

The Mudpuppy



May, 2005

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Calendar of Events

May 2005

7 Sir Steffen's All Ax Challenge

(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Astoria, NY)

20 - 22 West Windsor Lions Renaissance Faire

(Barony of Carillion - Trenton, NJ)

27-30 Quest XXII That was Zen, This is Tao

(**Barony of Settmour Swamp - Neshanic Station, NJ**)

June 2005

4 Something Fishy This Way Comes IX / (Lord of the Rivers VIII, Rampart Riot VII Tournaments, Bhakail Baronial Champion IV, Bhakail Baronial Rapier Champion IV)

(Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust - Philadelphia, PA)

10-12 Barren Sands War

(Shire of Barren Sands - Elmer, NJ)

17 - 19 [RP] Landsknecht Vereidigung - K&Q Champion of Arms

(Shire of Eisental - Lehighton, PA)

25 -27 Wolf Hunt Free Event and Public Demo

(Shire of Montevale - Waynesboro, PA)

July 2005

22 - 24 [RP] East Kingdom War Camp

(Shire of Eisental - Lehighton, PA)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

Sundays – 1:00pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78).

Also, there will be archer practice at the youth fighter practices, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact the NW Canton Seneschal for information.

Monthly Business Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month, location changes. See the Mudpuppy or the Baronial website for location and directions.

Fencing Practices -

Wednesdays 7-10 pm, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 550 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood A donation of \$3 to \$5 dollars is requested to cover the rental cost.

Thursdays 8 - 10:30 PM, at the North Stelton Fire Company, 70 Haines Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Youth Fighter Practices:

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, assuming that we do not have a conflict with a major holiday, church function, or local SCA event.

Time is from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rte. 31, Flemington

Calligraphy Workshop

1st Tuesday of the month at the home of our Baron and Baroness, 39 Claire Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Directions to Practices

Fighter Practices, Moose Lodge, Edison

From I-287 South take Exit #3 – New Durham/Metuchen. Turn RIGHT at light onto New Durham Road. At next light, make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. At next light turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles; make a LEFT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

From I-287 North take Exit #2B – New Brunswick/Rte. 27 South. Turn traffic flows onto Rte. 27 South. At third traffic light turn RIGHT onto Talmadge Road (Sturgis Road). Go 1.8 miles to 3rd light; make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Turn LEFT into Moose driveway.

Youth Fighter Practices, St. Paul's, Flemington

St Paul is located along Route 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle

From Route 287

Go I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17)., go Southwest on US-202 to Flemington NJ

Make first right in circle to get on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Route 78 in Pennsylvania

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Drawings provided by students at the demo given on March 8th.

Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17) Then Go South on NJ-31.

Follow signs for Hospital.

Make right onto Gaunt Place church is on Left.

From New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 WEST/NEW JERSEY TPKE EXT EAST RAMP towards EXITS 14 TO 14C/CARS-TRUCKS-BUSES.

Merge onto I-78 WEST RAMP, Merge onto I-78 W.

Take I-78 EXPRESS Lane W towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY / CLINTON.

Merge onto I-78 EXPRESS Lane West. I-78 EXPRESS Lane West becomes I-78 W.

Take the I-287 exit, exit number 29, towards SOMERVILLE (US-202/206).

Merge onto I-287 SOUTH RAMP., Merge onto I-287 S.

Take the US-202 SOUTH/US-206 SOUTH exit, exit number 17, towards SOMERVILLE (US-22 W) / FLEMINGTON.

Stay straight to go onto US-202 S. until you reach Flemington Take first Right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Garden State Parkway

Go North on GARDEN STATE PKWY (Portions toll) to I-195 (Exit 98).

Go West on I-195 to I-295.

Go North on I-295 to I-95 SOUTH.

Go South on I-95 SOUTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

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From Philadelphia

Go North on I-95 NORTH to New Jersey.

