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The Guardian

The newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

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From the Prince and Princess...

Greetings from Gregor and Bella, Prince and Princess of Oertha!

We are excited to enter into the Samhain/Yule seasons! We Oerthans do thrive so well in the cold months! We are eager to see the Hospitality and Generosity that is Oertha shine ever bright during Yule especially! Princess Bella asks that all children join her at each Yule event! She will bring her magic snowballs and have a wonderful 'Magic Snowball Fight' with all the treasures who wish to join in! The young at heart of invited to join in if they wish.

Beyond the Yule season comes the Tourney to decide our Heirs. Join us on January 17th-19th in the Barony Selviergard for Winter Coronet and Investiture! His Highness wishes it known, in order to give the entrants time to prepare, the conventions of combat:

We task each fighter to bring their TWO very best weapon styles. You cannot use the same style back to back. For instance you bring sword and shield for your first style, and for your second you bring great sword. You can choose which style you start out with. You just can't use the same style back to back as you progress through the Tournament. Weapon styles reset for finals. Both contestants will get to choose their first round styles. From there you can not use the same style back to back until there is a victor declared.

The portion above is set in stone and will not change. The second convention is completely weather dependent.

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Prince and Princess, Continued

If we have good weather and the temperature is above 20ish degrees I would like to see each round be best two out of three. With a best three out of five for finals. If we have very cold weather we will do the standard double elimination with a two out of three finals.

Go forth and prepare your best two styles for this Coronet! We wish all fighters and consorts the very best!

Also know there will be no need to submit a Letter of Intent. Save your glorious words for the populace during Invocation! Our lists are open to all Oerthans who wish to enter! Just make sure to have everything in order for the list table when it opens Saturday morning.

We look forward to seeing the populace enjoy the bounties of the food stored away for the coming feasts, and the good times to be shared by all!

Gregor and Bella

Prince and Princess of Oertha



Newcomer's Feast

October 12, 2019
Shire of Pavlok Gorod

This is the autumn get-together where we eat, sing songs, and fight each other. There will be an A&S table with crafts to keep your fingers busy. Rapier fighting will commence at 10 AM. Armor inspection begins at 9 AM.

The feast will be potluck. Please contact the Event Steward to let her know what you plan to bring.

Potluck feast will begin at 1 PM. Bardic begins at 3 PM. Please contact the Event Steward with any food allergies.

Site Information: Kodiak Christian Fellowship Church (2320 Mill Bay Rd., Kodiak AK 99615).

Site opens at 9 AM and closes 7 PM

Directions: From the Benny Benson Kodiak State Airport turn right onto Rezanof Dr. heading Eastbound toward town. Continue on Rezanof Drive West for just under 5 miles until you come to the Y intersection. Merge Left onto Mill Bay Rd. Continue on Mill Bay Rd. for about 2 miles. Kodiak Christian Fellowship is on the right hand side of the road. They have a blue sign with their church name on it.

Event Registration: FREE

Event Steward: Caitlyn inghean Thomais (Hanna Clary)



Principality Law Change

A new section shall be added.

Section 2.25

Historian of Oertha

Presented to those who have earned recognition as a recorder of our Principality's history and who therefore have greatly enriched the Principality with the preservation of our wonderful history. The token for this award shall be an open book, argent.

BOARD COMMENTARY SOUGHT

The Board of Directors is currently requesting commentary with regard to the following the proposed policy addition to Corpora:

Non-Discrimination Policy

The SCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, size, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.

Please email all commentary to comments at comments@sca.org. Please use the title "Non-Discrimination Policy Proposal" in the subject line.

Do not use attachments in your commentary to comments@sca.org. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam. In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Non-Discrimination Policy
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Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora addition, whether sent by email or US Mail, must be received by the Board no later than January 1, 2020.

