

We're Opening on Saturday! Are You Ready?

Opening Day of the 46th Annual Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire is upon us!. Final set-ups, preparations, and finishing touches are underway. There are a number of important updates and information to share with you all, and this issue will be packed, including a page that details the parking and driving directions for the season. I'll be around to visit each of you this weekend with a paper copy of those details so you can easily share with your folks. Of course, when driving and parking on Faire days, it is important to follow instructions provided by the parking attendants and the security/police. Their directions supersede anything I provide you here in the moment you encounter them onsite.

Please take the time to review all the information included in this newsletter. As you have discovered, this publication will be the main means by which I disseminate the important facts, updates, news and occasional anecdote for the Faire and Festivals.

Opening Weekend Merchants - Packet Delivery Notice

Participant Passes, Food Discount Cards and Parking Passes are being or have been issued to all Merchants of the Shire and Guest Merchants who are participating in at least the first weekend of Faire. If you have not yet received your packet with these items, please contact your Merchant Coordinator by text (preferable) to note when you will be in your booth on Friday. If you are scheduled to check-in already, there is no need notify Rachel, as you will receive your packet when you check-in for set-up on Friday.

PARF Text Alert System and Faire Day Emergency Procedures

The new cellphone text alert system is in the testing phase and will be implemented for the 2026 Faire season. Many of you may have received a Test Message on Thursday around noontime.

This service will provide alerts regarding operational information (such as early opening and early closing) important weather alerts and other emergency situations. The system will serve a one-way purpose, and will not receive replies to the alerts. If you wish to add a manager or other employee to the alert system contact list, please notify your Merchant Coordinator with their name and cell number, as well as your name and booth name.

Should a medical or safety situation arise in or near your booth (a slip and fall, someone has lost consciousness etc.) please call Rachel's cell phone at **813.760.1469** to report the issue. The call will prompt a First Aid or Security response by the Signal Security Team onsite. More guidance will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your patience while we work to upgrade the safety and security for the Faire and its festivals, and all Participants and Patrons of the Mount Hope.

