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2011 FALL BALL

Chattanooga, TN October 21-23

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Official Information Packet

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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 Fall Ball Event location is full of interesting things to do. As with all of our Fall Ball events, 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

Chattanooga Choo Choo

1400 Market St
Chattanooga, TN 37402
1-800-TRACK-29 (872-2529)

AIRPORT PICK-UP AND DROP OFF

If you are flying in, the closest airport will be the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (CHA). The hotel has a shuttle; it will be available to bring you from the airport to the hotel. Please call the hotel in advance to arrange for shuttle pick up. If they ask for your name/reservation, let them know you're with the TarValon.Net group.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

If you are coming in **from Nashville**, or **down I-24**, stay on I-24 until you come to the 27 split. Please bear in mind that coming this route will take you into Georgia for a short period of time; but never fear, you'll come back into Tennessee! Go north on 27, and get off at Exit 1 (Main Street). Keep right at the fork, and follow the signs for Finley Stadium; you should be on W. Main Street. Take a left when you get to S. Market Street, and the Choo Choo will be ahead of you on the right.

If you are coming **from Alabama**, or **up I-59**, you will meet up with I-24. From that point onward, it's the same drive as if you were coming from Nashville; see

above for directions.

If you are coming in **from Atlanta**, or **up I-75**, you'll stay on I-75 until it meets up with I-24 in the southeast part of Chattanooga. Take Exit 2 on the left to merge into I-24 W toward Chattanooga/Nashville. Travel 6.4 miles to the S. Market Street exit. Go north on S. Market until you reach the Choo Choo (less than a mile); it will be on your right.

If you are coming **from Knoxville**, or **down I-75**, follow I-75 south until it reaches I-24. From that point onward it's the same path as if you were coming from Atlanta; 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 Adolla and let her know the anticipated time of your arrival so she may arrange a late check in for you. Please contact Yelenia, Adolla, or both via PM in advance of the event if possible. If circumstances arise that unexpectedly prevent you from arriving before 6, please contact Yelenia or Adolla.
- 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 the Pennsylvania Station as soon as we're given the keys.
- You are free to check in at the Pennsylvania Station anytime between 3 pm and 6 pm. Check in will include:

- Confirming your arrival
- Obtaining your name badge for the event
- 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)
- Signing liability and photo release forms
- 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 Sedai 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 – Serenla Sedai

Safety – Andra Mikolan

Welcome – Adolla Sedai

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Cassie Dainar, Soronhen Ciryaher

Bryher al'Venna, Karaelyn Midorie, Venric Methalion, Verscen Ter Sala

Jenalla Selar, Jeral Mazur, Kiana a'Jadein, Loreniel Killan

Alcyon Devrix, Karassa, Marrow Rahien, Vivianna L'antreau

Ara Alyona, Ara's Guest, Raylin Delayn, Raylin's guest

Nethanel al'Tere, Rhed al'Tere, Serenla Tamowith, Yelenia Hylraren

Rami al'Quat, Vixen ki'Tsune, Khisanth al'Danya, Pol Rohanson

Adolla Ceryia, Andra Mikolan, Ubahsur Kindellaer, Erin al'Denael

Kelgan al'Moranwin, Naomi al'Moranwin, Morrighan Daghderra, Etain Daniels

Alaren Tane, Alyria Savoinya, Seraph Delandra, Faeril

Ivanor Winshaw, Keisha al'Benn, Keisha's Guest

Amarande al'Kalin, Caerwyn Jolan, Willam Cambrae

MAPS

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

Friday 11/5

1PM – Welcome Committee members begin to arrive at the hotel

3PM – Official check-in Begins

11PM – Opening Ceremonies (or once everyone is back from haunted tours)

Saturday 11/6

6PM – Meet at Hotel lobby for shuttle to Big River Grille

7PM – Dinner Served

Sunday 11/7

10AM – Hotel Checkout

11AM – Farewell Brunch (location TBD)

*Subject to change

MENU HIGHLIGHTS

SALAD

Caesar Salad

Fresh Romaine Lettuce tossed in our house made Caesar Dressing topped with Asiago Cheese and Parmesan Croutons

ENTRÉES

Chicken Fried Chicken

Boneless breast smothered in country gravy with White Cheddar mashed potatoes and creamy coleslaw

Flame-Grilled Meatloaf

Home style meat loaf topped with rich, brown gravy. Served with White Cheddar mashed potatoes with the vegetable of the day

Grilled Salmon

Flame-grilled and topped with dill butter. Served with rice pilaf and the vegetable of the day

Smokey Mountain Pasta

Grilled chicken and fresh vegetables in a Parmesan Cream sauce over linguini (Vegetarian option without grilled chicken available)

DESSERT

Chocolate Ecstasy Cake

Includes unlimited Coffee, Tea, and Fountain Sodas

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 Sedai (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 “Mother-elect,” 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.

Andra Sedai (Safety Coordinator) – Contact Andra 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.

Erin Sedai (Local Liaison) – Our Local Liaison is 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, the Pennsylvania Station, 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 (MOTHER) 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.