

TarValon.Net

Anniversary Event 2010

Official Information Packet

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Anni 2010 –Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

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Please print this document and bring it with you to our event. There is a great deal of important information included that you will need for your reference.

INTRODUCTION

This year's Anniversary Event promises to be one of the most enjoyable gatherings we've had. The entertainment committee has worked hard to set up a fun filled weekend with a variety of events that everyone can enjoy. Our dining committee has planned a selection of wonderful meals. Add this to the site itself and it should be a perfectly wonderful event. For those joining us for the first time, and those who are veterans of tower events, we hope you have a great time!

LOCATION INFORMATION

Easter Seals Elks Respite Camp

Located about sixty miles north of Madison, Wisconsin; Near Wisconsin Dells

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-90 / 94, take exit #87

Merge onto WI-13 N toward Wisconsin Dells (1.9 mi)

Turn Left at River Rd (0.9 mi)

Continue on Waubeek Rd (straight through a roundabout)

Go straight through a stop sign, under a bridge

Turn right into Easter seals camp (there is a sign)

AIRPORT PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

You are responsible for your transportation to and from the campsite. Please know all of your pick up and drop off information before you arrive at the event. Also, please plan on splitting the gas bill both to and from the event with your traveling partners. Please be sure to bring cash for this purpose. People who avoid pitching in for gas may find it difficult to find drivers to volunteer in the future. Be sure to exchange phone numbers with your travel partners in advance!

EVENT CHECK-IN

We have a lot of people to check in on Friday, and quite a lot to process. Please come at the appointed time, be prepared to follow the outlined procedure, and have any materials you may need to assist in your check in (e.g. ID).

- Check in time is between 2 pm and 6 pm. If you are going to arrive after 6 pm on Friday, you must contact Tian Sedai or Cealestis Sedai and let them know the anticipated time of your arrival so they may arrange a late check in for you. Please contact one or both via PM in advance of the event if possible. If circumstances arise that unexpectedly prevent you from arriving before 6, please contact Tian at 720-341-3863.
- The site will be open prior to check in for those who get into town before 2pm.
- You are free to check in at the main lodge (marked Lodge on the map) anytime between 3 pm and 6 pm. Check in will include:
 - o Confirming your arrival at the site
 - o Obtaining your name badge for the event
 - o Obtaining a sticker that will allow you to drink if you are over 21 and wish to do so (proof of age is required to get the sticker)
 - o Signing liability and photo release forms
 - o Receive program, memory book, small welcome bag, etc.
 - o Pick up your shirt if you ordered one
 - o Purchasing raffle tickets if you so chose
 - o Receiving directions to your assigned cabin
 - o Sign up for special activities (e.g. Amyrlin's Tournament).
 - o provide your name, address, and additional contact information for the Easter Seals facility for emergency purposes.

DEPARTING MONDAY MORNING

We must be completely checked out of the cabin by 10am Monday morning. This includes cleaning the space and returning everything to how we found it. You must check out with Cassie Sedai in the main lodge before your departure from the site. After departing the cabin, everyone is invited to join us for brunch at IHOP in Wisconsin Dells. Additional information and directions will be provided at the event.

COMMITTEES

This event would not be possible without the many members who volunteer to help with our committees. If you have questions or concerns regarding the following areas, please see the head of the respective committee:

- Awards – Melisande
- Decorating – Leilwyn
- Dining – Riley [Dining team leaders: Magdalenna Sedai, Ban Gaidin, Atreyu Gaidin]
- Entertainment – Eleyan Sedai, Triste Sedai
- Errands – Caerwyn Gaidin
- Safety – Deoan Gaidin

- Shopping – Kyla Sedai
- Welcome – Tian Sedai, Cealestis Sedai

CABIN ASSIGNMENTS

Osprey Cabin

Atarah
Millefiori
Kyla
Kariada
Jadira
Miliham

Owl Cabin

Leilwyn
Mazarin
Melearlin
Magdalenna
Wil
Eli
Liiane
Kaizu
Kitiarah
Mariasha
Darian
Ajailyn

Main Cabin

Room 1

Tian
Deoan
Aleczauder

Room 3

Ilenna
Nico

Room 5

Lireina
Jaim
Aria
Lugh

Eagle Cabin

Mashiara
Lucas
Atreyu
Triste
Toral
Ne'Mireth

Falcon Cabin

Jaedlyn
Sorcha
Daria
Tsubasa
Elbereth
Jodea
Cealestis
R'amorae
Liathiana

Room 2

Jeffan
Martam
Amarande

Room 4

Riley
Caerwyn

Room 6

Madine
Torval
Esteban
Addelyn

Room 7

Ubah
Benjin

Room 9

Melisande
Kevin

Room 11

Cassie
Serenla
Soronhen
Adolla

Room 13

Eleyan
Dralyn
Lyssandra

Room 8

Ban
Karassa

Room 10

Velaris
Thalin
Miridyth

Room 12

Serinia
Valorian

Room 14

Xylina
Aldous
Bishoploz
Rina

CAMPGROUND MAPS



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS* and MENU HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 3/19/10