Calendar

October

October 12 **Newcomer's Feast**
Shire of Pavlok Gorod

October 19 **Samhain**
Barony of Eskalya

October 26 **Samhain**
Barony of Winter's Gate

November

November 2 Samhain
Barony of Selviergard

November 9 St Boniface Collegium
Barony of Winter's Gate

November 23 November Feast
Barony of Winter's Gate

December

December 7 **Bi-Baronial Yule**
Eskalya / Selviergard

December 28 Yule
Barony of Winter's Gate

January

January 11 Midwinter Revel
Shire of Pavlok Gorod

January 17-19 **Winter Coronet**
Principality of Oertha

Autocrats: It is important to advertise your events. Please send your event copy to your local chroniclers as well as ensuring that the event is listed on the Kingdom Calendar

Samhain

October 19, 2019
Barony of Eskalya

Barony of Eskalya celebrates Samhain on Saturday 19, 2019 at Jewel Lake Parish Church. Join us for feasting, fighting and revelry.

Let it be known the Baroness's Rapier Champion Tournament that was postponed from Baroness's Champion event in August will be held at this event at Her Excellency's request.

Feast will include provided roast and stuffed turkey and there will be Hungarian mushroom soup available as well. Please bring sides or desserts to share.

A – F Desserts;

G – L Vegetables;

M – S Bread, spreads, and cheeses;

T – Z Starches (rice, pasta, etc.)

Site Information: Jewel Lake Parish (3833 Strawberry Rd., Anchorage AK 99502).

Site opens at 11 AM and closes 8 PM

Directions: Take your best route to Minnesota Dr/Walter J. Hickel Pkwy. Take the Raspberry Rd exit keeping right at the fork. Turn left onto Jewel Lake Rd. Turn left onto Strawberry Rd. The Parish will be on the left.

Event Registration: Non-member registration is \$15; Member registration fee is \$10; Children under 18 attend free

Event Steward: Lena of Eskalya (Marjorie Poggas)



Samhain

October 26, 2019
Barony of Winter's Gate

The wheel of the year is turning towards the harvest. Come join us in a celebration of warmth, friendship, and remembrance. There will be gourd carving, dancing, fun games, and even a fire-pit to warm our hearts and hands. Competitions will include breads, table settings, mulled ciders, ghost stories (bardic), masks and harvest inspired clothing and accessories.

Site Information: Walden Estates Community Center (1108 Hampstead Avenue, Fairbanks AK 99701).

Site opens at NOON and closes at 11 PM

Feast will be a communal potluck. Please bring a dish, with ingredient list, that will feed at least eight.

The site is VERY discreetly wet.

Directions: Take best route to Johansson Expressway in Fairbanks. Exit (turn north) at Danby Rd. Turn right onto Bainbridge Blvd. The Community Center is at the intersection of Bainbridge and Hampstead.

Event Registration: Adult Event Registration: \$15, Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$10, Children 16 and under are free.

Autocrat: Margery Garret (mka Michele Griffin)





Welcome

Bear of Red House, Bard of the West

Welcome friends and foes and fairytales
Sword swingers and gate keepers,
Scholars, scribes, and skalds
Welcome lovers, makers, wanderers of moonless nights
And heedless passersby
Who thought only to stay for an evening
To watch the fae dance
And looked up years later realizing
There was more warmth under this canopy of turning light
Than in a thousand tightly knit blankets of human make

Welcome Aragorn and Alice, Pendragon and MacLeod,
Come sail a ship of dreams over an ocean of grass
To watch for dragon-fire
Bathe in glory and blood and conquest by sun
Only to be reborn by moon to feast on story and song
Fit to call Thor and Loki to Midgard
To sate their jealous thirst
Fall down a rabbit hole to pull a sword from a stone
And watch a boy named Wart
Fence with a Jabberwock around a campfire late at night
To save all of England from darkness
Wake to dew on the ground
And love's arms still tight around you and know
This is no mere dream
This is a story that lives and breathes
And shouts its joy and power out to the breathless sky
That echoes back our lives with gentle mist
And thunderstorms

Welcome Far Seer, Long Walker, World Breaker
Welcome to the other side of the Rabbit hole
Where everything they told you could never be
Is only the beginning of the next tale we will spin together
Welcome to the edge of the world
Where bashful stars hide behind sunbeams
And an impish moon sings bright songs
For those who listen
Welcome to a place where impossible is easy
And unthinkable is a challenge
Met by great folk with mad grins
And laughter fit to shake fruit from the world tree itself

Welcome all
Welcome to an end, a middle,
And possibly even a beginning
Welcome home



Oerthan Summer Coronet; Roman Style!

