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1244 Canterbury Road

Suite 306

Shakopee, MN 55379

Phone:

Fax:

Shop:

Site:

First Aid:

Safety Services: EXT 101

Site Hours For Show

Security on duty
6pm Friday thru
2am Monday

First Aid Office
8am - 8pm

Outer Gates:
Fri, Sat and Sun locked
@ 10:30 PM

-Exceptions-
Back Gate:
7 am - 2pm Monday
With security guard on
duty

Inner Gates:
A and B Gate open
7am - 10:30pm

Check In Gate Times
B Gate 6:30am - 8:00pm
C Gate 6:30am - 1:00pm

Drive-In Gates:
6:30 am to 8:00 am

3rd Annual National Bird Show

Come learn about our feathered friends and browse numerous bird-related exhibitors displaying artwork, toys, bird food and more! Vendor demonstrations will be conducted for all of the bird lovers out there!

Bocce Ball

Grab your family and friends and join us for a fun afternoon of Bocce Ball! It all begins at 12:00pm & 3:00pm on Shepard's Green. You can play for fun or compete to be the best bocce ball player of the Realm!

Arabian Horse Show

Join the riders of the Minnesota Half Arabian Horse Association and their beautiful horses during the Arabian Horse Show at 10:00am and 3:00pm on the Joust Track

Bear Ceremony

All guests of the King are invited to relive the legend when we unveil our new bear statue, August 20th, 10:00am in an inaugural ceremony on the Bear Stage. Refreshments and cake will be provided to celebrate the addition of William Shakesbear to the Renaissance Festival family.

Garlic Farmer and Demos

Susan Johnson, the garlic farmer, will be giving a seminar on hardneck and softneck garlic, how to grow garlic in Minnesota and what varieties grow best in cold climates. Daily at 12:00pm. You can purchase delicious herbs and spices at her tent nearby!

Spaghetti Eating Contest: Guests of the King can test their appetite at the Spaghetti Eating Contest held at the Special Events Pavilion. Participants will be chosen from the crowd and prizes will be awarded to the best eater! **Children Competition: 2:15pm**
Adult Competition: 2:30pm

Mask Fashion Show: Marvel at the glamorous and elaborate masks in the Mask Fashion Show! The modeling will commence at 1:30pm at the Pavilion. Patrons are welcome to participate.

Safety Services Phone Number



PHOTO ID SCHEDULE

We are taking Photo ID's Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st at B-Gate from 10am-2pm. Please make sure that everyone who is associated with your booth, troop, game, food, etc. is on your respective lists. If they are not on the list, they will not be able to have their picture taken until it gets verified. Speak with your department head about your list if there is a question.

New For 2011
Historic Cooking Demos
Daily Bird Show
18 Foot Bear Statue
Pub Crawl
Photography Class
Harvest Market

Greetings from the Marketing Department

Welcome back to a new and exciting year with lots of changes! The marketing department would like to thank everyone for the hard work they've contributed to this year's Renaissance Festival! We've had many successful promotional events, spreading the word about our Festival season.

Attention Crafters:

If you are a crafter and would like to get involved with some of the marketing opportunities we are offering, please email marketing@renaissancefest.com for more information!

Welcome Newby's!!

Brooke - Marketing Coordinator

Sarah - Graphic Designer

Kayla, Erica, Lindsay, Tess - Marketing Interns

Help Wanted Twins Plaza

We are looking for people to hand out coupons and entertain patrons before the games in the Twins Plaza every day from now until August 28th.

Attention Crafters

Your fire extinguishers NEED to be inspected

J.N. Johnson service will once again be out to recharge, repair and replace fire extinguishers. Please look for him near C-Gate on Saturday, August 27th from 7am-Noon.

The cost for services is as follows: He will accept only cash or checks and it must be paid at the time of service

Annual Fire Extinguisher certificates	\$5.00
Recharge and 6 year maintenance	\$25.00
Hydrostatic Testing	\$50.00
New 5lb ABC fire extinguishers	\$45.00
New 10lb ABC fire extinguishers	\$75.00

Additional tips for servicing may incur an additional charge.

Thank you very much for your attention to the importance and urgency of this issue!

PETS

Pets that will be on the festival grounds, in a booth or the campground need to be registered with your department head, and have an application on file. You will need to have a "Pet ID" for your dog, which you will have to carry with you.

Please fill out the pet application and give a copy of your pets shot records, the \$10 fee and a small photo of your pet to your department head. For those of you that already have a "Pet ID" you still need to fill out an application and bring your current shot records along with the \$10 fee to get your card punched. Scott County wants us to keep track of this information in case of animal bites and it is also MAF policy.

ANNIVERSARIES TO HONOR

Each year the Festival honors participants who are celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 years of continuous involvement and dedication to the Festival. You could have started in one area and then moved through several others. Forms are available in the back of the Privy Councillor, Information Booth, or at B-Gate on the first and second weekends. Completed forms must be submitted to B-Gate personnel. **NO forms will be accepted after Sunday, August 25th. This is firm, as we need time to produce certificates and order gifts.** Please do not assume we "know" you have been here for that long.

RESCU Raffle

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the winner gets half of the money raised. The drawings will be held on the last weekend at BLT. Tickets are sold in the campground office, Rhiannon Oils and Incense booth or from Katrina Radcliffe. All proceeds go to Renaissance Entertainers Services Crafters United which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people in the Renaissance Business with medical and legal issues. Go to rescufoundation.org for more information.