2 pm Registration and Welcome Mixers will begin

Beginning at 3pm the Welcome Committee will be ready to start checking people in, here you will get your finalized room assignment, name badge, welcome bag, official anni program and lots of cool swag.

Also a name will be attached to your back and you'll get a card that looks like BINGO. Dual game of Bingo and guessing who's name is on your back. Raffle tickets for all, check the back of the BINGO card for official instructions.

Finally, its camp! Time to get your craft on! Colored pencils, glue sticks, paper plates and tape will be available for you to make signage for your cabin/room. Let others know not only who is staying there but that you've got camp spirit and cabin pride.

6pm - 7pm Committee Meetings

Check with your team leaders to see where and when and if there are some last minute details that need attending or game plans that need to be discussed.

6:45pm Wenches Assemble in the Tavern

Meet with Miridyth to get last minute instructions and tie on your aprons. Watch out for Riley!

7pm -10pm Olde Warder and Hen Night

Will include the official Welcome and announcements, the official goldschlager toast, Raising and Bonding ceremonies, WoT style gambling with Adolla and a Gleeman competition with our Amyrlin Seat.

9pm WoT Dancing with Lyssandra

Come and learn a few traditional steps that will make you the talk of your local Renn Faire from our experienced expert. What could be better than dancing the night away like you're at the Winespring Inn.

9:30pm -10pm

Ajah's will have the opportunity to break out for Ajah toasts at this time.

10pm on... WoT Drinking Games

WoT Drinking Games and "I never..." in the main lodge. Keep warm and have endless fun with your old and new friends.

Saturday 3/20/10

9am Breakfast

Get into the lodge early, Magz and her kitchen crew are putting together pancakes!

10am Amyrlin's Tournament: Archery Competition

Come and test your skills and accuracy with Jadira on the archery range.

11:30am - 12pm Couples Dancing with Rita and Valo

Valo has assured that he is willing to bust a move, so join these two dancers and learn a few steps. Have a partner, bring them. In case you don't no reason not to join in anyway, partners can be found and you may make a new friend in the process.

12pm - 1pm Lunch

Ban and the team will have the grills going and serving up hamburgers, hot dogs and a more gourmet twist to traditional camp food.

1:30pm - 3pm Trivia Game Show

Join Xylina and Aldus for a WoT Trivia unlike any other, a full on game show. Teams will work together to determine who really is a walking WoTcyclopedia.

3pm Amyrlin's Tournament: Sword Competition

Come and test your skills in the sword competition and be careful not to misstep, our head Marshall Cassie and her crew will be keeping a close eye. Please remember participation in this event is best when you are sober, our Safety Committee will thank you.

5pm Blue Knitting Circle

Grab your knitting needles and some yarn and get crafty with the blues. Learn some new stitches from some of the towers most exceptional knitters. Who knows, you might end up with a scarf to keep warm for the rest of the party.

5pm - 6:30pm Beer Tasting with Mags, Atreyu and Tree

For pre-registered participants, come and sample fine craft brews and experience beer as it was meant to be.

7pm - 9pm Dinner

Pasta perfected by Magz and her dining team. Also remember your wallets for this dinner, the Da'Covale auction will be taking place so you'll have a chance to purchase a da'covale for the evening. **Be sure to have cash (or check) on hand to pay if you plan to bid on a Da'covale!**

9pm - 9:30pm

As everyone is finishing dinner and transitioning into Karaoke mode, Companies will have an opportunity to break away for company toasts.

9pm - on... Karaoke and Dancing

Join us to Dance and Sing the night away, Karaoke your favorite songs or have your Da'Covale sing them for you!

Sunday 3/21/10

9am Breakfast

Breakfast is served.

Materials and instructions for the Impromptu Costume Contest will be available. Designers, crafters, anyone with imagination is encouraged to take a few hours and create an on-the-fly costume to present at lunch, all participants will receive raffle tickets for the participation raffle.

10am - 11am

CCG How To Class by Valo or Atreyu, got some new cards? Come and learn how to use them and increase your chances of winning the CCG tournament later in the day.

