

Weekend Five - It's a Wizarding World Out There!

That was quite the Viking Invasion this past weekend! It was so busy on Saturday, the Faire had to request an additional delivery of food stock for the Sunday crowd, which was delivered and distributed just before the opening cannon fired. Additional programs were printed for Sunday, as well, and the front gate team was kept busy processing patrons through the gates hours longer than usual. It is my sincere hope that your business was booming, and the weekend made up for the previous Sunday's sad turnout.

Practice your wand-work and spell-casting, friends - Magic abounds this weekend! We'll be overrun with wizards, witches, warlocks and all matter of crafty magicians who will seek to participate in the featured events this weekend. First up, at 12:30p at Chess Stage - the **Nipperkin's Costume Exhibition**. Across the day, the **Nipperkin's Magic Mayhem Hunt** offers children the challenge to save Mt. Hope from magical menace. A powerful wizard, sent to protect Mt Hope, cannot remember the incantation needed to stop the mayhem! As wizards in training, nippers must find the magic word and save the shire. Instructions can be picked up at the Informistress between 11:00a-5:00p and challenge-lings will meet at Chess Stage at 5:30pm to speak the magic word and save the Shire. Patrons will also compete to bring honor, glory, and respect to their respective wizarding houses in the three-event You-Tried -Wizard Tournament. Who will prove to be the supreme sorcerer!

The upcoming weekend looks to be a pretty typical for the time of the year, and currently, the weather forecast is showing no rain until early Saturday evening overnight into Sunday morning, with temperatures reaching only the low 80s each day.

As always, it is my goal to get out and visit each of you during the afternoon on either Saturday or Sunday each weekend. When the shire is busy, I will not always get to visit your booth, though I am making every effort. When I do pop in, I'll be looking at your wares, comparing them to your Exhibit A list, and wanting to hear of your joys and woes, your challenges and successes.

Mandatory Merchant Meeting

Every Saturday
9:45 am
Hart Inn

MERCHANT COORDINATOR

CONTACT INFO & HOURS

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Wednesday 10:00a-4:00p
Thurs-Friday 9:00a-6:00p
Faire Days 8:00a-8:30p
Mon-Tues Unavailable

Please respect Merchant Coordinator
Days Off and End of Day times.
Prithee, do not use social media
messaging platforms to conduct
Faire-related Merchant Business

MERCHANT PORTAL

Find a myriad of information on
the day-to-day business of being a
Mt. Hope Merchant by visiting:

parenfaire.com/merchantportal

Request a Receipt for Mint Deposits by Email

We're well into the season now, and many of you have redeemed Coin of the Realm and noted on the redemption form that it is to be banked and applied to future invoices. You may request to have an accounting of those deposits emailed to you. Please make the request by messaging your Merchant Coordinator, who will run a report and email it to you within the week.

If you are requesting redemption in the form of a check, and noted you would prefer it be hand-delivered, you'll receive the check on Saturday morning of the following week at the Merchant Meeting. If you aren't present to pick it up at the meeting? Well, then I'll know you were not there, and you'll get it when I have a chance to get around to visit you over the weekend.

Next Flat Fee Payer Due Date is October 1

For those merchants who operate on a flat fee pay schedule for services rendered, your first payment was due September 4. You should have received an invoice reminding you of the installment to be paid. Thank you for your payment! the next payment date is set for October 1. You may continue to apply Coin of the Realm to the balance due, or make a payment through the QuickBooks system when the invoice is sent out in late September. Again, thank you for your payment, and may you continue to see great success and prosperity.

By the Numbers

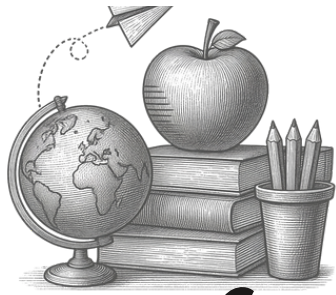
Programs Printed for Viking Invasion: 7500

Guests moving through security check & ticket scanning at peak times:
1000 per 15 minutes from 10:30a-1:30p



Wizarding Weekend
(as of Thursday @ 12pm)

Saturday Tickets Sold: 7500
Sunday Tickets Sold: 3600



Student Days

Sept. 30: 5709
Oct 1: 7723



Week Four Attendance:

Saturday: 11,018 (50 canines)

Sunday: 9320 (78 canines)



Autumnal Decorating Guide

The inevitable shift of the seasons is fast approaching, and even now a few trees are beginning to change color. While still humid, and often quite warm, nighttime brings cooler temps, and the breeze whispers of Autumn harvest and, of course, everything pumpkin spiced. As the foliage turns, and pumpkin patches spring up across the countryside, you may begin to decorate your booth and surrounding areas in the theme of Autumnal Harvest. Please steer clear of spooky, horror and gore and use naturally occurring items to decorate - harvested cornstalks and colourful dried ears of corn, straw bales, gourds and pumpkins and the like. Avoid ghosts, witches, and monsters, leaving that sort of thing to the Mt Hope Production Team to dress the Faire in her Spooky Knights theme.

