

The Principality of Vindheim's

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Upcoming Events

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| Kingdom Collegium | July 12 |
| Summer Round Table - Virtual Event | July 19 |
| Out of Kingdom - Pennsic War | July 25 - Aug 10 |
| Herald Bootcamp | July 26 |
| Hotter Than Hellsgate | Aug 09 |
| Steppes Artisan | Aug 16 |
| Glaslyn Artisan of the Flame | Aug 23 |
| Serpent's Symposium VII | Aug 23 |
| Bonwicke's War of Legends | Aug 29 - Sep 01 |

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From Their Serene Highness

Greetings unto our most wonderful populace!

We are thrilled to be serving as your Coronet once more!

We are looking forward to having a fun reign filled with recognizing our amazing populace for all the awesome things that they do. In that vein, we have already received some award recommendations, but please, keep them coming!

Vindheim events are a tad sparse this summer, but we will be attending Pennsic and representing our great principality there. We welcome any and all who would join us.

This fall, events will pick up considerably and we will look to attend as many principality events as we can.

One thing that we plan to bring back is the gifting of mugs to our newcomers, but we find ourselves to be mugless, currently. That being said, if you find period looking mugs while perusing thrift stores and the like, and are so inclined to purchase them for that purpose, we would be most grateful.

Many of you already know us, but if you do not, please do not hesitate to come and introduce yourselves to us. We want to know all the good gentles of our wonderful populace.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Their Serene Highnesses

Micauley, Prince, and Caterina, Princess



From the Office of the Seneschal

Greetings Vindheim!

July 19 is Round Table. It is a virtual on-line day filled with sessions which provide detailed information about many of the offices and activities in the SCA. If you are interested in becoming an officer or just learning how the SCA works, there are sessions for you! There are also sessions specific to activities within the SCA.

The Vindheim Summer temperatures are rising fast. Remember to hydrate and seek shade. Make sure those around you do too.

I am honored to announce that Their Majesties, our Kingdom Seneschal, and the Board of Directors have approved the reactivation of Skorragardr. As of Summer Coronet (June 28, 2025) they are an active canton under the Barony of Namron. Their populace has put in a lot of effort to get to this point. Please support and encourage them whatever ways you can.

In Service,

Master Elric Dracwin

Vindheim Seneschal



The Chronicler's Quill

Greetings unto the populace of Vindheim!

As the summer sun rises high over the lands of Vindheim, warm winds stir the leaves and carry with them tales of valor, artistry, and devotion. From quiet moments in shaded pavilions to the jubilant songs around the feast hall fire, our principality thrives through the passion and spirit of her people.

And lo—when a call went out, it was answered! This month, we are honored to include submissions from two who have stepped forward to enrich these pages. We thank our premier Vindheim Arts & Sciences Champion, Misier Vitalis Gabrielle Venier della Mare, for sharing their craft and insight. We also welcome Thorgeir Bjornsson of the Barony of Bjornsborg, who brings news from the greenwood. Thorgeir has been newly appointed as Farm, Field, and Forest (FFF) Liaison to the High Warden of the Royal Foresters Guild of Æthelmearc, in preparation for their 2025–2026 Forester Challenge—may the trails ahead be ever in his favor!

Yet many voices remain unheard, and many stories untold. Whether thou art scribe or skald, cook or chronicler, artisan or adventurer—your contributions are welcome. The July issue awaits, and with it, a chance to share the spirit and wonders of Vindheim with all.

May your days be filled with light, your evenings with song, and your hearts with stories worth the telling.

In service of the dream and the written word,
Viscountess Emmelina de Medelande
Vindheim Editing Chronicler



From the Webminister



Хүчтэй салхины ард түмэнд мэндчилж байна!

As you've likely seen in the Seneschal's missives, we've begun having "Path to Kingdom" meetings. Check out the March issue if you missed it. (And May & June for updates.) In recent meetings we formed committees and I'm leading a committee for Online Resources we'd like to see for Vindheim. These apply even as a Principality! We just had our first meeting and I have so. much. homework! I want to offer you ALL THE RESOURCES! If this is a topic close to your heart and you'd like to participate in the process, send me an email!