11am Amyrlin's Tournament: Brainy Obstacle Course

Come and test your skills with quick wits and hilarious antics. Not interested in taking the prize, come and watch anyway.

12pm Lunch

Baked Potato bar presented by Atreyu and his kitchen crew will be served from **12pm to 1pm Impromptu Costume Contest**

As a bonus today's lunch will be supplemented with further entertainment as the Impromptu Costume Contest entries will unveil their creations.

1pm - 4pm CCG Tournament

The official CCG tournament, bring your cards and see how far you can go. Don't have any cards? No problem, join in on other card games, board games and generally relaxed fun.

2pm - 5pm Hitting the Gym

Meet up in the Gym and play. Various balls and equipment will be available, just remember to share campers!

7pm-10pm The Amyrlin's Feast

Enjoy the evening and main events, awards and recognitions will be announces, not one but two raffles will take place, the official Costume Contest and for dinner, don't forget the feast!

Monday 3/22/10

8am – 9:30am Site Cleanup

Everyone will be expected to pitch in to help ensure the site is left cleaner than it was when we arrived. Everyone will be responsible for their own cabin/room. A list of additional responsibilities by group will be posted in the lodge.

9am Grab-n-Go Breakfast

Breakfast for folks who are in a hurry out of town or just really hungry first thing in the morning, remember to get your things together and that we need to get out of camp on time and leave things clean!

10am Official Check out

11am IHOP Takeover- the Farewell Brunch

Headed out Monday and not hurrying for a flight, spend a last hour or so at IHOP getting brunch and saying last goodbye's.

*This schedule is tentative and very much subject to change J

DINING & ALLERGIES

Food will be labeled to identify vegetarian options, or foods that may contain allergens that have been identified to us through the registration process. We have tried to accommodate those food allergies we have been made aware of. If you feel you need to bring any perishable food to supplement the meals provided, please bring it in a paper bag that you can clearly mark with your name. We have planned for some vegetarian options available at each meal, but if you have specific dietary needs it is your responsibility to ensure you have what you need. Please be sure to let everyone eat before going up for seconds. We will attempt to have an open seating plan (people come in over an hour period, moving from the tables as soon as they are done eating), but if that doesn't work, we may have to resort to assigning dining times. Please be courteous and move your conversation elsewhere after you are done if people need to eat.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

While every member and guest is expected to be responsible for themselves and their own well being, we do have members in place to help in this regard. Any TarValon.Net Community Admin and those on our safety committee will do their best to help you. Some of them include:

Cassie Sedai (Mistress of Revels) – Cassie is the main event coordinator. She can be contacted for information regarding schedule, activities, general questions, and can be sought out in case of emergency.

Serinia Sedai (Director of Events and Conferences) - Serinia, or more commonly "Seri," is the next step above Cassie. She can be contacted for information regarding schedule, activities, general questions, and can be sought out in case of emergency.

Serenla Sedai (Director of Membership) – Serenla is the first line for questions if there is a dispute or general member problem during the event.

Dralyn Sedai (Keeper of the Chronicles) – Dralyn is the next step above Serenla for membership problems.

Eleyan Sedai (Amyrlin Seat) – Eleyan, or much more commonly "Mother," oversees the general execution of the event and serves as the final authority while at camp. If there is a dispute or a member problem during the event, the Amyrlin will be brought in if it is not quickly resolved.

Riley Gaidin (Camp Nurse) & Deoan Gaidin (Safety Coordinator) – Contact them if you are in need of very basic first aid, a band-aid, or a hang-over remedy. In the event of a medical emergency, we will have you transported to the nearest hospital or clinic.

Sorcha (Local Liaison) – Our Local Liaison is most familiar with the area and can help with general directions or location information.

Please be aware of the following safety concerns:

- Be careful when handling recreation equipment. Especially if you plan on playing with practice swords, bows and arrows, or are wearing any sort of weapon. You are responsible for your own safety, and a strict safety code will be following. If you have had any alcohol you will not be permitted to participate in any weaponized events.
- Please do not grab or unsheathe a weapon belonging to another person. While it is fine to take a weapon out of its sheath to show people, anyone caught brandishing live steel will be asked to leave the event.

SET UP AND CLEAN UP

All members are expected to help with set-up and clean up. We will need help after every meal, and on Sunday we will especially need people to pitch in a hand or two. If you are attending the event, please expect that you will be asked to do some work. If you have not been active in a planning committee, please plan on being more active in the set-up and clean-up than the average member. All groups have been assigned a specific meal to help clean up, or a day to take over general trash duty (room trash as opposed to kitchen trash, but it would be nice to help there, too!). If your scheduled day/time to clean conflicts with another obligation, please arrange to switch with someone else from another group. Make sure the members of your group are aware of the switch!