There is a new participant parking area for 2011

No Parking in the Pit

New Large Grassy Area behind the campground

4 Shuttles in the morning

2 shuttles during the day

4 shuttles at night

There will be 3 shuttle stops in the parking lot

Buses will run to C-gate. They will also stop at B-gate and First Aid if requested.

The Parking lot will be lighted at night and have Privies in them.

There is an opportunity to walk, but we prefer that everyone takes a shuttle for your own safety.

General Information:

Everyone must put their parking pass in their windshield on the driver's side.

Participant parking will be located in the designated parking area.

Everyone with Green and Red parking passes will be affected.

A limited amount of special passes will be given to people with medical conditions or special circumstances (distributed by your Department Head).

It is important that you follow directional signs at all times.

Participants not following the rules will have their vehicle towed at their expense.

How this will work:

Participants will be required to enter the grounds through Hwy 41.

Hwy 41 will be a Participant Entrance only.

Participant badges will be checked at the entrance of Hwy 41.

There will be a parking attendant and a security guard at the entrance of the designated parking area who will be checking your parking pass and provide directions as needed.

Those participants with Green On-site driving passes will be allowed to drop off whatever they need to on site, but then will be directed to the designated parking area.

For those of you who are parked in the designated parking area, there will be shuttle buses that run to C-gate.

Shuttle buses will run from 6:45AM-10:00PM on Saturday

Shuttle buses will run from 7:00AM-10:00PM on all of the other days that we are open.

Participants must park in the designated parking area and cannot park in the main lot or in the specialized parking lot without prior approval.

Please remember that we will tow your vehicle.

Please be nice and friendly with the Parking attendants and the Security Staff. They did not make these rules-they are just facilitating and enforcing these necessary rules.

If youth knew: If age but could

Commentary by Carr Hagerman

Whenever I find myself hanging with people my own age, I find myself wishing I were amongst the young and the restless. It's not that I don't enjoy mature adults with defined points of view, but that's kind of my point. The older I get the more interested I've become in combating my tendency to settle down into patterns of acceptance and softness, to being so defined. There is just something about youth that keeps the conversations and my thinking vital.

A few years ago, my wife introduced me to Nick, a friend she'd made at work. Nick was a cocky 21-year-old full of more vinegar than piss. We all became good friends and spent a lot of time together, built a bond, and learned from one another. What was interesting was that he couldn't have cared less about the work I do, what my ideas were or what I wanted to do in the world. He was more interested in me in the here and the now, and just hanging in the moment. He brought a new soundtrack with him as well, loud music that was a body blow of rock and roll. He's always hard living, hard driving hard working kid and full of energy, and it wasn't long after I met him that I permanently retired pleated khakis and any thing Tommy Bahama, the apparel expression of middle aged acceptance.

Just a few months ago I sat across the table in conversation with a bright young woman, all of 21 years of age, who talked about what she wanted to create in her life and where she wanted it to go. She was stuck in a family that was demanding academia, while she wanted to pursue the creative arts. She was so full of intense curiosity about life, the vital questions, the raw uncertainty of her choices, and a deep sense that the loopy for her are all live wired and wide open. It inspired me to reconsider my work at the festival, to focus on building bridges to bring in more young performers and artists.

In nearly every exchange I have with people much younger than I am, I find myself rearranging my thinking with a bias towards the present. While I don't wish to return to the days where I knew it all, in the presence of a healthy young person with questions, I am reminded of how critical it is to embrace the subversive, the fresh, the irresponsible and the delinquent. The alternative seems to be calm and safe and as predictable as a weekly TV schedule.

If we lose the vital, raw, natural energy we have in our relationships to others, to our curiosities and questions, to our work and service, we can turn callous and rigid, or even worse, we become certain that we have this shit figured out. If we always stand with those that share our age and ideas and who always agree with us, we might find that our lives have turned into a monoculture, like thought plantations of uniformity?

Our festival community is aging like crazy. The once vital hippies are now having knee surgeries, taking blood pressure meds, and having stints put into their valves. Crafters and performers that once were able to go all day without a break, are now running to the privy every hour to wince, squeeze, squirt or drain the 8 ozs of coffee they are limited to drinking every morning. We might be getting old and shuffling ever closer to the grave, but the young and the restless are here, ready to play, ready to debate, ready to take on the challenges, and they do so with far fewer breaks.

As this year opens for another round of fun, folly and frustrations, try to stay open to the invitation of youth's energy, to lean forward into the future knowing they're here to take over when we are gone, and that us old folks were wise enough to give them our time, share our wisdom, and most of all our love. Yeah, sometimes the youngest among us are daft and foolish, and they'll do stupid. But I started at stupid, and if it weren't for a few kindly elders that were patient enough to watch out for me, I wouldn't have made it.

From where I stand though the future certainly may look challenging, it also looks good and getting better. The key to having a successful year here, or building a world that works a little better, might be found in the mutuality of youth and age. It's simple really. We need one another, if not for inspiration, support and insight, then to watch our spot while we old guys run to the privy one more time!

Huzzah! Welcome home my friends



Anniversary Service Awards

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival Service Awards will honor all those participants who have been involved with the Festival for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 years. Please fill out the following participation form to be eligible. The years must be consecutive. (Please be as detailed and accurate as possible.)

The completed form can be returned to B-Gate, Information Booth or the Entertainment office.

No forms will be accepted after Sunday, August 28th, 2011 - NO exceptions!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone#: _____

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