



TarValon.Net
Fall Ball Event 2013
Official Information Packet
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Fall Ball 2013 –Salt Lake City, Utah
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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

As always, this year's Fall Ball Event location is full of interesting things to do. The schedule is very relaxed allowing ample time for sight-seeing in small groups or on your own with few official events. 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

RADISSON HOTEL: SALT LAKE CITY DOWNTOWN

215 West South Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
(801) 531-7500

Note: There are two Radissons in Salt Lake City; if you're using GPS or calling them, make sure you're searching for the **Downtown** location, **NOT** the Airport location.

The hotel has free wifi for guests. Parking is \$12 per night.

AIRPORT PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

If you are flying in for the event, the closest airport will be Salt Lake City International Airport (airport code SLC). The airport has free wifi.

The hotel DOES NOT have an airport shuttle. If you're not renting a car or catching a ride with someone, the easiest way to get to the hotel is by riding Trax (public transit, light rail - www.rideuta.com). The train leaves the airport every 15 minutes and will drop you off almost directly in front of the hotel.

PUBLIC TRANSIT DIRECTIONS

- 1) Go to the very south end of Terminal One, where the Trax stop is located (ask for help from an employee if you can't find it).
- 2) Buy a ticket from a vending machine (a regular one-way ticket is \$2.50; if you have a Medicare card you can get the reduced ticket for \$1.25).
- 3) Get on the train when it comes.
- 4) Get off at the Temple Square stop.
- 5) Look at the south side of the street, slightly east. You'll see the Radisson a very short walk away.

Important: The last train leaves from the airport at **11:27 pm** on Friday night. If your flight comes in at or after 11:00 pm, arrange other transportation plans.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

If you are coming **from the airport**, take Terminal Drive to I-80 East. Take Exit

121 for 600 South. Continue straight. Turn left on 300 West. Turn right onto South Temple. The hotel will be on your right.

If you are driving **east on I-80** (from Nevada, Northern California, or other points west), take I-80 East to Exit 121 for 600 South. From that point onward it's the same drive as if you were coming from the airport; see above for directions.

If you are driving **west on I-80** (from Wyoming, Colorado, and other points east), take I-80 West to Exit 306 for 600 South. From that point onward it's the same drive as if you were coming from the airport; see above for directions.

If you're driving **south on I-15** (from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and other points north), take I-15 South to Exit 121 for 600 South. From that point onward it's the same drive as if you were coming from the airport; see above for directions.

If you're driving **north on I-15** (from Arizona, Southern California, Southern Nevada, and other points south), take I-15 North to Exit 121 for 600 South. From that point onward it's the same drive as if you were coming from the airport; see above for directions.

EVENT CHECK-IN

The Welcome Committee will be checking the entire group into the hotel. When you arrive, you will only need to check in with the committee to obtain your room number and key(s).

- Check in time is between 3 pm and 6 pm. If you are going to arrive after 6 pm on Friday, you must contact Morrighan and let her know the anticipated time of your arrival so she may arrange a late check in for you. Please contact Yelenia, Morrighan, or both, via PM or email in advance of the event if possible. If circumstances arise that unexpectedly prevent you from arriving before 6, please contact Yelenia.

- If you will be arriving before 3pm, you can join us in the Hotel Lobby, but we cannot guarantee ability to check in early. We will move into our reserved room as soon as we're given the keys.

- You are free to check in at anytime between 3 pm and 6 pm. Check in will include:

- o Confirming your arrival
- 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 room keys, small welcome bag, etc.

DEPARTING SUNDAY MORNING

We must be completely checked out of the hotel by 10am Sunday morning. This includes contacting Yelenia to turn in room keys and have your room "cleared." This means Yelenia has verified that no items are being left behind and the room is not completely trashed or damaged.

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:

Entertainment – Tree Sedai

Safety – Bryher Sedai

Welcome – Morrighan Sedai

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Room 1 Rinwyn Winterdawn Thamar Tomeina	Don't Blink Yelee Viv Tree Atreyu	Room 7 Asalyn Bryher Verscen Morrighan
Bacon Bros Haseo Stephen Ivanor Locus	Fun Times Liz Jim Lauraine Azi	Mint Candy Mountain Lyara L's husband Tsubasa Andra
Room 3 Kitan Brandon Keisha Keisha's husband	Room 6 Eluial Ithilun Elo Dareth	Nym's Hell Nym Vendri Kaldam Todd - Eli's guest
		Citizens Plan for Battle Amarande Kassidy Eli Elizabeth

MAPS

Maps of the area will be provided in the welcome bags. Be on the look out for them!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Friday 10/11

- 1PM – Welcome Committee members begin to arrive at the hotel
- 3PM – Official check-in Begins
- 3PM - Oktoberfest themed meet and greet party begins
- 6PM - Magic: the Gathering Draft and Pub-Trivia Commences
- 11PM – Opening Ceremonies (or once everyone is back from all the things)

Saturday 10/12

- 9:30AM Head to Temple Square for a free tour! *Be at the gates no later than 9:45PM.*
- 11-12:30 Lunch on your own or join the group at City Creek Center
- 12:30-5PM - Break Out Tours (see details below)
- 6PM – Meet at Hotel to head over to Faustina restaurant (454 East 300 South)
Please be at restaurant no later than 6:30PM
- 7PM – Dinner Served
- 9PM - Party like Karaoke Rockstars back at the hotel!

Break Out Tours:

Nature Tour with Kitan: Costs \$13.25/person (\$7 for Aviary admission, & bus ticket).