HALLOWEEN DAYS AND SPOOKY KNIGHTS TRICK OR TREAT

October 10-25 - 2:00p-4:00p Daily

Sign Up for Trick or Treating

It's time to sign up of **Hallowe'en Days and Spooky Knights** shirewide **Trick-or-Treating**. If you wish to participate in the daily children's activity during the specially themed weekends, please scan the QR code provided and sign up.



SCAN THE QR
TO SIGN UP



You'll be included on the special activities map for trick-or-treaters, and provided with a Participating Booth sign to post.

Trick or treating hours are from 2:00p-4:00p only each Faire day from October 10-25. You are free to choose what small item or candy you will be handing out, just be sure to list it on the sign-up form.

Weekend Themes

Weekend Five - September 12-13
Wizarding Weekend

Weekend Six - September 19-20
Shamrocks & Shenanigans

Weekend Seven - September 26-27
OktoberFest

School Days at the Faire
September 30 & October 1

Weekend Eight - October 3-4
Time Travellers

Weekend Nine - October 10-11
Hallowe'en Days & Spooky Knights: The conjuring of Scratchy

Weekend Ten - October 17-18
Hallowe'en Days & Spooky Knights: The Silence of Mt. Hope

Weekend Eleven - October 24-25
Hallowe'en Days & Spooky Knights: 28 Days Thither



Discounts for Fellow Participants

Many **Faire-owned Food Booths** provide a discount on their menu items. See your *Food Discount Card* for a full list of participating Food Booths and other details on food and beverage discounts.

Braiding Elegance offers Morning Pricing to Participants 2 hours prior to gate opening:

- Braids \$35 and under for \$10
- Braids \$36-\$55 for \$20
- Braids over \$55
- Hair Tinsel 10 for \$15 or 6 for \$10

First Come First Served
so, get on the list early!

Corsets & Cogs offers a
20% Discount to Participants.

Dress Your Dreams with KISS DESIGNS

Open early (around 9 am) Saturday mornings for Participants. Offering last minute repairs and fixes as well as a discount. Discount depends on the item.

10% Participant Discounts at:

As You Like It -Up Your Kilt

Earthly Leather

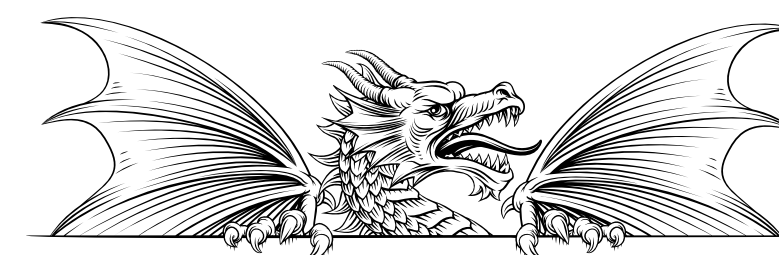
(Layaway Available - paid by 10/25)

Midnight Orchid Designs

Red Falcon Armouries & Accessories

Rigr Crafts & Viking Jerks Beard Care

Please be respectful of the merchants offering discounts and be prepared to show your Participant ID as proof of employment on the fairegrounds.



GUEST MERCHANTS

Set Up Days are limited to Weds-Friday.

To arrange your Set-up time for an upcoming weekend, please contact the Merchant Coordinator by email or text to schedule a check-in time.

At check-in, you will receive your packet and be shown to your spot onsite.

There will be NO SATURDAY SET-UPS
Do Not Ask for an Exception.
NO EXCEPTIONS for Saturday Set up.
Period.

WHEN SETTING UP YOUR BOOTH OR DELIVERING STOCK :

UNLOAD THEN MOVE VEHICLES TO PARTICIPANT PARKING

YOUR EMPLOYEES MUST PARK IN PARTICIPANT PARKING, NOT AT THE BOOTH

FOLLOW SPEED LIMITS & CLEAN UP YOUR OIL & FLUID DRIPS

FRIDAYS ARE A VERY BUSY DAY ONSITE- NOTE THAT FIRST AID GATE WILL BE BLOCKED DURING THE FOOD DELIVERY TIME - PLEASE USE JOUST GATE TO EXIT WITH CAUTION!