small part due to the magic superiority enjoyed by the crown. It is clear that the Brethren will have to be neutralized before Colonel can suffer any significant defeat. I should probably mention that home provinces may not be contested. Thus we are presently tied at 2 to 2. The crown controls Gates of Solaris and Talon Field, while the Rebellion controls Tori-Mar and Avalon's Gate.



Campsite Cuisine

Campfire cookery for events

Unless one is willing to make runs to McDonalds, getting fed before Feast can be quite a trick. (Especially if you arrive on Friday.) For those of us unwilling, or unable to drive into town for six dollars worth of nuked meat and grease-drowned potatoes, I present a few alternatives that, with little or no preparation ahead of time, can be cooked on site over your own campfire or portable grill.

Hobo Chicken:

Outdoors cooking without the mess! Chicken breasts topped with peppered bacon are sealed together with potatoes, carrots, and onions in individual foil pouches. Perfect for the grill, or even right on the campfire coals.

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

1 pound peppered bacon
3 medium potatoes, chopped
3 medium carrots, peeled and chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1/2 cup butter
Garlic salt to taste

Directions:

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, cook the bacon until evenly brown. Drain, chop coarsely, and set aside.
2. On 4 large squares of heavy-duty aluminum foil, evenly distribute the potatoes, carrots, and onion. Arrange the chicken breasts over the vegetables, and sprinkle with the chopped bacon. Top each with 2 tablespoons butter, and season with garlic salt. Fold the foil over the ingredients, and tightly seal.
3. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat.
4. Place foil packets on the grill, and cook for 20 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear.

Campfire Green Beans:

Five minute preparation at home, then into a plastic baggie for transport, and heat over an open fire!!! Yum!!! Please don't try to use frozen green beans - it just doesn't work. You can turn this dish into a complete meal by adding sliced sautéed chicken.

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large sweet onion, diced
1 clove garlic, chopped
1/4 cup slivered almonds
3 (14.5 ounce) cans French-style green beans, drained
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Pour in olive oil, and then mix in onion, garlic, and almonds. Sauté until onions are translucent, about 5 minutes.
2. Stir in green beans and season with salt and pepper. Cover skillet with lid and cook for 3 minutes, stirring a few times so mixture doesn't burn. Transfer mixture to a shallow dish and place in refrigerator to cool. When cool, pack into a re-sealable bag.
3. At campsite, heat a skillet over the fire or camp stove, dump in contents of bag, and cook just until heated through.

Tin Foil Stew:

This recipe is great when camping, or at home. The recipe is for one serving, so adjust accordingly.

Servings: 1

Ingredients:

6 ounces blade roast, trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
1 potato, cubed
2 carrots, sliced
1 onion, chopped
1 clove crushed garlic
1 pinch salt

- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon water

Directions:

1. On a large square sheet of foil, layer beef, potato cubes, carrots, onion and garlic. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, top with butter and a tablespoon of water.
2. Roll edges of tin foil together and seal tightly.
3. Bury it in campfire coals or put in a preheated oven at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). For either cooking method, cooking time is about 1 hour. You can eat it right out of the foil, or empty it into a dish.

Garlic-Roasted Potatoes:

A great tasting veggie-kabob that is the perfect side dish!

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 1 pound red or white new potatoes, 1 ½" diameter
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp of minced garlic
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp rosemary leaves
- 6 shish-kabob skewers

Directions:

1. Cut potatoes in half and place in medium bowl. Add 2 tbsp of olive oil and garlic, season with salt and pepper to taste.
2. Finely chop 2 tbsp worth of rosemary leaves and add to bowl. Toss potatoes to cover with mixture.
3. Thread potatoes onto skewers and grill directly over medium heat (just to the side of direct flame) until skins begin to brown and crisp. (About 25-30 minutes)
4. Pour vinegar into small sauté pan over high heat (direct flame) and boil till reduced to about 2 tbsp (about 4 minutes). Pour remaining oil onto serving platter to form thin layer.

5. Sprinkle oil with salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle warm vinegar over oil.
6. Place skewers on platter and turn in oil and vinegar. Serve Immediately.

Bourbon B.B.Q Beans:

What is campfire cooking with out baked beans? What is an Amtgard event with out a little booze? Combine the two for a great tasting side dish.