By the Numbers

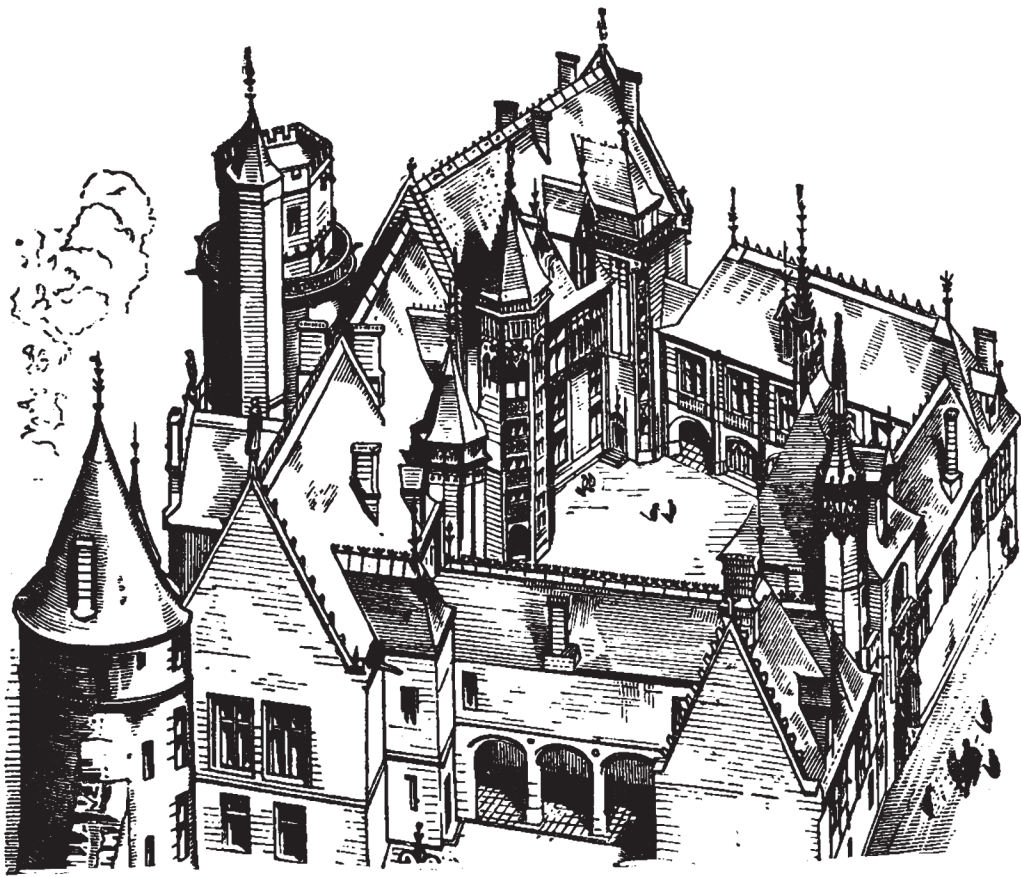


of Parking Passes created for Merchants
and their employees to date: **605**

of Participant Passes created for Merchants
and their employees to date: **710**



Estimated weekend attendance numbers: **Saturday August 15 - 7000**
(including season passholders) **Sunday August 16 - 4000**



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.

Rigr Crafts and Viking Jerks Beard Care offers a 10% Participant Discount.

Corsets & Cogs offers a 20% Discount to Participants.

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!

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



WHEN SETTING UP YOUR BOOTH OR DELIVERING STOCK :

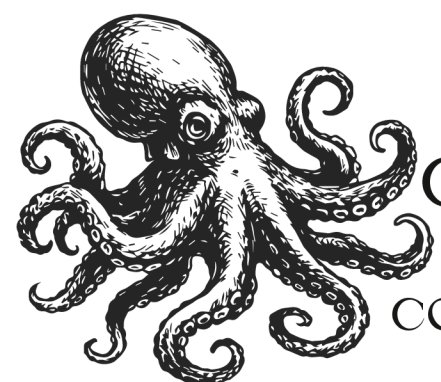
UNLOAD THEN MOVE VEHICLES TO PARTICIPANT PARKING
YOUR EMPLOYEES SHOULD PARK IN PARTICIPANT PARKING,
NOT AT THE BOOTH
FOLLOW SPEED LIMITS
CLEAN UP YOUR OIL & FLUID DRIPS



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.



MERCHANT COORDINATOR

CONTACT INFO & HOURS

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August 8-9 9:30a-6:00p
Weds-Friday 9:00a-5:00p
Faire Days 8:00a-9:00p
Mon-Tues OFF

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

Forms & Information
available in the Portal :

Links to Merchant Missives
Link to The Daily Writ (weekly schedule)

Participant Pass Request Form

Parking Pass Request Form

Discount Ticket Info and Request

Construction & Remodelling Forms

OSHA & Covid Safety Information

Weekend Trailer Parking Request Form

Trailer Storage Info & Agreement

Discount Tickets Update

A new process has been implemented for Discount Ticket purchases on offer to Merchants and Independent Performers. This new process provides a specific number of tickets of offer per Faire day. You are not limited to a specific number of discounted tickets, rather the daily number available might simply sell out.

Claim discounted tickets by clicking the link to **Discount Tickets** in the **Merchant Portal**.

Discount Pricing:

Aug 15-Sept 13 - \$31.95

Sept 19-Oct 25 - \$36.95

\$3.00 per ticket service fee applies.

When you complete the request form be sure to provide the email address for the person who will pay for/receive the tickets.

Approved tickets will be processed in Faire's Box Office System and placed On Hold. An email containing a payment link will be sent to the email provided in the form.

Holds must be completed online through the Box Office account of the person purchasing the discounted tickets by entering their payment. This is the only method of payment permitted.

Once payment is received, an order confirmation email with ticket links will be sent.

Ticket requests must be completed by the **Monday prior** to the Faire weekend you wish to purchase, and ticket holds will expire at 4PM on Friday prior to the ticketed weekend.

