

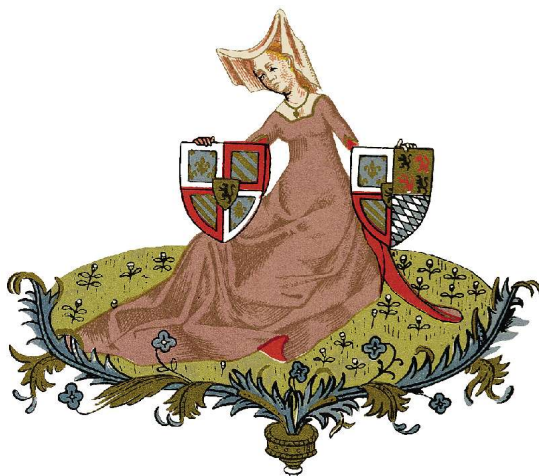
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Welcome to the Windlore!



Greetings and welcome to the July 2006 issue of the Windlore, the newsletter for the Barony of Windmasters' Hill. This newsletter is distributed primarily in an electronic format and is accessible from the website www.windmastershill.org. If you desire to be sent a hard copy of the windlore via mail, please submit a written request to the Barony by coming to a monthly Baronial Meeting or by contacting the Baronial Chronicler:

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Our Favorite Things *(To the tune of Our Favorite Things from The Sound of Music, with apologies)*

This song is by Lady Rhiannon Bloodsong and the 'Morning After Gang' and while I could not get the exact year it was written it is at least 20 years old. See which names sound familiar to you!

Gunther on steroids and Cedric on toadstools; Claire with her baskets and needles and thread spools;
Embarrassing barons and flirting with kings -These are a few of our favorite things.
Eldrid all sotted; Sulaine gently blushing; Stephen so laid back and Valdemar gushing;
From the "bottom of his heart," he loves when we sing - These are a few of our favorite things.

When the play's late, when the food's cold,
When the court's too long,
We simply remember our favorite things
And wish we'd forget this song!

Lists from Alanna and arrows from Godric; Sparring with Meagan and dancing with Aelfric;
Pookie Bear Thorson all dressed for a fling -These are a few of our favorite things.
Morgan wears "Fred" now and Allen's still Allen; Misty Ide's here, we get tears by the gallon;
Shoshanna makes stained glass and Kubrick makes rings -These are a few of our favorite things.

When the site's dry, and banners won't fly,
The demos seem so long,
We simply remember our favorite things
And we start to curse this song!

Magnus is growling and Anne is consoling; Alura and Robin just left to go bowling;
Sonya and Brian are both dancing flings -these are a few of our favorite things,
Opus is pouting and Brie is still brewing; Ravyn is preening, Rhiannon is stewing;
Graciee serves mushrooms and poisons the King -These are a few of our favorite things.

When the song's done, maybe we'll run
If we've made you mad;
We'd never have thought of these favorite things
If we hadn't been so bad!

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OFFICER'S Letters

Chronicler's Quill

Greetings to you, oh noble Gentles of Windmasters' Hill!

Pennsic Approaches! I hope that all of you lucky Windmasters who get to go enjoy yourself and hey, here's an idea . . . bring back some pictures!!!!!! I would love to post them in the September windlore.

After Pennsic we have Cattle Raids (September), War of the Wings (October) and that one with the french name which really means something about a golden tree (November). Lots of cool local stuff coming up. Yeah! Enjoy it!

-In service
Dunstan LeHeryngmongere

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Greetings to All Windmaster's Hill Artisans and Future Artisans!

Windmaster's Hill Baronial Champions (July 7th-9th)

<http://home.nc.rr.com/eogan/bc2006/>

Just a few weeks away!!! Are you ready to be the next champion?!!!

War of the Wings I (October 20-22)

<http://www.warofthewings.com/>

We want a clean sweep of the 4 war points for A&S!!! Go look and see what they are!

The July Baronial fighter practice/meeting: bring out your portable projects and your tried and true ideas for "Pennsic Tricks and Tips" to share!

Thank you to all the MoAS officers for their canton A&S information they sent to me for the Kingdom report. Awesome job! You all were quick to respond!

Workshops within the Barony:

Their Excellencies have opened their home to an A&S workshop every Wednesday night! Bring projects you are working on or need help with. Come work on Baronial projects....There is always something to work on! Not to mention the great fellowship!

Lady Philippa (Raleigh) is hosting a Glass workshop on June 24th from 12-4pm.