- 12:30 pm:** Meet with the group at the Temple Square Trax stop and buy a day pass for UTA at the vending machine (\$6.25) or a one-way pass (\$2.50). Walk to the bus stop at 275 West North Temple and take Route 209 east at 12:41 pm. Get off at 1:00 pm at 1298 South 900 East. Walk to Tracy Aviary...or carpool.
- 1:15:** Go through Tracy Aviary (admission is \$7/person, or if we have a group of 10+ people then \$6/person). If you don't want to pay admission then you can tour Liberty Park for free.
- 2:30:** Meet at front gates of Tracy Aviary. Walk to the bus stop at 1301 South 500 East and board Route 205 North at 2:40. If you bought a one-way pass earlier in the day, pay \$2.50 for the bus (use exact change). Get off at 460 West 200 South (in front of Latter-Day Bride and Prom). Walk to Clark Planetarium...or carpool.
- 3:00ish-5:00:** Go through Clark Planetarium and/or Gateway Mall.
- 5:00 pm:** Meet at Planetarium Trax stop and take Trax back to the hotel, or walk back to the hotel (Trax from the Planetarium to the hotel is within the Free Fare Zone).

History Tour with Brandon: Costs are \$9/person for Leonardo museum admission (all transit is within the Free Fare Zone).

- 12:30 pm:** Meet at the City Center Trax stop (in front of City Creek), take Blue or Green train (whichever comes first) to Courthouse stop: 6 minutes, plus like 3-5 min walk to the library
- 1:00-2:00 pm:** Tour the downtown library and surrounding area
- 3:00PM** Tour the Leonardo Science, Technology, and Art museum: Admission is \$9/person, if there's a group of 15+ then it's \$7/person
- 5:00PM** Walk to the Courthouse Trax stop and take Blue or Green line (whichever comes first) back to the Temple Square Trax stop

Shopping Tour with Eli and Chalisea: *No cost unless you buy something!*

11-2:30: City Creek Mall, Chalisea will lead the tour here. Lots of restaurants and a food court for lunch as well.

2:30-3: Travel from City Creek Mall to Gateway Mall (10 minutes normally but taking into account bigger groups slow travel down, it's all in the Free Fare Zone).

3-4:30: Gateway Mall, Eli will lead the tour here.

4:30-5: Travel back to the hotel (again, taking into account groups travel slower). It's only a short walk away so no public transit needed this time.

Sunday 10/13

10AM – Hotel Checkout

11AM – Farewell Brunch (location TBD)

*Schedule is subject to change

Schedule of Events

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
9AM				
			9:30 Head to Temple Square for Tour	
10			10-11 Temple Square Tour	10am Check out
11			11-12:30 Lunch at City Creek Center (BYOB)	11am Farewell Brunch
Noon				
			12:30 Afternoon Tours Depart	
1				
2				
3	3pm Check in begins Oktoberfest and Pub Trivia			
4				
5				
6	6pm Magic Draft Begins			
7		6:30 Meet for Dinner 7-9 Dinner		
8				
9		9pm Karaoke Party and outside activities		
10				
11	Opening Ceremonies & Toasting Action			
Midnight	Par-tay (get your group toasts in!!!)			

SATURDAY DINNER MENU

SALAD

House Salad (butter lettuce tossed in a sherry vinaigrette, topped with beet chips)

ENTRÉES

Salmon - whipped potatoes and a vegetable medley, with a smoked shallot sauce

Chicken Breast - stuffed with spinach, bell pepper and feta cheese served over a bed of polenta, asparagus and chorizo broth

Three Cheese Gourmet Macaroni - provolone, white cheddar, and asiago cheese - add chicken or shrimp (for free!)

DESSERT

Molten Chocolate Cake with vanilla ice cream

Includes unlimited Coffee, Tea, and Fountain Sodas. Cash bar will be available on site.

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 Membership Admin and those on our safety committee will do their best to help you. Some of them include:

- *Yelenia (Mistress of Revels)* – Yelenia 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.
- *Vivianna Sedai (Amyrlin Seat)* – Viv, also known as “The Viverlyn”, oversees the general execution of the event and serves as the final authority while at the event. If there is a dispute or a member problem during the event, the Amyrlin will be brought in if it is not quickly resolved.
- *Bryher Sedai (Safety Coordinator)* – Contact Bryher 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.
- *Kitan Sedai and Eli Gaidin (Local Liaisons)* – Our Local Liaisons are most familiar with the area and can help with general directions or location information.

SET UP AND CLEAN UP

All members are expected to help with clean up. This includes cleaning up after yourself in the meeting area. If you make a mess, clean it up - don't expect someone else to do it for you.

REGARDING NOISE LEVELS

We do have a meeting room which is reserved for general hanging out together and official events. If you plan to party late into the night, please use the meeting room. We are staying in a public hotel with other paying guests, so please be considerate and don't get us banished by the hotel staff for being rowdy.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Members and guests will be held accountable for their behavior as outlined in our Membership Manual.

- Official Events states "Members attending an official function are expected to behave in full accordance with 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 suspension or termination of membership. Everyone should be a responsible guest, which means respecting personal property and space, as well as helping with set-up, clean-up, and costs. Underage drinking is not allowed, and illegal drugs will not be tolerated. Either will result in disciplinary action, up to and including your dismissal from the community."
- 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).
- 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.

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.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

- Comfortable shoes and clothing for variable weather & costuming
- Wet weather gear (just in case!)
- Toiletries
- Public-friendly pajamas
- Necessary medications
- Camera & film/memory/battery
- Anything else you promised you would bring for the event
- Cash

A WORD FROM ELEYAN SEDAI (Koyn Amyrlin) 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.

- 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 partying 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.)*

- 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!

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 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 three days, but do try to meet and greet 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.*