

ESKALYAN CHRONICLE

Barony of Eskalya, Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

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Being an Event Steward, part II - the Site

I shall be an autocrat: that's my trade. And the good Lord will forgive me: that's his.

- Catherine the Great

Finding a site can be the most absolutely frustrating part of putting together an event. However, if you're patient and have a system, it's not nearly so bad.

The first thing to do is to determine what activity you want to be the focus of the event. Sometimes this is pretty clear, Time for Tudor is about dancing, Baroness' Champion is about fighting, and Collegium is about classes. Other events are a little more free form.

Once you have this firm in mind, you can decide what type of site to search for. In

general you want to look for a site that has a large open room, ample parking, and is easily accessible by those with special needs. Since our events are almost always on Saturdays, Churches are often good choices as they will usually have a fellowship or parish hall that is separate from the chapel. Schools are also good choices, though ASD's rates tend to run fairly steep. In the summer months, park pavilions are perfect as they offer some shelter from the elements but do not cost large sums of money.

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From our Correspondent Summer Coronet ASXLVI

Summer Coronet 2012 dawned bright and muggy, traditional South-central weather in July. Canvas was going up by mid-day Friday and by Friday night the site was live. Speaking of Friday night, it sounded like quite the shindig was going on under Comitatus Central, however this correspondent was not there to say who all attended. Saturday's fighting was delightful. A small but honorable list of

fighters put on quite the show for the gallery. In the end it was Rurik Varyag fighting for his lady Trava Zapedova who took the day over our own Soren j Alborgh fighting for Alienor fitzHenry. A hearty congratulations to our newest Prince and Princess! Saturday's court was made all the better for Their Majesties' attendance. Resplendent in simple 15th century cottes, they presided over

the dunking of the Knights of the North and the hatching of the Principality's newest Pelican. Saturday night brought the biggest excitement however as four newcomers repeatedly paraded through site in their fine black fur coats. One wonders if the bear theme on Cynehild's tunic did not perhaps attract some unwanted attention... A grateful thanks to all those who chased the visitors away!

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Special points of interest:

- Bears! I say there were bears at Coronet!
- Scintillating is a fun word. So is susurrus.
- According to the TV, Thor wore some pretty funny armor.
- They're playing Shakespeare at Century 16 this summer, who's in?



The Site, continued

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A cautionary note on private land. Many people are uncomfortable attending events at a private home. For this reason, and for reasons of insurance, private land and residences should be avoided unless there is no other option available.

When contacting sites you are interested in, be professional, this goes a long way to gaining the site owner's confidence. It sometimes helps to contact sites with which you have personal connections (your church, or a school you volunteer at) as these connections can sometimes get you a lower rate.

When looking for a site I usually make a spreadsheet, I start by calling places I have a connection with and that our group has used before. I keep track of availability and cost. If my first choice for site is too expensive or is not available, I move on but politely thank the owner of the unavailable site for their time so they remember our group more fondly.

If I can't find a site among the places I have a relationship with, I'll usually start calling sites we've used before.

When you reach this step, it's a good idea to contact the event steward who last used this site for advice on who to talk to. If this doesn't pan out, I just start calling people, being polite and patient as I can.

Some questions to ask site owners:

How much is the hourly/daily rate?

Is the site accessible to people with mobility issues?

Does the site have good parking?

Is there somewhere you can see pictures?

Do they have a standard contract?

If they are unfamiliar with us, can you provide them with anything that explains our group?

Would they like a copy of our insurance certificate?

Next time: Part III, Making a list and checking it twice!

Upcoming Baronial Events

Fighter Practice:

Thursday nights at Chugach Foothills Park (Where Muldoon meets Tudor), 7 PM. Both rattan and rapier fighters are welcome for drills, discussion, and free fighting. Contact the marshal, Sir Soren at marshal@eskalya.org for more information.

A&S nights:

August: Wine making with Alienor

October: Body blocks with Cynehild

November: Cooking with Annora

Times and locations vary, contact Lady Anna Nari at annaharie@gmail.com for more information.