Visit the MERCHANT PORTAL to find the DISCOUNT TICKETS LINK



Weekend Themes



Weekend One
August 15-16
Fairies and Fantasy



Weekend Two
August 22-23
Legends of the Sea

Breakfast is Served !

8:00am - 9:45am at Steak on a Stake

Did you skip breakfast on the way to the Faire? Need a little something to keep you going while you prep for opening? Stop by Steak on a Stake booth on "food row" (the big hill below the Main Gate) each Faire morning and let Shawn and Tony feed you.

Breakfast menu includes:

Breakfast Sandwiches

Tots

French Toast Sticks,

Bacon on a stick

Sausage Gravy & Biscuits

Fruit Cup,

and the very popular

Viking Breakfast -

scrambled eggs, cheese, sausage, bacon, ham & steakmeat, topped with sausage gravy (or not, if that feels like too much...) in a bowl to go.

Beverages:

Coffee

Turkey Hill Teas

Energy Drinks, Coffee

Full breakfast menu available until 9:30a Breakfast closes at 9:45a sharp to allow the Chef and his team time to prep for the opening canon.

CoRE Service Merchants

Coin of the Realm Exchange Service

A number of Merchants of the Shire are willing to exchange Coin of the Realm for US Currency as a service to our Guest Merchants.

Please visit these Merchants to exchange Coin of the Realm (CoR):