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Pronouns: she / her



Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging

Greeting to the amazing Principality of Vindhiem!

July 19th is Round Table, it is virtual and awesome DEIB classes will be taught.

My office will be open in September, I will be still serving until then. But I wanted to give everyone decent time to apply for my position.

Please send applications to the following email.

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Everyone who is traveling to Pennsic be safe.

Ride share, caravan and group travel chats are a great way to stay safe, give updates, and find awesome food places :).

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Principality of Vindhiem DEIB Officer



From the Herald

To the populace of Vindheim, I send you greetings.

Their Excellencies Isaac and Eadwyn as well as His Highness and I have been working on a document detailing the insignia for our awards. That document should be available in the very near future if it is not already. That will give you options for making insignia for the Principality as well as wearing insignia for the awards you have earned.

In Service,

Heer Thomas de Groet, CIM, CSM, OLPK

Sanguine Bastion Herald

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings Vindheim artisans,

The summer season is in full swing and that means more indoor events and more A&S classes and learning opportunities are happening.

One of my favorite events will be happening on the 12th of July, Kingdom Collegium! A full day of classes and discussions. The event will be at La Vernia Chamber of Commerce Hall in La Vernia, TX. All sorts of topics will be taught. Visit the Kingdom Collegium web page for details on the upcoming classes.

The weekend following Collegium is Round Table. This online virtual event is not just for officers, but for anyone interested in taking on an office is encouraged to attend those classes. While they are not related to A&S specific, they are informative and teach us what is happening throughout the Kingdom.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events. Stay hydrated!

Maitresse Marguerite Dinard
Vindheim Minister of Arts & Sciences

From the Vindheim A&S Champion

I have three recordings of the lute pieces that I entered into the premier Vindheim Artisan championship. I am thrilled to share the pieces that brought me victory with the Principality in the monthly newsletter.

Tastar de Corde and Recercar by Dalza (1508)

<https://youtu.be/LVpKyIVaF2U>

Ricercar by Francesco (Il Divino) Milano (1530)

<https://youtu.be/RT2Hkx4aT0>

A Fancy by John Dowland (1610) <https://youtu.be/YcG2S1AtFZY>

I also have a link to the documentation, which is possibly of less interest to the general population.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZuJ1WKGKfWOYG48klzfo5NETmrvVNp0UUi6wmUTmwz8o/edit?usp=sharing>

Let me know if you would find this a worthwhile contribution to your fine publication.

Grazi,

Misier Vitalis Gabrielle Venier della Mare

Wellspring of Vindheim. River of Vindheim. Vindheim A&S champion.

Intro to the Aethelmearc Forestry Guild Challenge

Greetings to Ansteorra, my name is Thorgeir Bjornsson and I wanted to share information about a Challenge that occurs in another Kingdom, Aethelmearc. The challenge Aethelmearc Forestry Guild Challenge. Within the Kingdom of Ansteorra there has been a growing interest in Farm, Field and Forestry within Arts and Sciences. Recently a special edition of our Blackstar was published about this growing trend. This article will be just about the Aethelmearc Forestry Guild Challenge which is open to those from outside of the Kingdom.

I hope to encourage more people to investigate this growing field. This would also be considered experimental archaeology. You can research period gear, recreating them and testing them in the real world. Those turn shoes you made, let's see how they handle under pressure. Will the pack basket you made actually work in the field. In the SCA we make lots of stuff, but have we really tested the items we make.