REGARDING NOISE LEVELS

We ask that all members be courteous of fellow members who may be sleeping; especially between the hours of midnight and 10 am. The Administration reserves the right to ask members to quiet things down if it is getting unreasonably disruptive. While breakfast officially will start being served at 9am, we ask that those eating it try to keep noise to a minimum until 10am. Eleyan Sedai, Serinia Sedai, and Cassie Sedai will be serving as Cabin Leaders. They are there to help you with any minor issues that come from co-habitation, and we ask that you listen to them if they ask for activities to be moved elsewhere, or to quiet down.

Living in close quarters with a lot of people can be challenging. There are several things you can do that will help keep things running smoothly.

- Keep your items tidy. Don't throw things on the floor or allow it to accumulate in piles. This makes packing and clean up much easier, and drastically cuts down on our amount of lost items.
- Respect other's sleeping spaces. Don't sit on their beds without asking (or put your feet up on them!), don't use your room as a place to socialize if any of your roommates are sleepy, be sure your roommates are okay with you engaging in any behavior which might be uncomfortable to walk in on, etc.
- Room trash bins will be emptied every day in the evening. If you need yours emptied, please place it neatly outside your door before 5pm. If you have particularly gross (or personal) trash, please be polite and empty your bin yourself.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

· Members and guests will be held accountable for their behavior as outlined in our Constitution.

Article 4, Section 4 states: All attending a TarValon.Net function must behave in full accordance with this constitution and the Code of Conduct. Members who fail to comply may be asked to leave the event and will not be granted a refund. If disciplinary action is needed at a real life event, it may result in termination of membership. Members must act as responsible guests. This includes respecting personal property and space, as well as helping with set-up, clean-up, and costs.

· No person under the age of 21 may consume alcohol at the event. No member or guest under the age of 18 may smoke.

· You may not bring a guest who was not previously approved through our guest list.

· Smokers are asked to smoke only in the designated smoking area. These areas will be outdoors. Please dispose of cigarette butts and ashes appropriately.

· No one may handle a sword if they appear intoxicated. Anyone found handling a weapon in an inappropriate or threatening manner will be asked to leave the function without refund.

· If you want to participate in an activity, please arrive on time.

· Members should be aware that we are sharing the site with other paying guests, and should behave accordingly in a respectful and courteous manner (as well as be aware of noise levels).

Additionally, the staff has gone out of their way to assist us in putting this event together several times over the past months. Please thank them!

· All members must comply with requests of Administration. *Please note, administrators were chosen very carefully for this event. They are not the sort of people to make arbitrary requests and support both your personal responsibility and privacy. If an administrator asks you to change a behavior it is because there is considerable risk to yourself or others involved. Refusal to comply may result in your being asked to leave the event.*

· If you have a difficulty, or need assistance, please contact an Administrator for help.

DA'COVALE AUCTION

The "Da'covale Auction" is one of TarValon.Net's biggest fundraisers. These funds go directly to paying our day-to-day operational costs. It's a fabulous way for both those who put themselves up for auction and those who buy them to help keep us up and running! Volunteers will be auctioned on Saturday night and their service lasts from the time of purchase through 2 AM Sunday. People may chip in together and jointly purchase a da'covale. You may purchase more than one.

The following rules apply to owning a da'covale:

1) You cannot have your da'covale do anything illegal.

2) You cannot make your da'covale do anything sexual in nature. (If (s)he wants to, and you're up for it, that's your business, but you cannot use their "servitude" to have them do it.)

3) Da'covales are not to be beaten. (Unless they're into that sort of thing, see above)

4) Da'covaes are expected to do all "gophering" (go for) and fetching that their buyer demands of them, as well as any cleaning up.

5) Da'covaes may be asked to embarrass themselves by doing such things as singing "I'm a little teapot" while doing the motions. This is completely within the rights of the buyer and within reason and the da'covaes are expected to comply. Happily.

6) Da'covaes can be used as a substitute for the buyer in certain cases of doing chores; but only if the da'covale is not already occupied doing things for their assigned committee.

7) The ownership of a da'covale will be dissolved without refund if Administration determines that the da'covale is being unduly mistreated.

If you have volunteered to be a da'covale, you must attend the mandatory meeting and training session in the lodge. Please do not be late!

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The drawing will take place throughout the event and includes a selection of prizes! Tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased at check in. Tickets will also be given as prizes and rewards throughout the event.

