



Official Information Packet

Anniversary Party 2015

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

It's time once again for our Anniversary party! The Department of Events and Conferences, with our Local Liaisons - Serenla Tamowith, Ubahshur Kindellaer, and Erin al'Denael - have worked hard over the last 6 months to make this year's party a success. Every event presents its own organizational challenges, but our main goals are always to make sure everyone attending is safe and has fun. To further both of those goals, we ask that everyone carefully read this entire packet of information.

We hope that everyone, from veteran attendees to first-timers, has an incredible weekend!

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

To And From The Airport

You are responsible for your transportation to and from the campsite. It is a good idea to know all of your pick-up and drop-off information before you arrive at the event. If you plan to carpool with other members, it is polite to share gas costs. Remember you might need cash for this purpose. Be sure to exchange phone numbers with your travel partners in advance!

Red Top Mountain State Park
50 Lodge Rd SE
Acworth, GA 30102
Bartow County

Driving Directions From The Airport

1. Follow signs for I-75 North
2. Take exit #285
3. Turn right onto Red Top Mountain Rd SE
4. Turn right onto Red Top Mountain Campground Rd
5. Follow signs for the Park Office to purchase a parking pass for the weekend.
6. Proceed to Group Shelter #1 for Check-In

Check-In

We have a lot of people to check in on Friday. Be prepared to follow instructions from the Welcome Committee and keep the noise level in the check-in area down as much as possible.

- Check-in is between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 - o If you must arrive after 6 pm on Friday, contact Lilli Sedai via email at naeevents@tarvalon.net with your anticipated time of arrival to arrange a late check-in
 - o If circumstances arise that unexpectedly prevent you from arriving before 6pm, please contact Lilli Sedai
- Check-in will be at Group Shelter #1
- Check-in will include:
 - o Confirming your arrival at the site
 - o Obtaining your name badge for the event
 - o Signing liability and photo release forms
 - o Receiving welcome bag
 - o Receiving directions to your assigned room and cottage number, if needed
 - o Signing up for special activities (e.g. Amyrlin's Tournament, Costume Contest)

Check-Out

We must be completely out of all cabins and the shelter by 11 a.m. Monday morning. This includes cleaning the space and returning everything to how we found it. To facilitate this, **a member of your room must check out with Lilli Sedai in Cabin 17 no later than 10 a.m.** Check-out will include a room inspection. No roommate should depart the site before inspection & check out is confirmed, unless pre-arranged with roommates who understand that they are responsible for remaining cleaning & chores.

Monday Brunch

It is tradition for members to gather at IHOP for brunch the last morning of our events. This brunch is not included in the price of your ticket, but everyone is welcome to come if their travel plans allow it. We plan to gather at approximately 11am. This year's IHOP is located at:

640 East Main Street
Cartersville, GA 30121

From the state park:

1. Head northeast on Red Top Mountain Campground Rd toward Red Top Campground Rd
2. Turn left onto Red Top Mountain Rd SE
3. Turn right to merge onto I-75 N
4. Take exit 288 for GA-113/Main St toward Cartersville
5. Turn left onto GA-113 S/E Main St
6. IHOP will be on the right

AT THE EVENT

Lilli Sedai (*Mistress of Revels*) – Lilli 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.

This event would not be possible without the many members who volunteer to help with our committees. Committee Heads have put in a lot of work organizing and are available to answer questions about their areas of responsibility.

Dining

Head: Drake O'Neus, Ivanor Winshaw, and Serenla Tamowith

All meals will have identified vegetarian options. We have tried to accommodate those food allergies we have been made aware of. Please be sure to let everyone eat before going up for seconds. We will have open seating at meals, but please be courteous if you see people waiting to eat who needs seats.

Since we are catering ourselves this year, each membership group will have a turn at cleaning up after meals. Membership groups will be announced at each meal. Those cooking do not have to clean.

Safety

Head: Lyara Tieran

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.

Because of severe allergies TarValon.Net will not be providing the following items, and they are not to be brought into communal areas by members.

Avocados
Bananas
Walnuts
Anything made of Latex

If you choose to eat/use these items in your cabin, please be conscientious and wash your hands afterward.

Welcome

Head: Erin al'Denael

See the Check-In section for details.

Decoration

Head: Valadilene Aldieb

All members are expected to help with set-up and clean-up for the event. If you are around to help, Vala will provide instructions!

Entertainment

Head: Locus Sarania

The full schedule of events is at the end of the packet and will be posted at the event. Changes to the schedule are bound to happen, and will be announced as soon as they occur.

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 Friday night. People may chip in together and jointly purchase a da'covale. You may purchase more than one.