I am using the post from their Facebook Guild page and the post was from Alfrun Ketta (MKA Jenn Culler). I apologize for not being able to do proper accents over the A and U in her name yet. I will also be drawing from the comments on the ideas for the next challenge that have been discussed in the comments. The idea and many of the challenges they used came from Atlantia's Guild; who used it as a way to keep busy during the pandemic. The current challenge is currently closed but planning is already happening for the next year with a start of September 2025. The challenge is a lot more than just making a few A&S items and calling it good like several challenges that have been done before. This one includes focus areas of Research & Recreation, Education, Safety, Camping, Hiking, Voyaging, Bushcraft, Firecraft/Outdoor cooking, and environmental Stewardship. I will be presenting the current items for each focus area and then discuss the new ideas at the end.

The Rules for the current challenge are Item must be verified by an officer, photo, video or document attachment and are also encouraged to share your work with the Guild Facebook page. Activities may be completed from September 5, 2024 to July 25, 2025; so the next challenge will start on September 5, 2025. Points may only be earned once for each activity while some items in different categories may be combined. Example you can't stack a backpacking trip with a basic camping trip, but a second backpacking trip would count. You can stack items like Building a fire, cooking a meal on a camping trip. Completion of points can earn badge or token; the current points will be listed on new challenge. It is not a competition, it is for fun, education and to encourage forester activity and also encouraged to plan activities together such as, Hiking, camping, classes and so forth.

For Research and Recreation, you get points based on activities certain activities some of which are repeatable. This area is where you see a wide range of A&S fields used. You can write an article for their Forestry Guild blog on a Medieval forestry related topic.

Create a persona-appropriate tinder pouch in cloth or leather. Crafting a scroll blank for Kingdom use with forestry related depiction or themes. Using calligraphy and/or Illumination for recreating forestry related depictions or documents; I personally think award scrolls would fit into this. Use period form to create poetry or song that incorporates period Forestry, hunts, or pertains to wild spaces. Create a piece of garb related to the Forestry Guild garb requirements. Creating and testing persona-appropriate forester-related gear such as canteens. Repair damaged or broken piece of Forester-related gear and post how you did it. Make a light source like a candle or an oil lamp using period materials. As you can see this covers the topic of A&S from Scribal, leather working, bardic, clothing, and possibly others.

The next focus area would be Education. This is something many in SCA already do. For points you can Teach an Online course, webinar, video or in-person class on a forestry topic. Take a mundane class or workshop in a Forestry-related field and write a post for the guild blog about your experience. Reading a book on a Forester-related topic and completing a written review of it for the Guild blog and Facebook group. The SCA has always been about learning and teaching and this help encourage that.

The Safety focus is one many tend to forget about when they are at events of doing activities. To help remind and encourage safe behavior there is this focus. The first point item is completing a certified first aid course; many are now online and have low cost. Next is creating a first aid Kit. This can be just a small belt-based kit for minor cuts, a larger kit for camp or a backcountry situation where first responders may take a long time to reach you. From my experience doing first aid at events previously I have seen it may times people go out with no first aid kits and think it will never happen to me. But it can, even a field marshal not fighting could get hit by accident and need first aid. I think this is a very important item here. The next safety item is Navigation, taking an online course in land or marine navigation or demonstrate proficiency with map and compass. Next would be a safety equipment kit for use in hiking or camping; either medieval or mundane, items would include for example a solar blanket, compass, whistle, first aid kit, etc. Many of these items I personally would also encourage for more than just SCA use. The last item they have for safety is Hunting a geocache, this is practical use of navigation.

Camping is the next focus. This is something many do at SCA events already but here it is a little more detailed. Do a Leave-no-trace backpacking or camping trip. Collect a kit of campsite tools and containers that would have been feasible pre-1600 such as cookpots and utensils. Next would be to set up a tarp-based shelter.

Hiking would be the next focus area with things starting at field test a medieval appropriate gear on a day hike trip or saunter. A saunter is a walk in a slow, relaxed manner, without

hurry or effort. Go on a 3-mile or more Hike for extra point do the hike in garb which includes period(ish) shoes. Insoles and modern soles are acceptable. For even more points take a hike of 5 or more miles in garb with period footwear just like under the 3-mile hike.