Mistress Francesca (Durham) is hosting String Thing June 25th from 2-5pm.

Lady Zita (Fuquay-Varina) is hosting a garb workshop every Thursday from 6-10pm.

(These times and dates are subject to change, of course!)

If you are interested in hosting a workshop please email Lady Ursula at thatusula@aol.com with the details so she may add your information to the Baronial website. And post it to the Keep!

If you are interested in an Art or Science and would like to find someone within the Barony that could help you with learning this Art or Science...Contact me at therasia@earthlink.net or call 919-989-5931 and I will assist you in locating someone with that knowledge!

Yours In Service,
Therasia Mellita



Minutes for the Baronial Meeting in June

Steafan brought the meeting to order at 4:00 at the Lake Crabtree Park.

Baronage:

Baronessa Maddalena welcomed everyone. We have a busy Barony with many fighter practices. Their Excellencies will try to attend the joint practices on Sundays when their schedule permits. To promote the arts Their Excellencies are hosting A&S nights on Wednesday nights at their home, starting at 6:30. Come and work on your own projects or those for the Barony. Sheetwalls and banners are being painted to fly in full glory for Baronial Champions, Pennsic, and War of the Wings. Additionally we need to work on A&S entries for the War of the Wings. There is a war point for A&S and the Baronage wants us to win all the war points! If there is something you would like to learn in terms of A&S please let Maddalena know—she will find you a teacher. Regarding Pennsic, please contact Maddalena if you are going to be there, esp. persons not camping with the Barony. She'd like to know how many persons from Windmasters' will be in there.

Officer Reports:

Chatalaine:

No report

Chirurgion:

Andreas reported that a new fighter dislocated his shoulder, but was treated. Alaric mentioned that when a fighter is injured both the Chirurgion and the Marshall-in-charge should be notified since injuries have to be noted in both reports. The hot and humid weather serves as reminder that if you are going to Pennsic please start to get acclimated to the heat and check with your doctor to make sure you survive the heat and humidity.

Chronicler:

No report [He's out celebrating the Herald's birthday today!]

Herald:

No report [See the Chronicler's report above ;)]

Knight Marshal:

Lucas reported that it was a good practice today. The practice next month will be at Optimist Farm on Sunday, July 9, which is the weekend of Baronial Champions.

Rapier Marshal:

No report

Archery Marshal:

Manus has already submitted his 2nd quarter report. There will be archery at Midsummers' Twilight Tournament and at Baronial Champions. Steafan announced that on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays there will be combat archery practice at his house to prepare for War of the Wings. No target archery is planned at this time.

Arts & Sciences:

Therasia is promoting the A&S night with the Baroness and Barun. Therasia will try to attend at least twice a month. If anyone from her area would like to carpool please check with her. People would like discuss Pennsic stuff next time.

MOL:

Zita requested MOL help for Baronial Champions for rapier and some help with heavy. She will start coming to fighter practices with her paperwork so people can renew their authorization cards before Pennsic. If you need to authorize for Pennsic please consider attending Baronial Champions or Midsummers events. Check the date on your authorization card because this is a big year for renewals.

Web minister:

No report

Quartermaster:

Beatrice announced that the inventory for the Baronial Shed is scheduled for July 15. If you have things at your home that belong to the Barony please let her know ASAP. She is still looking into buying a big coffee pot.

Warlord:

Alex said today was a good practice and the start for fighters' heat training. People came on time and it was really appreciated. Calli did a great job leading them today (cheers for Calli). Eldrid couldn't come this time due to mundane issues, but plans to come next time to do the intimidation class. Should we be afraid??

CHOM:

No report.

Exchequer:

Piero announced that as of the beginning of the meeting, the total in our bank account: \$13,309.93, of which \$6,385.34 is allocated, and \$6,924.59 unallocated.

Seneschal:

Steafan had no report because he left his paperwork at home. He was too excited about having a combat archery practice today.

Canton Reports:

Atillium:

Oisin said their Sunday fighter practices are at a nice place at Lake Rim Park.

However, they are losing some of their fighters because people are being deployed again. This might affect the frequency of practices. They are talking about starting target archery because there is an interest in it and an available place to shoot. Thanks to one of their members, a library activity room is available to actually do A&S. Their meeting schedule is: social 1st Thursday, and business 3rd Thursday at Barnes & Noble.

Buckston

Helwynn reminded everyone that Midsummers' event is next weekend. She and Philippa are currently taking reservations. There will be no feast reservations taken onsite. Things are going well for the Canton. The meetings are Tuesdays at 7:30. The meeting location will change later this summer when the church starts renovations. The new meeting site will be posted when the change is made.