Event Report for the Principality of Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture

The Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West—The Principality once again gathered, and this time to the Barony of Eskalya, to celebrate the reign of Cruscillus and Vicana, the Prince and Princess of Oertha, and to welcome Their heirs as determined by Right of Combat. The theme of the event was Roman in honor of Their Highnesses and many of the populace members donned *togas* and *stolas* to celebrate.

Friday saw the arrival of many of the populace members as they set up pavilions and tents in preparation for a full weekend. While the weather was a bit muggy; everybody helped each the other to unpack and set up quickly so the evening could be enjoyed visiting friends at the Tundra Weasel Tavern or spent finishing the final touches on garb for the next day.



Court is about to begin at the Principality of Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture. July 20, 2019. Photograph by Ally of Selviergard.

Saturday morning was overcast and cool and brought the start of the event. Opening Court was called, and everybody gathered to witness the proceedings.

Announcements were given in court by Baroness Celestria of Eskalya, the autocrat for the event, where she gave an overview of the weekend's activities as well as the rules for the site. After the announcements Mistress Anna di Caterina Neri, the Seneschal of the Principality, came forward to announce a new award for the Principality of Oertha; the Historians of Oertha—an award bestowed upon those who collect and preserve the history of the Principality. With three cheers it was time to continue with the opening court of the day.

The fighters who would take part in the Coronet Tournament were called forward one by one to present themselves and the person who inspired them to the Prince and Princess of Oertha as well as the populace. When all fighters were presented the Invocation Ceremony took place with the fighters placing their hands on the Sword of State while the ceremony was proclaimed and then the pairings for the first round were chosen.



The Oath is given on the Sword of State in front of the Prince and Princess of Oertha before the start of the tournament. July 20, 2019. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

There was a brief amount of time between court and the tournament which allowed people to procure snacks and good seating as they prepared to witness the tournament for the Coronets of Oertha. The excitement for the imminent activity was tangible well before the tournament began.

The tournament consisted of nine fighters and was fought best two out of three, double elimination style. Skill, chivalry, honor, and valor were displayed by all combatants on the field. The number of combatants eventually dwindled down to three fighters to which a round robin would determine the finalist between Sir Bartram Sinclair, Sir Sevastian Agafangilovich Golytsin, and Sir Gregor Hawke.

The finals came down to Sir Gregor Hawke fighting for his lady, Viscountess Isabella Hawke and Sir Bartram Sinclair fighting for his inspiration Mistress Anna di Caterina Neri. The fighters took the field a final time and in the end it was Sir Gregor Hawke who won the tournament and both he and his lady were named Lord and Lady Borealis to be crowned as the 70th Prince and Princess of Oertha the next day.



The Lord and Lady Borealis are proclaimed after the tournament at the Principality of Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture. July 20, 2019. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

With three cheers given; the field was cleared for other activities.

The Roses Tournament was held directly after the Coronet Tournament. Fighters took to the field to win

roses for their inspirations which were delivered by the fighter that lost the bout. Both the heavy and rapier took turns on the Eric to take part in this favored activity. Roses were won and bestowed to inspirations around the encampment bringing smiles to many.

Youth boffer was then invited onto the field after the Roses Tournament. Two young fighters took up swords and shields to showcase their skills and honor in glorious battle which earned them the exultation of the crowd who gathered to watch.

M'Lady Bernadette Tix from the lands of Eskalya then took the field to fight in her Prize Tournament with the West Kingdom Royal Guild of Defence. In this tournament; the Royal Guild of Defense tested Bernadette in her skill in Rapier to determine if she should progress to the next level in the Guild. Bernadette gracefully showed her prowess with multiple rapier fighters and advanced to the level of Free Scholar in the ancient and honorable guild.