Emporer's Needle

As You Like It/Up Your Kilt

Forever Mine, Forever Yours

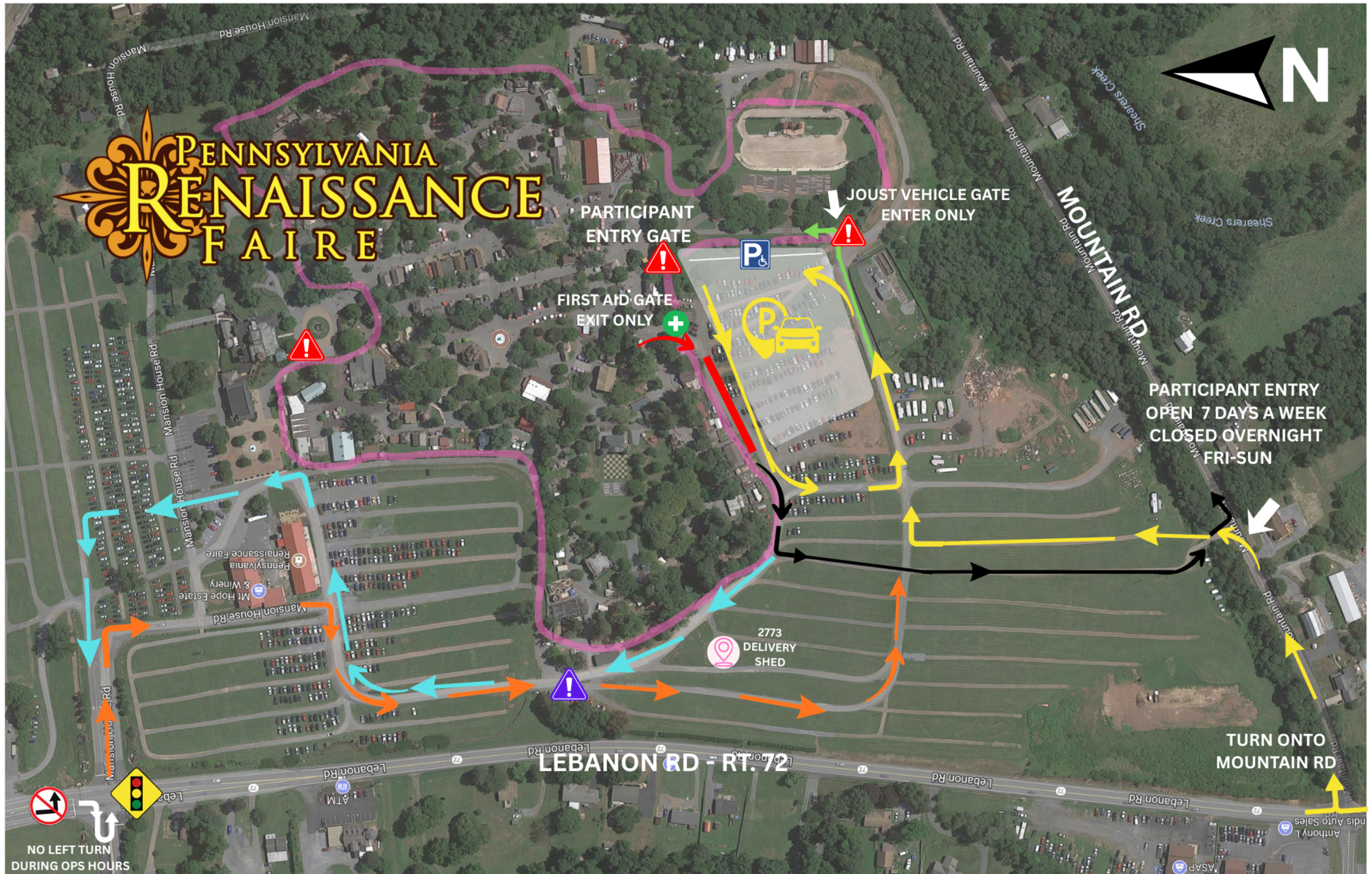
Earthly Leather

Please be respectful and patient with your neighbors who are providing this service voluntarily, and as they are able.

As always, the CoR redemption procedure you received in your Merchant Packet will detail the official channels for redeeming your Coin of the Realm from the Faire itself. Please do not attempt to exchange CoR at the King's Mint locations around the shire.

Driving and Parking Map of the PA Renaissance Faire

The map provided below details driving routes for different times of the Faire operational day. The legend below the map should be clear with regards to which paths to take at various times of the day. We are encouraging all persons driving on to Mt. hope property to access the Back 40 area by entering from Mountain Rd. You are asked to use the Mountain Rd entry for your Faire Day entry onto the property to avoid getting tied up in Guest traffic. At the end of a faire day you are asked to use Mountain Rd to exit the property (paying attention to Police directional input. Your Merchant Coordinator is happy to answer any clarifying questions you may have. Just drop me a text or catch me on my rounds on a Faire day. Safe driving!



PARKING, DRIVING & SECURITY INFO

There will be security on site Friday-Sunday

PLEASE NOTE OVERNIGHT HOURS

& DRIVING DIRECTIONS (orange & blue)

**ALWAYS ADHERE TO DIRECTIONS PROVIDED BY
STAFF & SECURITY PERSONNELE**



NO LEFT TURN
DURING OPS HOURS
'JUG HANDLE' TURN
IN EFFECT



FAIREGROUNDS
PRERIMETER



ENTERING
TO PARKING



ENTERING
TO GROUNDS



EXITING
TO PARKING



EXITING
TO DEPART



ENTERING
After 10P
Fri-Sun



EXITING to Rt 72
After 10P-
Fri-Sun



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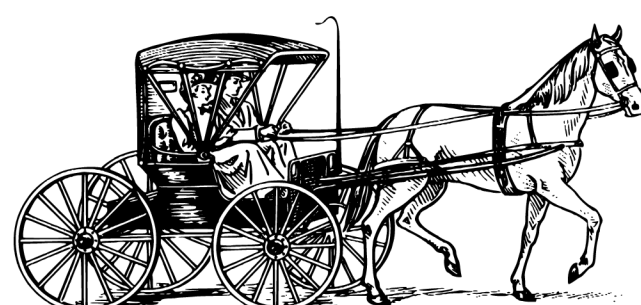


AFTER HOURS
SECURITY
CHECKPOINT



If this is your trailer, it cannot live here -
get in touch with Rachel immediately

say it with me:
IN thru JOUST
OUT thru FIRST AID



PARF Speed Limits

Vehicle speed on the grounds of the Faire should not exceed 7-10 mph, and slower is always better.

When driving the 'Back 40' keep the speed to no more than 12 mph.

The speed limit is 5 mph on the roadway at the Joust Barn.