Scribal nights:

Third Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Syr Verica of Lighthaven. Contact her at wingedcup3@yahoo.com for directions and more information.

Bardic nights:

First Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Mistress Anne of Bradford. Contact her at quidnon@gci.net for directions and more information.

Fighter Philosophy nights:

Last Monday of the month (unless otherwise announced) at 7 PM at the home of Mistress Sorcha Careman. Contact her at sorcha@bearsteel.org for more information.

JBER Demo:

1-4 PM on Saturday, August 6 at Bldg 7 on Fort Rich.

There are a number of individuals in the Barony with base access, including (but not limited to) Their Excellencies and Lord Colyne, I recommend contacting them regarding transportation.

Big Wild Life Demo/Water Station:

7:30 AM - 3:30 (ish) PM, August 21 at Davenport Fields Park (Anchorage)

Come for part or all of the day to pass out water and Gatorade to runners in the Big Wild Life Marathon, Half-

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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the Barony of Eskalya,

We'll it's been a fair summer so far. Thursday night fighter practice at Chugach Foothills Park has been well attended by both armored and rapier combatants alike. Our thanks also to the local Chivalry for investing the time and energy to develop the heavy community as well. A recent practice even saw Sir Viresse taking Christian as a squire. Thanks also to Don Alaryn, Sebastian, Angela, and Baroness Etain for entertaining Baron Breock on the rapier field. Also thanks also to those who just come out to socialize. We're gaining a good reputation in the local neighborhood; let's make certain we police the area well aft practice for any trash.

There are two more opportunities to show the Barony off this month. Saturday, August 6th will see a demo the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Consolidated Library's Summer Reading Program finale, a Renaissance Festival on base from 130-430pm. The library staff expects to have at least 100 children and adults in attendance. Please consider attending to show off your armor and skill at arms as well as your favorite art and craft.

On Sunday August 21, we will be hosting the aid station at Davenport Fields for the Anchorage Running Club's Big Wild Life Run on August 21 as we did last year. As those who attended last year can attest it was a great experience. Come and spend a bit f your day with us and help cheer (and water) the runners! Thanks to Mistress Caitriona for efforts to organize this opportunity.

We also would like to encourage everyone to attend the next Officer/Populace meeting on Friday, August 19th at 7pm at the UAA Project Management Offices at the University Center. We are soliciting letters of intent for Our Baronial Heirs (due to the seneschal and ourselves no later than 1 September). Interested individuals should make it a point to attend and introduce themselves and their intentions to the Baronial Officer Corps. Please contact Lady Lilandra or us for more info.

Other things on the horizon, we skipped the 3 Baron's

Fair this year due to the lack of anyone with the time and energy to serve as an organizer. If you missed showing off the SCA at the Faire and would like to see us participate volunteering to head up the faire organization would be a rewarding experience. We believe we could have a great faire presence with the right person heading this up and start to organize and arrange the encampment and demos now. Baron Breock would be glad to provide advice to anyone willing to take this on.

In humble service to the Barony of Eskalya,

Breock of Whitby and Margaret Anne of Somerset,
Baron and Baroness of Eskalya

From the Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion

Greetings!

As the wheel of the year turns, I am happy to announce the contest for the next Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion. This year I ask you to look to yourself for your inspiration and create three items that would have been known to your persona. Don't have a persona? Don't worry, just pick three items from a single time and place and go wild!

Brief documentation is requested, it need not be more than a paragraph.

Being the Arts and Sciences Champion is a fun, low stress way to serve the Barony. If you're interested, bring your three items to Yule and go for glory!

Cynehild, Eskalyan Arts and Sciences Champion

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Marathon, and 5K. Based on last year's experience, it is recommended that you wear layers of garb that can be washed, aprons are highly recommended!



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**When asked if angels dance on the head of a pin, the answer should always be:
“Only the Korobushka!”**

Regnum

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