Go North on I-95 NORTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

Go 1/2 way around circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From the Baron and Baroness

Greeting from Teric and Paigan, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp;

We are pleased to welcome the newest peer in our Barony, as our own cook extraordinaire, Brigid ni Chairain, was inducted into the Order of the Laurel at this past Coronation! We also congratulate Alexander MacGregor on being made a Baron of the Court at Mudthaw, in recognition of his many years of devoted service, and welcome Lord Owynn Greenwood as our new baronial seneschal. Also at Mudthaw, Awards of Arms were given to Konrad, Galefridus, Katherine, Kalisfena (little one), Arnacai and Finebhar an Bheithir. Vivant to all these most worthy gentles and fellow 'Swampies'!

Spring has sprung, and we are looking forward to a fun season of events and activities. As many of you know, the National Summer Reading Program this year is themed 'Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds – Joust Read!', so we are being inundated with demo requests from local libraries to enhance their programs. Baroness Paigan is in the process of organizing and scheduling a number of demos throughout the Barony, and we encourage everyone to try to make it to at least one, and as many as of them as possible. This is a great opportunity to share our interests in our local communities, and inspire the next generation of future SCA-dians. Most of the demos will be scheduled for a couple hours on weekday evenings, and your participation is encouraged and appreciated!

In May, there will be a regional Fencing Practice on the 7th at the Piscataway practice site; a feast prep session for Quest at the Baronial demesne in Bridgewater on the 15th, and, of course, the fabulous Quest for Wit and Wisdom – 'That was Zen, This is Tao' – over Memorial Day weekend in Neshanic Station. Besides being a tremendous good time, Quest is also where we hold our Baronial Championship tournaments. We encourage everyone to vie for the prestigious title of Baronial Champion, whether as a fighter, fencer, archer, bard, artisan, or in thrown weapons. Those who are victorious are charged with representing with honor the finest in our Barony and are invited to join our retinue in our Baronial Court. The martial Champions are also responsible for designing the tournaments to determine their successors, subject to our approval, of course!

Though August may seem a long ways away, it won't be long before Pennsic is upon us, so everyone is reminded to make their reservations with Coopers Lake Campground before the June 1st deadline! You can register on-line at: www.pennsicwar.org. If you wish to camp in the Baronial Encampment, then designate 'Barony of Settmour Swamp' as your camping site. You must also fill out the Settmour Swamp camping form, by July 23rd – they will be distributed at Quest and available on the website soon.

We hope to see you at some of the upcoming gatherings, til then, be excellent!



Teric and Paigan

Drawings from the Chapin School Demo

Princeton, NJ March 2005

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the clips that they showed on the screen.

Nicole

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the woman how let us touch her dress.

Lara

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked win I got the mat glove.

Arleigh

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the dance with my friends.

Julia

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the battle
and the dancing.

Laney

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the fite with
the knights and the
swords.

Christopher

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the real life
battle.

Mahsin

Medieval Day



March 8, 2005

I liked the part
where they fited
and when we danst
Alayna Marie Borden,

Medieval Day

March 8, 2005

I liked the
file with the
swords.
Alex

Medieval Day

March 8, 2005

I liked the assembly
when they were fighting.
Mikera
Evan's

Medieval Day Mr. O

March 8, 2005

I liked when the
Chapin team won in
feeling.
Robin

Medieval Day

March 8, 2005

I liked the
fight.
Max

Chapin School Demo

Princeton, NJ March 2005

Information Provided by Baroness Paigan as told to Lady Eleanor Callaghan

Our Barony did a demo in March at the Chapin School in Princeton. Chapin is a K-8 private school, the demo participants were our Baroness Paigan, (Calligraphy & Illumination), Teric (armor/fighting), Lady Richenda (costuming/food), Baroness Jessa (dancing), Lord Galen (medieval games), and Lady Laurewyn (medieval music). His (then) Highness Kelson and Cet Donegal did a beautiful armor display, and also Lord Eisdrache from Forestgate was there to help out.

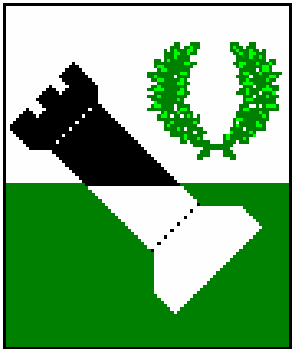
The children provided us with lovely drawings demonstrating which parts they enjoyed the most. I think that the drawings show that the fighting was very popular, as was the dancing. A particular favorite of mine, though, is the image used for the cover, by one little girl who stated simply, "I liked the woman who let us touch her dress".