Servings: 4 to 6

Ingredients:

- 4 slices of bacon (3 oz) diced into ½" pieces
- 1 cup diced yellow onions
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- ½ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup dark molasses
- ¼ cup yellow mustard
- ¼ cup bourbon
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cans (28 oz) baked beans
- ½ tsp Tabasco sauce
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- Mesquite or hickory chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes (add to grill or fire)

Directions:

1. In large sauté pan, over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy (10 minutes). Add onions and garlic and cook until soft (5 minutes).
2. Add ketchup, molasses, mustard, bourbon, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce and Tabasco. Bring to a boil, remove from direct flame and simmer for 5 minutes.
3. In pot, add to beans and stir to combine. Place pot over indirect flame and cook for 1 ½ to 2 hours. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Yum Yum Veggie Foils:

A delicious and pretty veggie dish to serve at any barbecue.

Servings: 7

Ingredients:

3 white onions, sliced to 1/4 inch thickness
9 frozen small corn cobs
1/2 pound snow peas
3 tablespoons butter
seasoning salt to taste
2 cubes ice

Directions:

1. Lightly oil grill and preheat to high.
2. Place onion slices on a large sheet of aluminum foil; bring up edges of foil a bit to form a foil 'package'. Add corn and snow peas to onions. Place butter or margarine on top, spread out. Season with seasoned salt to taste, then lay ice cubes on top of the whole thing. Seal well in a foil 'packet'.
3. Place foil packet on top shelf of preheated grill while cooking your favorite meats; grill until corn is firm but tender. Open foil packet and serve!



Celestial Kingdom Calendar of Events Winter Reign 2004

August

06-08 CK Mid Reign
15 CK Quest at Tori-Mar
21-22 Murky Waters Visit
28 Mystic Springs Visit
29 CK Juggling at Traitor's Gate

September

04-05 Wetlands Mid Reign *Tentative Date*
05 Talonfield Visit
11-12 Bifost Visit
17-19 EH Mid Reign
18 Serpent Knights A & S Tournament at Tori-Mar
19 Dragon's Haven Visit

October

02-03 Holiday Weekend
07-10 World Banner Wars V
16-17 CK Quals *Location TBA*
23-24 Avalon's Gate Visit
29-31 CK Coronation



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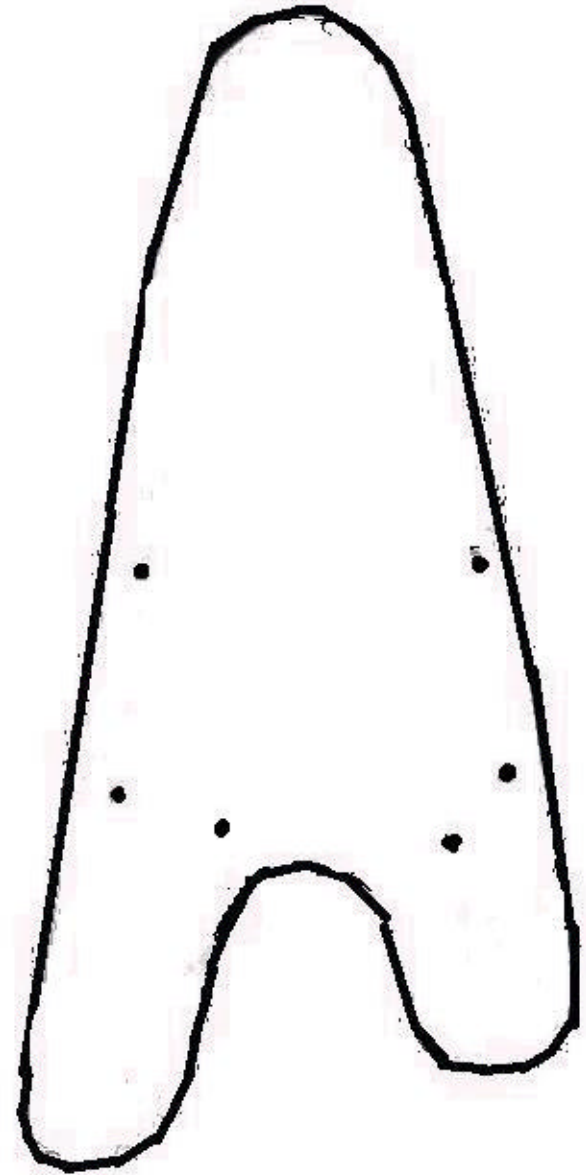
(As of August 5th, 2004)

