



Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia, Ltd., P.O. Box 715, Greenbelt, MD 20770-0715

A Warm Welcome to everyone.

This years faire will be one of Markland's greatest efforts in its history. If anything, the many merchants and craftspeople who have come will find their time well spent. We are expecting 8,000 to 10,000 people over the course of this weekend. Everyone is encouraged to be on their best behavior. Read the faire policies and procedures enclosed in this handout.

We ask everyone's indulgence in filling out the Participant Information Form. In past years we estimated how many of you it took to put on this faire. This year, we would like a better count. In addition, you will receive your 1989 Hastings ID disk upon completion of the information sheet.

Criers are needed for the periods around each hour and half hour to take up the cry of upcoming performances or scheduled events. Please signup at the control booth.

Aid is needed to break down the faire after we close on Sunday. Anyone who is able to stay a little later, please do so. There will be a great pizza feast after it gets dark.

Finally, the participant form is a questionnaire of sorts. We are attempting to find out if the Faire should move to a different time of year and leave/return Hastings to the University of Maryland. Please give us your inputs so that we can determine wether or not we will be doing this again.

WELCOME TO ALL and a GREAT BIG THANK YOU.

1989 Faire Committee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert S. Secraft".

Robert S. Secraft
1989 Faire Executive

1989 Policies and Procedures

Guidelines

The following policies and procedures will apply to all Faire participants at the 1989 Hastings Medieval Faire, October 21st and 22nd. The Faire Committee reserves the right to excuse anyone who abuses or otherwise endangers the reputation and safety of the Faire, Winery, or our guests.

The Faire

All Faire participants are asked to please arrive at the Winery before 9:00am Saturday and Sunday.

Anyone who arrives at the winery after 9am on either day, will be required to pay the entrance fee of \$6. They should then proceed to the Faire control center to fill out the reimbursement form and receive their money back. The form must be filled out for reimbursement.

All Faire participants are asked to please not leave the Winery before 5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Cars will be allowed on the Faire grounds for unloading up to 9:00am Saturday and Sunday morning. They will again be allowed back onto the Faire grounds after 5:00pm both nights. Please, please, anyone arriving late should arrange with the Faire Committee to have helpers to carry or port their goods onto the Faire grounds. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Participant parking is provided between the campground and the Faire grounds, or in the campground. Please refrain from parking in the public parking area at the top of the hill.

As in years past, there will be a short meeting at 9am before the Faire opens, and again at 5:30pm after the Faire closes. All participants are asked to please attend as there may be important information to convey to everyone.

This is a public event. All participants are encouraged to dress accordingly. General costumes, not in the authentic camps, are not required to be totally authentic. Costumes should, however, be of a nature that they do not detract from the whole atmosphere of the Faire.

This year, we are encouraging the public to attend in costume. To this end, we must have a method of identifying our participants from others who may look like they work at the faire. IDs will be issued at the Faire Control Desk. IDs will be required for access to the campground.

Camping

There is camping available at the Winery for all the participants. Water and firewood are of limited supply. Plan to bring some of your own.

Bathroom facilities are "port-a-Johns". No showers are available.

Nearby Mt. Airy and New Market have motels and B&Bs available. We suggest you pursue this aspect of lodging on your own. The Frederick County office of tourism has lots of information.

Unlike the Faire grounds, the campground has no dress code. Participants are recommended to dress according to the seasons and the weather. October tends to get rather nippy at night, and can have very warm temperatures during the day. Be prepared for both extremes of temperature when you pack for the event.

At the present time, fires will be allowed. Fire pits should be dug and covered after the event.

Food will be available from the food vendors during the day. However, the closest stores are several miles away, and participants are recommended to bring their own foods for consumption during the hours the Faire is not active.

Cars are allowed in the campground.

Cars are allowed in the Faire ground before 9am and after 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday, at all times before Saturday, and after Sunday.

Individuals who camp in the Fairegrounds as security, must have their 20th century gear removed and stowed by 9:00am Saturday and Sunday.

All campers are welcome, Thursday night through Monday afternoon.

Daytime Activities

All Faire participants are responsible for ensuring that they are aware of the times they are scheduled to man booths and perform. The control booth will be located in ...

Participants who do not have anything specific to do should report here to help out.

Again, as in the past two years, all participants are encouraged to "have something to do". Those people who are coming to "hang out" are asked to please pay with the public.

Battles and other entertainment are scheduled to begin at specific times. Form-up should occur at a reasonable time prior to these times to ensure that all participants are ready at the appointed time. **Please Note:** Markland time is not an excuse for being late to these events. They will go on with or without you. If you wish to participate, please be on time.

This is an educational Faire with the public in attendance. Inappropriate behavior, garb, or equipment should be left in your tent, or at home.

Other than the mead and wine provided by the Winery, no alcoholic beverages should be consumed on the Faire grounds during the Faire. (Save them for later.)

Security

We have several Security Teams active at this year's Faire. All should be low profile and inconspicuous as possible. **NO** Faire participant should take Faire security into their own hands, unless absolutely necessary to protect life and property.

Security control will be located at the checkpoint between the campground and the Faire grounds.

Gate crashing by participants will not be tolerated. Security people will be located at the gate in order to enforce this rule.

Fighting

Battlemasters for each recreation and frat demonstration will enforce all rules of Marklandic combat that apply to each.

Safety is emphasized for all combat. All fighters are to restrict fighting to designated areas only.

No weapons will be drawn in public places. If someone wishes to view a sheathed weapon, proceed to a demonstration area where public access is restricted and can be kept at a distance from the weapons.

NO ONE from the public should be allowed to use steel in any manner. All weapons vendors are encouraged to "peace bond" the weapons they sell. Participants are encouraged to set weapons where they will not be inadvertently picked up by the public.

Performers

Scheduled performances will occur on the stage, in the barn, and the tavern. These areas are restricted to wandering performers at these times. All performers are encouraged to wander around the Faire and perform, but be aware of the areas where your performance may interfere with people trying to hear and see a scheduled performance.

All performers are responsible for knowing the schedule and being on time for their performances.

If there is a performance scheduled after you are done, it is the performer's responsibility to finish their performance in time to clear the area for the next performer.

Cleanup

All campers and Faire participants are responsible for a thorough cleanup of their areas. Bags will be provided for those who forget their own.

Fire pits should be doused until out; we don't want to burn the winery woods down, and the fire pits should be re-covered by whatever dirt was initially removed to make them.

Repeat... All fire pits should be filled back up after you have finished using them.

All whole haybales should be stacked near the driveway for removal after the Faire.

Haybales that have been broken should be raked and bagged for disposal.

Lost and Found will be located in the Faire Control Booth.

For those hearty souls who stick around on Sunday night to aid the cleanup effort, there will be free pizza and sodas.

Medical

All emergencies should be reported to the Faire control booth immediately.

All injuries to participants will be reported to the Faire control booth as soon as possible, unless they are an emergency (See Emergencies Above.)

There will be a first aid booth.

The Winery

The winery continues to be our best benefactor at the present time. NO ONE should in any way do anything that would jeopardize the relationship we have with the winery, on pain of banishment.

The Aellens live here. All participants are asked to please respect this.

The houses on the grounds of the winery are off-limits. No one should take it upon themselves to bother anyone in either of the houses on the Winery grounds.

If you feel that you have a situation that requires special intervention, please see the people at the Faire Control booth. If they cannot help you, get hold of Robert Becraft (Wihthead) or Rick Alyson (Sean). One reason why we hold morning meetings is so you will know who we are.