The next focus area is Voyaging. This is currently a short list but looks fun. Take a woodland ride on horseback for a mile while wearing Forester Garb. You can safely operate a paddled water vehicle. Take a trip of over 5 miles via a paddled water vehicle. For this I would encourage people to go in groups for safety, and it would make the trip better. The Aethelmearc guild had been posting about group trips, and it looked fun. I grew up canoeing and floating a river in a boat while fishing growing up. It was lots of fun with a small group.

Bushcraft is the next focus area. You can display knowledge of at least 3 different knots useful in outdoor situations. Find stones and cut a stick with it. Demonstrate the ability to knap flint and make a useful edged tool. Collect natural material and make five or more feet of cordage. Identify 3 edible plants that would be safe to forage and explain why and how to prepare them for consumption if necessary. Remember to exercise safety precautions and verify the plants are safe. You could Build a pack frame or a natural shelter. They give extra points for spending the night in it.

For the Firecraft/outdoor cooking area includes building, lighting fires and cooking. The first item is building a period fire-making kit with all the gear you need to make fire using two or more period methods. Build three types of wood structures for a fire and explain pros and cons of each. Create fire starters, examples would be char cloth, whittled wood shavings, wax based etc. Demonstrate a safe fire set up including a method for quick fire extinguishing. Light a wood fire safely; points vary on how but include using matches or magnesium fire starter, flint and steel or fire glass, and friction method. Also get credit for cooking an edible meal for four people over a wood fire. Always remember local laws, regulations and ground fire restrictions.

The last focus area is Environmental stewardship. Period Foresters were considered the caretakers of the land they oversaw so I consider essential continuation of work they started. You can earn a point for learning about and fulfill a wildlife habitat program for your home. No purchase necessary they list 2 websites with checklists that you just confirm you met. Go on a litter campaign the request 3 or more hours cleaning up neighborhood, local park, woodland or waterway. Many groups will hold events on these in your area. Plant a tree making sure to not use an invasive species. Learn about managed forests in your area, and if possible, take a field trip. Learn about hunting or fishing regulations in your area and why limitations are in place. Identify and remove invasive plants or insects from a section of your yard, friends' yard or public space.

Those are the current years items to earn points. They are openly discussing some ideas for next year. Some suggestions are to make a non-clothing item for winter Forster activities like a sleeping bag, skis, snowshoes or possibly a whole category of cold season itself. Discussion includes expanding resource management items. So, it looks like the next challenge will have even more stuff to do. One thing to always remember when doing SCA Forestry Activities is to follow mundane laws, CDC and local safety guidelines and well as good old common sense.

The Facebook page for Aethelmearc Royal Guild of Foresters is <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1FmY4YjDh4/> and the link to their website with the official rules and point layouts is <https://aethelmearcforesters.weebly.com/the-long-trail/aethelmearc-forestry-guild-challenge-2024-2025>. As it gets closer to September they will update the new point system, items and how to join in on the fun. I plan to make a list of items I plan on doing for the next challenge. Ansteorra has a Farm, Field and Forest Facebook group and an Ansteorra Foresters Guild group.

Thorgeir Bjornsson
MKA William Danks
Barony of Bjornsborg
Kingdom of Ansteorra



THE BARONY OF
BJORNSBORG
PROUDLY PRESENTS:



KINGDOM COLLEGIUM

Event Registration:

Adult Event Registration: \$30

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$20

Children 17 and under: FREE

Sideboard Luncheon provided by Barony of Bjornsborg

Make Checks Payable to *SCA Inc. / Barony of Bjornsborg*

Saturday, July 12, 2025

8 am – 7 pm



Location:

**La Vernia Chamber of Commerce Hall
12301 W US Highway 87, La Vernia, TX 78121**

From Seguin/I-10E: Take exit 601 to FM 775 South. Turn left onto Newton. Turn right on River.
Turn left on Chihuahua. Turn left on US 87. Site will be on the right.

From San Antonio: Take Loop 1604E to US 87. Turn left on US 87. Go approximately 9 miles,
through town. Site will be on the right.