Elvegast:

No report.

K-berg:

Girard announced that a big change is an added rapier practice at 5:30-7 on Thursdays. At 7 the heavies fight. The regularly scheduled meetings are on Monday nights.

Nimenefeld:

Elspeth announced really big news—their arms finally passed! [big cheer!!!] Wednesday nights are fighter practice—basically knights pounding on each other. Come and join the fun.

Old Business:

Girard: Pennsic! There are 4 days left to register with the Coopers (June 15th). You need to get the Baronial forms back to Girard & Guenievre. It is \$15/person for those showing up. At Pennsic the Baronessa's tea and Barun's beer bash is Tuesday, Baronial court is Thursday, and Atlantian court is Wednesday. Next year Pennsic starts a week earlier, which is good news for teachers and people with kids in school.

New business:

Maddalena announced that the Baronage will conduct order meetings the Sunday of Baronial Champions. A schedule will be posted later. They have not received many award recommendations lately, so get them in for Baronial Champions. Also, a Baronial curia will be held after

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the order meetings (that same Sunday) to talk about where the Barony should be going in the future. Their Excellencies welcome comments, ideas, and discussions at the curia.

She also asked, on behalf of that wonderful and hard working Dunstan, that people read the Windlore. If you do read this—please let Dunstan know!!!

Andreas announced that there is one more surgeon in the Barony—Lord Owain (from Buckston). There will be a heavy need for waterbearing at Baronial Champions, so they could use some help. Eat, drink, and be merry, but also be safe.

Chow offered a big thanks to whoever found the site. Although it was hot and humid, it was a great place to have a fighter practice.

Melrakki mentioned Stierbach's Baronial Birthday in July. Melrakki fights up there often and he made the gates for their Defending the Gate event. He encouraged more people from Windmasters' to come and support Stierbach's BB on July 21st. There will be melees in the woods, etc., so this would be good Pennsic training. There will be no combat archery, but maybe open field battles—His Majesty is dictating the battles. But we should go and support Stierbach and encourage them to fight on our side at the War of the Wings in the fall. The Barun added that we need to keep soliciting friends from other Baronies for War of the Wings. The equestrian point is probably locked up, but we need rapiers and more heavies. Mistress Ros and Lord Andreas recently asked Hidden Mountain to join us.

The Baronessa mentioned that she still has tabards and cloaks to wear at fighter practices and events. Please get one from her if you don't have one, and all should wear them proudly!

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30!

~Submitted by Tréphina la Broderesse

Directions to get to the next Baronial Meeting:

The next Baronial Meeting has once again changed! The meeting in July will take place at the site of Baronial Champions (optimist farm in Apex) on Sunday, July 9th. It has been announced that the Baronial Meeting will not begin until site clean up is over with. See the flyer on page 10 for directions to the site.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are events that are in the area, nearby or that might be of interest. Any item listed with a *** is NOT an official SCA event. Events marked with a (BP) are Baronial Progress events.

July

Baronial Champions will be held in Apex, North Carolina at Optimist farm on July 7-9.

August

August brings us a tiny little event called **Pennsic**.

September

Celtic Cattle Raids will be held at Optimist Farm on September

October

War of the Wings will fly overhead on October 20-22nd in Booneville, NC.

String Thing Lives!

Monthly meetings of the group dedicated to all crafts of string and fabric are being held the 4th sunday of each month from 2pm-5pm.

The next meeting will be on July 23rd.

Contact Francesca at 471 2727 for details.

How the Birdy got her Flame On

the most recent chapter of the War of the Wings, as written by Lord Jonathan Blackbow.

Hearken, O mighty King, to my tale. Thou hast heard much regarding the ongoing struggle of the Phoenix 'gainst the Kittyhawk, and the history thereof, even unto the story of How the Kitty Got her Wings. Yet, LO, O mighty King, there is in truth an even older tale; that of how the Phoenix one day Caught Fire, which we, in the modern tongue, do refer to as the Birdy Getting her Flame On. In exchange for sparing my life I now reveal the ancient tale to thee, that Thou mayest stretch forth thy Royal Hand upon the Barony of the Sacred Stone, and encompass it with thy Favor.

Or, failing that, laugh thyself nigh unto death.