Rodrigo de Reinosa and Bernadette Tix cross blades during Bunadette's Prize Tourney at the Principality of Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture. July 20, 2019. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

As the day was getting late it was time for the court of Cruscillus and Vicana, the Prince and Princess of Oertha to begin. The Royalty processed in which in comprised the Prince and Princess of Oertha, the Crown Princess of the West, and the Princess of Cynagua who was also in attendance.

Court opened with awards and recognitions being bestowed by the Prince and Princess of Oertha. The Order of the Orion Argent was bestowed upon Mistress Caitriona inghean ui Chionaodha for her exceptional skill in archery—and as she was not present at the time the award was accepted by Mistress Cynechild Cynessigesdottir on her behalf. From there, Lord Bragi Flokason was bestowed with the Order of the Diamond Willow, and Lady Fionnghuala inghean Ragnaill was recognized for her amazing works with the Order of the Silver Ulu. Additionally, Rosalinda Lopez was recognized with an Award of Arms which, while she was not present at the time, was accepted by Mistress Margarita di Calvi and is to be a surprise for a later date.

Lady Ceara inghean ui Beirichtir and Lord Colum Mac Eoghain ui Neill were then called forward together and awarded with the Order of the Diamond Willow for their works of service within the Principality of Oertha. Last, but not least, *Despotes* Halfdan Qzurarson and Master Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov were called forward and recognized with the new award of the Historian of Oertha for their continued works preserving the history of the Principality.

Towards the end of court Master Rodrigo de Reinosa stepped down as the Principality Herald. Thanked profusely by the Prince and Princess of Oertha, his replacement was then called forward. Mistress Bianca Rose Byrnes stepped up as the newest Principality Herald for Oertha.

Lastly in court the Crown Princess of the Kingdom of the West, Helga, took the opportunity to address the populace of Oertha. Stating how much she enjoyed the company of her Northern-most populace and how she cherished each moment with all members of the Principality of Oertha.



Helga, Crown Princess of the Kingdom of the West, addresses the populace of Oertha in court. July 20, 2019. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

The end of court led directly into the evening festivities with cheer and mirth in the tavern being in full swing. A bardic was also held that featured several favored songs as well as some stories to entertain and enchant. The celebrations lasted long into the night and part of the next day with some revelers even closing out the tavern.

On Sunday morning celebrants gathered together to prepare for the closing court of the day. This would be the final court of Prince Cruscillus and Princess Vicana and there was plenty of business in court that included announcements, awards, and the releasing of the court members.

The Autocrat for the event came forward and gave her thanks to the populace for such a wonderful event in addition to the last bit of business regarding cleaning up the site. Three cheers were given to the Autocrat of the event for her works in crafting a memorable event. From there, Sir Verica of Lighthaven asked for a moment in court in which she called forward the two youth fighters who took to the field the day before. Prince Cruscillus publicly noted their skill and presented them with gifts and encouragement.

Baroness Celestria and Mistress Elspeth Buchannane of Loch Lomond were called forward in which they made

announcement for the upcoming Baroness' Champion event for the Barony of Eskalya.

From there the Kingdom Chronicler, Mistress Clare Elana, came forward to present certificates to two individuals who were nominated for the yearly William Blackfox Award, an inter-kingdom award that recognizes excellence of the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors. Lord Colum Mac Eoghain ui Neill was nominated for Best Artwork in a newsletter, and Baron Halfdan of Selvieryard was nominated for Best Newsletter as well as Best Article.

The Shield of Chivalry, an honored acknowledgment that is presented by the Consort during Her final court to the fighter who has displayed outstanding chivalry both on and off the field during the Coronet tournament, was then bestowed. Sir Sevastian Agafangilovich Golytsin was called forward by Princess Vicana and presented this achievement much to the cheering of the assembled populace.

Coronets Favors were presented to Catherine of Wessex, Fearghus mac Gyllyfynnan, Gavin Woodward, Geoffrey Scott, Hans Shaffer, Juger Knot, Leonia the Mouse, and Quintus Servilius Scipio Armoricus for their various services and help to the Prince and Princess of Oertha during Their Highnesses reign.

Her Highness also bestowed Princess' Ribands to those who personally provided service to Her person throughout Her reign. Alyssia of Cameo Keype, Celestria Textrix, Cempestra Sidha O'Breoniann, Elinora O'Connor, Sara a la Petite Rose, Sefa Hrafnisdóttir, and Talorc Caer Arienrhold were presented with this honor.