Pennsic Reminder!

A reminder to all – Pennsic registration is now! Pre-registration ends on June 1st! Don't miss out!

The pre-registration web site can be accessed at <http://www.cooperslake.com/prereg34.html>

For those without computer access, a printed form has been included with this month's mailing.



Quest XXII That was Zen, This is Tao

Friday, May 27th, 2005 to Monday, May 30th, 2005

Hosted by [Barony of Settmour Swamp](#) - Neshanic Station, NJ

The Barony of Settmour Swamp welcomes one and all to our 22nd Quest, a three-day camping event with something for everyone to enjoy.

On Saturday, we will engage in competitions for our Baronial Champions [all our welcome to compete]. For those who crave battle there will be competitions in heavy weapons, thrown weapons, fencing, and archery. A competition for youth fighters will also take place. For the craftsman we will have a A&S and brewing competition as well as a bardic circle by the campfire in the evening.

After all the afternoon events a grand feast will take place Saturday evening. The feast will have a medieval Japanese theme. The medieval Japanese theme will continue with our annual Quest. It promises to be quite challenging and will take place on Sunday afternoon. After the quest in the evening a Baronial court will take place where the Baronial champions will be announced from the weekends many challenging events.

The site is damp: you may bring beer, wine, and mead but no distilled alcohol. There will be no running water on site so we ask that you bring your own. There will be porta-castles onsite as well as a large dumpster. The county asks that you recycle all bottles, cans, and paper-please use the recycling bags provided or bring your empties home.

We ask that you keep an eye on your children onsite, a minor waiver must be signed for those under 18 by a parent or legal guardian. Pets are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after.

Directions:

From Route 206: [Route 206 can be reached from Routes 287 and 22 from the north, and from Routes 95, 295, and 195 from the south].

Take Route 206 to County road 514 [Amwell Road] in Hillsboro NJ. If you are coming from the north turn right onto Route 514. If you are coming from the south make a left.

From the New Brunswick/Franklin area: Take Hamilton street/Route 514 west from New Brunswick, it turns into Amwell road/Route 514. Continue across Route 206 and continue as above.

From Route 202 northbound [from Flemington area]: Turn right on Pleasant Run road. In about 2 1/2 miles, the road becomes River road. Make the next right onto Elm street, cross the white girder bridge, the site is just across the bridge, on the right.

From Route 202 southbound [from the Somerville Circle]: Turn left at the traffic light onto Old York road, then onto South Branch road [County Route 567]. At the T-intersection, turn left to continue on South Branch road. After about 4 miles, turn left onto Route 629/Pleasant Run road. [In about 1/2 mile, the road number will change back to Route 567]. Make the next right on Elm street, cross the white girder bridge, the site is just across the bridge, on the right.

Event Website: www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Neshanic Station Fire Dept. picnic grounds

Corner of River Rd. and Elm St.

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Site Opens: 4pm Friday May 27th,2005

Site Closes: 12 noon Monday May 30th,2005

Event Fees:

Site : Adult full weekend: \$24.00 [Friday, Saturday, Sunday]

Adult day: \$9.00

Minus \$1.00 a day for under 18

Minus \$4.00 a day for under 13

Under 5 is free

Monday is free

A \$3.00 surcharge will be charged to all non-SCA members

Feast: Feast is reserved to 100 people and is \$7.00. Please send in reservations to reserve spot.

Send Reservations to:

Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood [Beth Dobo]

Mail to: 71 Sky Manor Road, Pittstown NJ. 08867

Autocrat:

Lord Eric the Wandering Horseman [Fred Henninger Jr.] Cell phone: 732-672-5345

Other Contact Information:

Merchants are welcome, there is no charge for space but you must supply your own tables.

Make Checks Payable to: SCA - Barony of Settmour Swamp

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