PROVINCE	PERSONA	MUNDANE	PAID THRU
Avalon's Gates	Burg	David Smith	10/31/2004
Avalon's Gates	Cadia	Joyce Taylor	10/25/2004
Avalon's Gates	Iiridian	Rob Krempa	10/25/2004
Avalon's Gates	Ke-She	Irlen Keys	10/31/2004
Avalon's Gates	Lok	Jeremiah Halsley	10/25/2004
Avalon's Gates	Wanderer	Wallace Cady	10/25/2004
Avalon's Gates	Wilhelm	Kenneth Keys	10/31/2004
Avalon's Gates	Yonnah	Jean Smith	10/31/2006
Bifost	Brother Stephon	Steve Widener	3/1/2005
Dragons Haven	Oriana	Marie White	4/30/2007
Freeholder	Belkev	Kevin Lash	10/25/2004
Freeholder	Esuom	Mistie Brown	10/18/2004
Freeholder	Galen	Rebecca Thomas	10/25/2004
Freeholder	Lynae	Stephanie Beach	10/18/2004
Freeholder	Stella	Stella Dunn	10/31/2014
Freeholder	Tholden	Ray Dunn	10/31/2014
Griffons Keep	(None)	Pam Vasquez	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	(Unknown)	A.J. Root	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Raton	Jared Lawrence	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Chango	Randolph Spearing	10/7/2005
Griffons Keep	Diamond	April Heath	10/31/2006
Griffons Keep	Gaorian	Caleb Preiss	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Jadrienne	Jadrienne Preiss	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Jalen	Zac DeLaRosa	9/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Kanin	B.J. Waltersdorff	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Maskaleynne	David Castillo	8/18/2004
Griffons Keep	Qalor	Chas Heath	10/31/2006
Griffons Keep	Qualin	David Blevins	8/18/2004
Murky Waters	Aurora	Laura Jackson	9/14/2004
Murky Waters	Lily	Angela Edwards	9/14/2004
Murky Waters	Sweetleaf	Sylvia Rose Oliver	9/14/2004
Mystic Springs	Bryanna	DeAnna Dobie	10/3/2004
Mystic Springs	Ethan	Clark Johnson	8/29/2005
Mystic Springs	Kira	Audrey Brown	8/24/2004
Mystic Springs	Maladon	Eric Atkisson	8/24/2004
Mystic Springs	Sludig	William Dobie	10/3/2004

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Talonfield	Aylia	Terri Peters	1/1/2020
Talonfield	Earthious	Logan Woods	10/25/2004
Talonfield	Lodar	Josh Parkinson	10/25/2004
Talonfield	Sims	Josiah Cook	10/25/2004
Talonfield	Thun	Jason Peters	1/1/2020
Talonfield	Wolfbane	Brad Woodruff	10/25/2004
Tori Mar	Arthon	Harry Plumbley	10/25/2004
Tori Mar	Bael	Ryan Christian	1/18/2005
Tori Mar	Calidor	Matt Turner	1/18/2005
Tori Mar	Clalibus	Benjamin Pomerantz	4/30/2009
Tori Mar	Dalos	James Mosqueda	10/25/2004
Tori Mar	Dizzy	Sergeo Hernandez	10/25/2004
Tori Mar	Durin	Patrick Davison	12/31/2014
Tori Mar	Kercie (Woody)	John Eric Carter	2/7/2005
Tori Mar	Linden	Kristin Siegrist	10/31/2007
Tori Mar	Nightshade	Elizabeth Adams	10/31/2006
Tori Mar	Rand	Shawn Cavitt	8/7/2004
Tori Mar	Rufus	Todd Barr	12/31/2014
Tori Mar	Selene	Julie Graham	8/7/2004
Tori Mar	Tiberius	Gary Augensten	10/31/2005
Traitors Gate	Bromhir	Doug Bedingfield	<i>REGENT</i>
Traitors Gate	Colonel	Frank Almonte	<i>MONARCH</i>
Traitors Gate	Emerald	Jaymee Baxley	3/28/2005
Traitors Gate	Father Thomas	Tom Larrison	3/28/2005
Traitors Gate	Mistress Wynd	Sharron Larrison	3/28/2005
Traitors Gate	Scarecrow	Chris McDaniel	12/18/2004
Traitors Gate	Scarlet	Ann Marie Leininger	10/25/2004
Traitors Gate	Weasel	Justin Gardner	1/18/2005
Traitors Gate	Xenith	Eryka Baxley	3/28/2005



NOTES:



Leather Ear Pattern (courtesy of the GM of Monsters)