It was after this business in court that the guards and members of the court were released from their duties in preparation for a new Prince and Princess of Oertha and from there, final words were given by Their Highnesses as they prepared to step down.

In accordance with law, the Lord and Lady Borealis then came forward to receive the Coronets of Oertha. After taking fealty from the Great Officers of Oertha, the

Baronages of the Principality, and the Peers; Their Highnesses then came forward and swore fealty to the King and Queen of the West in front of all; thus completing the chain of fealty observed since the beginning of Oertha.



Prince Gregor and Princess Bella swear Fealty to the Crown of the Kingdom of the West at the Principality of Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture. July 21, 2019. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

Sextus Valerius Cruscillus and Nemonna Vicana were called forward and made Viscount and Viscountess for having faithfully served the Principality of Oertha as Prince and Princess of Oertha. Additionally, Viscountess Nemonna Vicana was named as Holder of the Heart which is customary for those who were the inspiration of the Prince of Oertha and bestowed with roses from other Holders of the Heart.

As is tradition, the fighter and consort who placed second in the Coronet Tournament were called forward. Sir Bartram Sinclair and Mistress Anna di Caterina Neri came forward and were named Lord and Lady Guardian and bestowed with capelets for their position.

From there, some of the populace were called forward and named as members of the Court of Gregor and Bella, Prince and Princess of Oertha.

It is the privilege of the Consort of the Coronet to choose Champions for her Reign. Bella, Princess of

Oertha chose Lord Hraði Kottr as her Heavy Champion, Lady Angela of Eskalya as her Rapier Champion, and Master Rodrigo de Reinosa as her Archery Champion.

Additionally, Their Highnesses had Sir Sevastian Agafangilovich Golytsin brought forward and awarded him with the Order of the Sandhill Crane for his court heraldry displayed while presenting himself in Coronet Tournaments on numerous occasions.

The last bit of business in court was an announcement by Mistress Margarita di Calvi for the Houston Founder's Day celebration demonstration opportunity in the Barony of Selviargard; where she noted that any help from all of the Principality would be much appreciated.

Court was then concluded, and people started the process of taking down their tents and pavilions as it was time to wrap up a splendid weekend and head back to waiting homes.



Here recognize Prince Gregor and Princess Bella of Oertha. July 21, 2019. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

Another successful Coronet and Investiture is behind us with fond memories of family and friends enjoying a weekend together. As one we celebrated each other and cheered for the person next to us, we experienced moments of chivalry and compassion, and we celebrated the night away with laughter and song—all parts of The Dream which we enjoy together and define us as a group.

Bi-Baronial Yule

December 7, 2019

Barony of Selviargard / Barony of Eskalya

The nights have grown long and the fires of friendship burn away the bitter Oerthan winter. Their Excellencies of Eskalya, Gavin and Celstria, and His Excellency of Selviargard, Halfdan, extend a warm invitation to the Bi-Baronial Yule Celebration.

Their Majesties of the West, Hans and Helga, are journeying north to join in the celebration. Bring out your best garb and dancing shoes. Prepare to regale all those present with stories that recount feats of renown and honor from the past year. Find a partner and dance until your appetite is ready to enjoy the bounty of the baronial lands as you feast with companions old and new. Bring your light to chase away the long winter night. An Arts & Sciences display is planned for throughout the day. Bring completed works or works in progress. Visit the display and cast a vote for The People's Choice Award. Along with the display, a Period Winter Wear contest will be held. What would be winter wear worn in the time period of your persona? Documentation is encouraged. A prize will also be awarded for storytelling around the theme "Feats of the Year Past."

The annual Selviargard contest for the Lord and Lady of Misrule will be held. Prepare your best period dessert to be named Eskalya's Master or Mistress of Ambrosia.

Site Information: Anchor Lutheran School (8100 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage AK 99518).