I begin in the misty times before the Mighty Kingdom of Atlantia, e'en before the land itself was named. So long ago, O Mighty King, that even the Phoenix and the Kittyhawk were but a chick and a kitten. Being young animals, they knew naught of their instinctive enmity for each other, and often played together in the sun-dappled fields, or chased each other round and round the hills till they grew sick with dizziness. Life was simpler then, O Mighty King.

Yet even in those simpler, more innocent times, there were vestiges of Darkness; greed, avarice, strife, MTV, early video games; the list goes on. One such bone of contention lay between the Chick and the Kitten, although they did not know it.

The land roundabouts was mostly farmland, but further into the mountains, a strange group of creatures lived. They wore green and yellow, and had deformed faces, and carried pick-axes, and they mined the surrounding land for gems and gold, and were thus known as Miners. The local farmers grew a strange plant that the Chick found oddly pleasing, though it made her sick to smell it in quantity – yes, O Mighty King, I see you know of it. It grew so profusely back then that it was called Brown-weed, and the Miners discovered it, and coveted it, and traded the gems and gold they wrested from the earth for it. The farmers had use for the gold, but none for the gems, but they knew that a thing need only be difficult to attain to make it worthwhile to others, and so they hid the gems, mainly emeralds, in a spot which only they knew. When the Miners asked what had become of the emeralds, the crafty farmers replied “Hidden it.”

This puzzled the Miners, but they merely went on with their digging and shoring and mining. And life proceeded apace, and time passed, as time does.

Am I boring you, O Mighty King? I crave pardon. Ofttimes it is meet that a story be told in its entirety, the better to understand the events of today.

Then one day, while the Chick and the Kitten romped and gamboled through the dew-heavy grass near a village of farmers, one of the very young children saw the twain, and scampered up to join them. Her name was Lilith, and her hair was black as coal. She had a simple robe on, tied at the waist with a scrap of rope, and tied to the belt was a pouch with her toys in it. The Kitten found the scrap of rope quite appealing, and Lilith took it off and began to play with the Kitten, who chased the rope to and fro with abandon, as kittens will do.

The Chick watched but soon grew bored, O Mighty King. Surely you encounter the same as you sit on your throne, from time to time? Boredom was a thing that the Chick avoided at all costs, and without any other source of distraction to hand, she began to peck through the things in Lilith's pouch as a diversion. Innocently enough it began, as do many journeys down a dark path.

While rooting through Lilith's pouch the Chick's beak clicked against something small and hard. The Chick grasped it in her beak and pulled the thing out into the sunlight, where it glistened and gleamed greenly in the sunlight, as emeralds are wont to do. The Chick saw the light and was utterly entranced by it. She called to Lilith, who left the Kitten with the scrap of rope and came over to see what the Chick had found.

“And what is this, little girl?” chirped the Chick. “What a fascinating object this is! In truth I cannot take my eyes off of it.”

Lilith, being young, knew only that her parents had many of them and that they were apparently worth very little, since her parents had returned them to the hills from whence they came. She told the Chick as much. And over such a small thing did the Chick's heart begin its slow downward spiral into avarice.

The Kitten, having tired of the fact that the rope merely lay in the grass and did nothing, came over to the Chick to see what interesting object she might find. The bright light of the emerald also entranced the Kitten, who began her own downward spiral into avarice at the sight of the green gleam. (However, Kittens, as everyone knows, are born into avarice, and thus the downward spiral of the Kitten was more of a downward lunge.)

The Chick knew that there were many more of these shiny rocks in another place, and made hasty excuse to the Kitten in order that she might sneak away and gather more of them to herself. The Kitten, knowing nothing of more shiny rocks, was content to play with the single emerald for the nonce. Lilith accompanied the Chick back to the village, the better to gather more shiny rocks.

The Chick arrived at the village just a bit too late; the farmers had already left the village with a shipment of emeralds to be hidden. After stripping the village of the few remaining emeralds the Chick asked Lilith where more of the shiny rocks might be found. Lilith knew naught of exactly where, but she was able to point the direction the farmers had taken, and so the two set off to the northwest.

Meanwhile, the Kitten had tired of the shiny rock, and left it where it last fell, and with the attention span typical of a Kitten wandered to the East. As luck would have it, a group of farmers wandered the same direction as the Kitten, as they had decided that they were overfarming the local land. The shiny rock, having served its fell purpose, was left where it had fallen. Many of the locals began to worship this rock, and as time passed, they became both possessive and protective of it, and allowed the forest to grow around it, that it might be better hidden from prying eyes. And they ever after called themselves Guardians of the Sacred Stone.

[at the time this writing was discovered the Guardians had not yet changed their name to reflect the truly amazing amount of money they had lost betting on horse races. –ed.]