Event Steward: Ginevra Tessaro (m.k.a. Jennifer Ruth)

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For information about teaching,
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Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

Website:

https://ansteorra.org/bjornsborg/local_activities/kingdomcollegium2025/

kingdom@moas.ansteorra.org

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19cV9eEZYJ/>

PayPal: Coming Soon! Please check the Facebook Event for information.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

Site is Dry, except for Brewing Classes. Service Animals only inside the hall.



HERALD BOOTCAMP

**HOSTED BY
THE BARONY OF
LOCH SOILLEIR**

JULY 26, 2025

Are you an heraldic officer? Are you interested in an heralic office? Join us Saturday July 26th to learn all the ins and outs of what it means and what it takes to be an heraldic officer!

Adult Registration: \$20
Adult Member Discount: \$10
Child 17 & under: FREE!
Registration includes:
Loch's Famous taco bar

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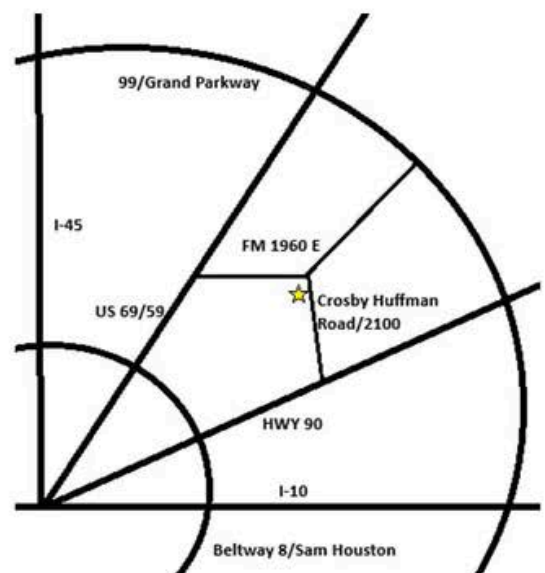
Make checks payable to SCA Inc./ Barony of Loch Soilleir

Site location: 23019 FM-2100,
Huffman, TX 77336-2768

General location seen in this map.

Well behaved pets allowed on leash.

Site Opens at 9 am and closes at 6 pm



Event steward: Drottin Kolli Oxnamegin MKA Sarah DeArmond
Email: kollioxnamegin@gmail.com Phone: 713-854-9579

The Stronghold of Hellsgate presents
Hotter than Hellsgate

August 9, 2025, 8am-9pm

Oakalla Community Center

408A Ranch to Market Rd 963, Briggs, TX 78608

*The summer still doth tend upon my state... Four **classes** will quickly dream away the time;
And then the moon, like to a silver bow / New-bent in heaven, shall behold the night – **and DANCING!**
(adapted From Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream")*

Adult Event Registration: \$25

Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$15

Make checks payable to: "SCA Inc. / Stronghold of Hellsgate". (See website for PayPal link)

Child /Youth (under 18): Free

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents

SIDEBOARD LUNCH INCLUDED.

FEAST: Potluck feast. Bring a dish according to your interests. (See Website for Potluck Signup) Please include an ingredient card, or store ingredient list.

Site Details:

Site allows alcohol. Service Dogs allowed. Site is handicap accessible. Kitchen has refrigerators, Stove with Oven, MANY outlets for crockpots.

Classrooms have lots of tables & chairs. Playground outside.

There will be 4 class Tracks including a Workshop & an Active area, plus a Bardic Storytime from 2-4pm, and dancing in the evening.

(See website to sign up to teach)

Directions: From Briggs, TX, head North on FM2657 for 8.4 miles, turn left onto RMR963.

From Copperas Cove/Lampasas, TX: head South on FM2657 from intersection with Hwy 190 for 10.1 miles, turn right onto RMR963.

The Community Center shares a parking lot with the Fire Station.

Event Steward: Willoc macMuiredaig (Wendy Marsh) 281-615-3249 willocmacm@gmail.com

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