COSTUMES

Costumes are not required, but they are a fun part of our events and are highly encouraged! Feel free to wear your costume at any time, or even just at our main events. If you have more than one, we suggest you use your more common traveling costume for Friday night at the Tavern, and your more noble costume for Saturday night festivities. The costume contest will be held on Saturday night. Have fun!

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Bed & Bath linens (Please remember to bring your own towel!)

Comfortable shoes and clothing for variable weather & costuming

Cold/wet weather gear (e.g. a good winter coat)

Hiking gear if desired

Toiletries

Public-friendly pajamas

Flashlight, sun screen

Necessary medications

Camera & film/memory/battery

Anything else you promised you would bring for the event

Cash

A WORD FROM OUR LEADER ON WHAT TO EXPECT

TarValon.Net events can be daunting when attended for the first time. It can be especially challenging for people who have never met friends off of the Internet before, or for people are generally not used to being around a lot of people for a few very intensely social days! The following information should help you prepare for the weekend, clarify what we're doing, and minimize any surprises.

- *TarValon.Net* people are generally a very friendly lot! Many people are initially surprised by how many people recognize them on sight, and how warmly they're greeted. If you're attending, then you're a member here and many of us view our friendships here as being just as valuable as our friendships elsewhere. There is generally a lot of hugging, especially on the first day.

- At this point in time, many of us have met in person several times. As such, we are comfortable around each other. Remember that a lot of us know each other well, have each other to our homes on a regular basis, talk on the phone quite a lot... The closeness is quite normal.

- Our major events have a **lot** of people present. It can be easy to be overwhelmed by all of it and feel suddenly very alone even when in a crowd. It's common; almost all of us have felt it at one event or another (I tend to feel that way at least once every event). The best thing to do is find a quiet space for a time, grab some one on one time with another person and talk it out, then get back into the social fray. A lot of us are computer geeks and as such are used to more private time and personal interactions. Expect that you might feel this way, and don't worry if it happens.

- With ~70 people living in close proximity for four days, someone is going to invariably annoy or anger someone else. We have a lot of different personalities (many of them quite strong) and not all of them are going to click. Do your best to remember what you like about that person, give yourself some distance, and be generous with your forgiveness. ;-)

- This event is an adult party. We are doing our best to make it slightly more family oriented, but it is at its heart a bunch of adults camping together. People will undoubtedly drink too much, people will hook up, and people may even do/say stupid things. What happens at camp stays at camp. We don't gossip about who slept where, or who needed a hangover remedy on Sunday morning.

- I, along with many of the other very Senior members of the site, tend to joke a lot and enjoy making fun of ourselves (which may include self-deprecating comments about us being a cult, or desires to take over the world). It is vitally important to understand that this is all said in jest. We are not a religion. We are not trying to take over the government. We are not going to all go live in a commune. It is quite safe to drink the Goldschlager, save for perhaps personal taste. No, we can't channel. And no, we do not think we are better than anyone else. If you hear someone say something that you find alarming, and you are not certain if it is in jest, please ask them. And if you ever hear that I have said something and you don't know if it was in jest or not, please ask me and I will be more than happy to honestly tell you what I meant, and explain the joke if applicable. ;-)

- At events we tend to refer to each other by a mix of our Tower and our real life names (Tower names are more common at the larger events). It is perfectly acceptable to use either. Titles are generally not used. (However, I have been known to personally answer faster to "Mother" than to "Melissa" or "Eleyan" at events because it is generally what people call me and if I am multitasking that's the name I keep an ear out for.)

- Yes, Novices do dishes and Recruits take out the trash. But so does everyone else. Chores are shared communally.

- We do have some ceremonies that we perform which include our raisings. These are a fun, theatrical part of our event and many people look forward to it!

- Cell phones may not work at our location. Try to have voice mail available or a single point of contact to check in with in case you are difficult to reach.

TIPS TO HELP YOU HAVE A BETTER TIME

- Have one or two "buddies" that you keep track of over the weekend. A lot of people use their Aes Sedai/Warder, Roomies, members of their Ajah, etc. for this purpose. It's good to have someone know where you are and how you're doing.

- Try to eat with different people at each meal! We have such a great array of members and each of them is unique and wonderful in their own way. Eating with someone new is a great way to know more people.

- Try to say "hello" to everyone at least once at the event. You will surely not be able to have a long meaningful conversation with everyone in the span of four days, but do try to meet and greet everyone.

- Get involved in the activities. There is a wide variety of activities to choose from! Pick one that suits your mood and spend time with everyone.

- Try to get some sleep. It can be pretty scarce at our events. But sleeping, and remembering to hydrate oneself, can make a big difference in the quality of one's experience.