

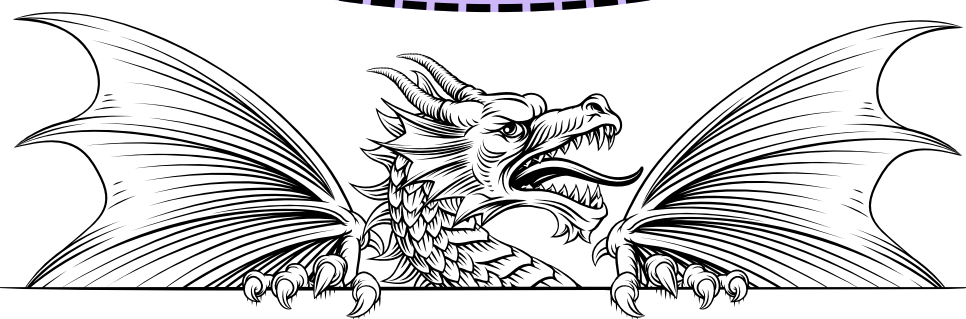
Second Weekend, Here We Come!

Well! We survived that opening weekend with smiles and sales, and had a great couple of days. With just shy of 13,000 guests through the gates over the weekend (70+% if them on Saturday), it was one of the best opening days in many years. Or, so I was told repeatedly by many of you on my rounds in the rains of Sunday afternoon. Congratulations, and let's do it again this weekend, shall we? Please read on for some important updates and items I want to share with you.

- **When you experience a staffing change**, please be certain to collect the out-going employees Passes and Food Discount Card from them. You may reuse passes, as they bear only your booth name, and a number, not the employee's name. Please contact your Merchant Coordinator to note any staffing changes and add the new name to the employee list along with the pass numbers you are assigning them. Remind your employees that Parking and Participant Passes are for working employees and are not for their use on a Faire day they are not scheduled to work your booth.
- As a rule, **pets are not permitted on the grounds** of the PA Ren Faire. **Service Animals are always welcome** and must wear their service vest/harness and be on a lead at all times. A copy of the Service Animal's certificate and up-to-date veterinary records must be on file with the Merchant Coordinator before the animal is brought onsite. A photo of the animal must be provided, if it is not included on the certificate. You may email this documentation to Rachel.
- Slight edits and changes have been made to the **Weapons Policy, Dress Code & Costume Policy and Security Checkpoint Policy** to continue to offer a safe and entertaining environment for our guests here at the Faire. If you'd like to review the policies, browse to <http://parenfaire.com/faq.html>
- **The Parking and Driving Map provided last week has been tweaked a bit** to better reflect the driving patterns and access times for the Faire Day. A new map will be delivered at the Merchant Morning Meeting this Saturday at the Hart Inn. The basics include a change to the exit path during overnight security hours, and some new info on the Mountain Rd gate open/close times.

I'll see you all at the first Merchant Meeting of the season on Saturday morning at 9:45am at the Hart Inn. Please join me or send a representative to receive any announcements and information. It is my goal to get out and visit you all to check in during the afternoon on either Saturday or Sunday. I'll be looking to get your feedback, and to hear of your joys and woes, your challenges and successes.

Merchant
Meeting
Saturday August 22
9:45am
Hart Inn



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.

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

Debut of Text Alert System is Successful

We have successfully made it through opening weekend of the Faire season, and had the chance to see the PARF Text Alert System in operation. This service will continue to provide alerts regarding operational information (such as early opening and early closing) important weather alerts and other emergency situations. The system serves a one-way purpose, and will not receive replies to the alerts. Incoming Guest Merchants will be automatically added to the distribution list, and Merchants not participating in the weekend will not receive notifications. If you wish to add a manager or other employee to the alert system distribution 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.

By the Numbers

Upcoming Weekend
(as of Thursday Noon)

Saturday Tickets Sold: 5308
Sunday Tickets Sold: 3217

Week One Attendance:

(Season Passes, General, Sunset & Govx Admissions)

Saturday: 9226 Humans & 46 dogs
Sunday: 3752 Humans & 13 Dogs



Breakfast is Served

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

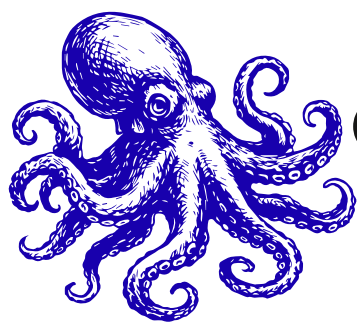
Menu:

- 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



MERCHANT COORDINATOR

CONTACT INFO
& HOURS

Rachel "Raye" Harrison
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Wednesday 10:00a-4:00p
Thurs-Friday 9:00a-6:00p
Faire Days 8:00a-9:00p
Mon-Tues Unavailable

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
Weekend Trailer Parking Request Form
Trailer Storage Info & Agreement

Did You Know?

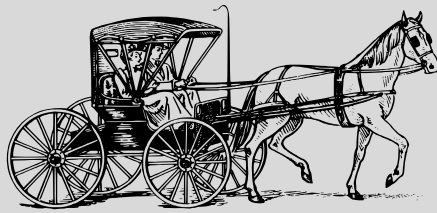
There's a quick way to tell if the
Mountain Rd Gate is open or closed
on a Faire Day.

Check the indicator lights on the poles
in the Back 40 parking lots.
If the light is GREEN the gate is OPEN.
If the light is RED the gate is CLOSED.

Weekend Themes

- Weekend Two - August 22-23
Legends of the Seas
- Weekend Three - August 29-30
Heroes & Villains
- Weekend Four - September 5-6
Viking Weekend
- Weekend Five - September 12-13
Wizarding Weekend
- Weekend Six - September 19-220
Shamrocks & Shenanigans
- School Days at the Faire
September 30 & October 1
- Weekend Seven - September 26-27
OktoberFest
- 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*

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OUT thru FIRST AID



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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.

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.
Official CoR redemption procedure you
received in your Merchant Packet details
the official channel through which to
redeem your Coin of the Realm from the
Faire itself.

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