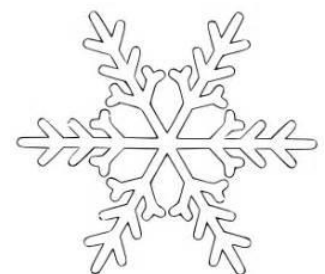
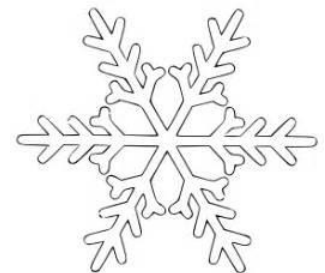
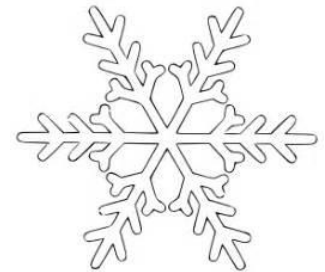
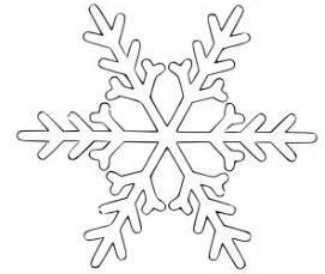
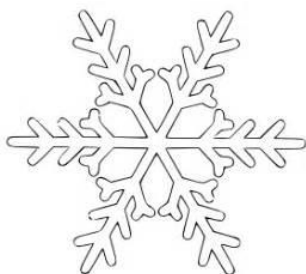
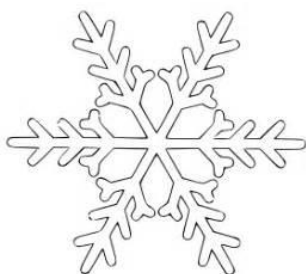
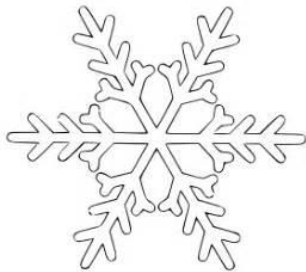
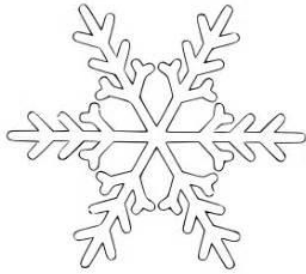
Site opens at NOON and closes at 8 PM

Event Registration: Adult Event Registration \$20, Adult Member Discount Event Registration \$15, Youth 17 and under No Charge, No Family Cap. Registration includes feast

Event Steward: Soren j Alborg (Leon Ayers II)

Oerthan Winter Coronet and Investiture

January 17-19, 2020
Principality of Oertha



Let your mind wander back, to a time of beauty and pageantry, a time of bold deeds and fair ladies, a time of grand tournaments and fabulous feasts...Then journey with me to the lands of Oertha, where knightly competitors battle for the favor of their lady's honor and tales of victory and honorable defeat are told over the table laden with tasty food and drink. Where is this fantasy, come to life? As the song says, "To Oertha, Ho!" Beyond the northern seas, what a Principality!

In the Barony of Selviergard, the Shrine of St. Theresa offers such a sanctuary from the beige of everyday life. Midwinter offers a white and blue canvas for such a grand display of chivalry and the arts: contests to delight the senses, dancing and song to close the evening. Come, quest with me, to where the hearts are full, and the ladies there are irresistible, to Oertha, ho!

Their Highnesses invite you to join them as They witness the tournament for Their Heirs, contested the third weekend of January, A.S. LIII. Following the lead of Mother Nature, Saturday will feature a color court, of argent and azure, to welcome the new Heirs, and an indoor snowball fight might spark up during Feast! Contests, sponsored by the Guilds, will provide many opportunities to display the work of your hands during fall and winter, and our cooks promise a delightful feast, to increase the coffers of the Principality.

Site Information: St. Therese's Camp, 7180 E. Twin Lakes, Wasilla AK 99654

Site opens at 7 AM Friday and closes at 8 PM on Sunday.

Event Steward: Delphine de Grenada (Meghan Thompson)

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*Long live the King and Queen of the West!
Long Live the Prince and Princess of Oertha!*



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