The story reaches its peak, O Mighty King, in more ways than one. When the Chick and Lilith had wandered for what seemed an eternity, they came to a place high in the mountains where the farmers had concealed their vast store of emeralds, and the Chick dug her way into the earth to find them. When she broke through into the chamber in which the gems were kept, she could do nothing but stand in awe of the massive store of brightly gleaming emeralds. Lacking hands, she began to gobble up the emeralds and store them in her crop, planning to hide them some where else.

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Windmasters' Hill Baronial Calendar for

July 2006

Artists Note: There is now a wednesday A&S night at the home of their excellencies!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Attilium Practice (H) 1pm (JO) Elvegast Practice 1pm (CK)	3 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	4 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2)	5 Heavy Prac (7pm) Fuquay-Varina (AR) A&S Project Night 6:30 pm (NU)	6 Elv Business 7:30 (AS) Kappellenberg Practice 7:00pm (NS)	7	8 Baronial Champions Optimist Farm Apex, NC (see flier)
9 Baronial Fighter Prac 12:00 (SR) Baronial Meeting 4:00 (SR)	10 Kappellenberg Meeting 7:30 pm (NS)	11 Buckston Prac (5:00) Meeting (7:30) (CC2) Nimenfeld meeting 7:30 pm (BB)	12 Heavy Prac (7pm) Fuquay-Varina (AR) A&S Project Night 6:30 pm (NU)	13 Elv Business 7:30 (AS) Kappellenberg Practice 7:00pm (NS)	14	15
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A much more detailed one can be found at : <http://sca.daysofyorevents.com/calendar.htm>

Celtic Cattle Raids 4



for more info on Celtic Cattle Raids go to the website <http://home.nc.rr.com/eogan/ccr2006/>

How the Birdy Got her flame on, continued from page 5

. . . Lilith followed the Chick into the cave, saw what the Chick was doing, and begged her to stop. “For,” she cried to the Chick, “surely the gems are safe where they are, and there is no need for you to covet them so in their shiny gleaming.”

The words “shiny gleaming” got the Chick’s attention back on the emeralds, and she went back to plucking them from the earth. Lilith begged her again and again, and then pleaded with the Chick to at least limit her gobbling to what she had already taken. “For,” she cried to the Chick, “surely you would not be so covetous as to take every single gem from these farmers that have worked so hard to gain them in their shiny gleaming.”

Again, the words “shiny gleaming” set the Chick off, and she redoubled her efforts to pick up the remaining emeralds. As she plucked the last emerald from the ground, she turned to go, and saw Lilith watching her with an evil smile on her face. And the Chick was mightily confused. At the same time she noticed that she was growing warm.

Lilith gazed upon the Chick, O Mighty King, saying, “thrice, you were warned that these gems were hazardous to your health. Three times you ignored the warning. Now you will pay for your greed and avarice with your life. The emeralds will shortly reach critical mass, burst into flame, and burn you to a cinder.” And she began to laugh evilly.

Finding herself growing uncomfortably warm, the Chick grew afraid. Surely, O Mighty King, you do the same from time to time? No? I grovel in apology. Surely I am not worthy. There is no need to summon the executioner, O Mighty King. Truly there is not. For if you did, there would be no way for me to finish the most excellent tale I relate to you today.

Ah, yes, the tale. The Chick grew afraid while Lilith laughed evilly. Suddenly the Chick looked hard at Lilith, who continued to laugh as she watched the Chick’s growing discomfort.

“THRICE?” Said the Chick.

“Thrice,” said Lilith.

“THAT’S ODD...I COULD HAVE SWORN YOU SAID THRICE.” said the Chick.

“I did, not that it’s any of your business,” said Lilith.

“I KNOW THAT, IT’S JUST...” the Chick muttered.

Finally Lilith could stand it no longer. “Just WHAT?” she screamed. “You’re not going to try to worm your way out of this, are you? You’re DEAD. Give it UP.”

“DID YOU MEAN TO SAY THRICE? OR TWICE?” said the Chick.

“I SAID THRICE AND I MEANT THRICE!” screamed Lilith.

“BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY ONLY WARNED ME TWICE.” said the Chick.

Lilith counted on her fingers for a moment, muttering under her breath. Then she began screaming at the top of her lungs in incoherent rage. When that finally ran its course, she snarled at the Chick, “FINE! You won’t die. But you’ll BURN FOREVER IN AGONY!”

And the Chick burst into flames. Lilith watched in glee as the Chick was enveloped in a cheerful yellow-orange glow.

“PRETTY COOL,” said the Chick.

“I don’t understand...you should be writhing in pain!” yelled Lilith.

“OH, THAT.” said the Chick. “MY MOM CAME FROM SOMEWHERE OUT WEST WHERE IT’S HOT ALL THE TIME. THEY ADAPTED. IT’S GENETIC NOW. SORRY TO RUIN YOUR FUN.”

Screaming wordlessly, Lilith ran off in a generally easterly direction.

The Chick yelled after her. “DON’T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE THEY’RE FROM? SOME PLACE CALLED PHOENIX.”

But Lilith was too far gone to care.

As you apparently also are, O Mighty King. Sweet dreams.

Windmasters' Hill Baronial Champions 2006

July 7-9, 2006 Windmasters' Hill Baronial Champions
Barony of Windmasters' Hill – Optimist Farm, NC

As we welcome the return of spring to our fair lands, it is time once again to choose the champions to the Barun and the Baronessa of the Barony of Windmasters' Hill. Please come and join us for this celebration of renewal. The theme of Baronial Champions (July 7th-9th) will be centered on Germany 1330-1400 A.D. and Italy 1470-1540 A.D. There will be a Ladies Party Saturday night!

Competition:

The Barun and Baronessa of the Windmasters' Hill, the greatest and most talented Barony in the Known World, will be choosing their Champions in 6 different categories, archery, heavy, rapier, performing, static and brewing. Each champion contestant shall compete in 3 out of 6 categories, with at least one martial and one artist. For example; if a fighter participates in rapier and heavy, and then chooses the last category from performing, static or brewing. Go to the Activities Page for details.

Autocrat:

Lady Therasia Mellita (Tracy Samouce, 919-989-5931). No calls after 10 PM, please. Please email me at therasia@earthlink.net or call me 919-989-5931 if you have any questions!

Merchants:

To reserve space, please contact Lady Elspeth Macalpin (919-753-4453). There is lots of space at this site. We have a lovely shaded area for all of our merchants

Feast:

A delicious feast highlighting the bounty of spring will be prepared by Lady Guenievre de Monmarche (Jennifer Soucy). Feast is limited to 120 persons so make your reservations early. Lunch will be available on Saturday as part of the site fee.

Site:

The Optimist Farm site is a wet site, with lots of tent camping available, and port-a-castles provided. Pets and cows are welcome as long as they are on a leash and attended by a responsible person. Please see the site info

Reservations

Please include legal name, SCA name, membership number and expiration date, and email address if email confirmation desired, along with your check payable to the Barony of Windmasters' Hill, SCA Inc. Mail reservations to Luisa O'Reilly (April Riley), 9917 Regal Dr, Angier, NC 27501 (919)639-4531. If you have any questions, you may contact her by email: ariley2@nc.rr.com.

All minors attending the event must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). To enter the site, they must have an SCA minor's waiver that has been signed by the minor's parent or legal guardian

Fees:

At the Door :

	Tent	Daytrip	Feast
Adult	\$9	\$7	\$8
Child	\$5	\$4	\$8

Non-member adults must add the \$3 non-member surcharge to the site fee. Please send your paid reservations to the Troll. Make checks payable to Barony of Windmasters' Hill, SCA, Inc. Children 5 and under get in for free.

Directions:

From the North, West and East: Make your best way to Raleigh, NC, at Raleigh get on Rte 440 (which is the beltline that goes around Raleigh). Go to the South side of town to Exit 298A, which is Rte 401 South to Fayetteville and Garner. Go south on 401, stay on the right because 1.4 miles down the road, the road forks, stay on the right and go another 5.3 miles to Rte 1010 and turn right, go .5 miles and turn left onto Lake Wheeler Rd, go 1.2 miles and turn right onto Optimist Farm Rd, go .9 miles turn right into the site, there will be SCA signs

From the South: from I-95 go north on Rte 55 after you make it through Fuquay-Varina you will come to a light on the edge of town. Directly across is a Sheets gas station and a Exxon. Turn right, start measuring there, 2.8 miles north you will come to a five-way intersection at a light. Turn left onto Hilltop Needmore Rd, go .4 miles to the next light and turn right onto Lake Wheeler Rd, go 2.3 miles and turn left onto Optimist Farm Rd, go .9 miles turn right into the site, there will be SCA signs

This is a very basic event description. A much more detailed one can be found at <http://home.nc.rr.com/eogan/bc2006/index.htm>