We have screened quite a few applicants this year and many services are going to be offered at the event. It is recommended to bring cash or a check to pay at the event as there may not be cell service for Paypal. We may also have a one or more of "General Services" Da'covale who are not limited to one service, but the guidelines remain strict on what they are and are not allowed to do.

The following rules apply to "General Services" 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'covale are not to be beaten. (Unless they're into that sort of thing; see above)
4. The ownership of a da'covale will be dissolved without refund if Administration determines that the da'covale is being unduly mistreated
5. "General Service" da'covale service begin after the auction on Friday night and end at 2am Saturday morning (unless otherwise specified)

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

As a note, some services offered are future services. What this means is that they will not be fulfilled at the event, but it will be recognized by the administration that a contract of sorts was made between the two parties, and it's up to the person offering the services to fulfill their obligations to the person who paid for the services. Even though the service is offered at a time in the future, payment is still due at the event.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

From Aryawnah Federov, Director of Outreach Activities:

I am very proud to announce this year's Outreach. We have chosen the Ronald McDonald House of Atlanta's Gatewood House! <http://www.armhc.org/page.aspx?pid=381> And this year's donation theme?

Waking Up Atlanta!

The house is in desperate need for items for a coffee station. The families who usually stay in the house usually have very hectic schedules, and a quick snack and cup of coffee on the way to the hospital to visit their loved ones can be a wonderful pick me up to start the day. They have requested the following items:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Sugar
- Creamer (Liquid and powder)
- Disposable coffee cups with lids
- Coffee Stirrers
- Individual snacks that might go with coffee on the go (breakfast/granola bars, coffee cakes....)

If you can think of anything else that would fall into this category, by all means, feel free to bring it along.

We will also be collecting pop tabs to donate, so start collecting!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

TarValon.Net Rules

- 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.*
- Be respectful of personal space. Everyone is a little different, get to know someone before you touch, hug, cuddle, or otherwise invade someone else's "personal space".
- 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. 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 without refund.*
- If you have a difficulty or need assistance, please contact an Administrator for help.

Regarding Noise Levels

We ask that all members be courteous of fellow members who may be sleeping, especially between the hours of 11pm and 7am. 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 8:30am, we ask that those eating it try to keep noise to a minimum until 10am. Rhed Sedai and Lilli 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 the number 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 need to be emptied every day. Coordinate with your roommates and make sure it happens! If you have particularly personal trash, please be polite and empty your bin yourself.

Red Top Mountain State Park Rules

Smoke-Free Facilities: Please be advised that smoking is prohibited in all enclosed facilities, including buildings owned, leased, or operated by the State or local governing authorities. This includes all lodge rooms & facilities, park cottages, group shelters, group lodges, group camps, Chattahoochee Bend Adirondack Campsites, Mistletoe

Camper Cabin, Seminole Treehouse Camping, Watson Mill Log Cabin Bunkhouses and yurt camps. *Georgia Smoke-free Air Act of 2005*

Pets: Pets are welcome at state parks and campgrounds if leashed (no longer than six feet) and accompanied by the owner at all times; however, they are not allowed in or around historic sites, lodges, group camps, swimming areas, or some trails at Panola Mountain and Tallulah Gorge. Pets are allowed only in select cottages with advance reservations and a fee. Kennels are not available. Owners should clean up after pets.

Intoxicants: Consumption or use of alcoholic beverages or intoxicants is unlawful in any public-use area.

Campfires: All campfires must be kept in designated areas such as a fire ring. Never leave a campfire unattended. Smaller fires with coals (rather than large flames) are better for campfire cooking and toasting marshmallows.

Weapons: Bows and arrows, explosives, fireworks, slingshots, fishing spears or any device that discharges projectiles by any means is prohibited. Firearms must be unloaded, cased and stored, unless a person possesses a valid weapons-carry license for a firearm that is valid in Georgia. A person possessing a valid weapon-carry license to carry a firearm valid in this state may carry such firearm on Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, except on sites where carrying such firearm is prohibited by federal law. Firearms except those that are unloaded, cased and stored are not permitted on site.

Collecting: All wildlife, plant life, driftwood, artifacts and any other natural or man-made features are protected and may not be disturbed or removed. Please leave wildflowers for other visitors to enjoy. **Possession of metal detecting equipment is prohibited.**

Motor Vehicles: Park roads are public roads. **All vehicles must display a valid ParkPass**, and are subject to license safety requirements and regulations of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. **ATVs are not allowed in state parks.**

Noise Levels: Please be considerate of guests who are visiting state parks for a quiet, natural experience. Radios, televisions, musical instruments and all other noise-making devices are not to be used between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and must be kept at low volumes during other times.

Visitors: Visitors to cottages, campsites and lodge rooms are welcome; however, the number of visitors and registered guests must not exceed the stated capacity at any time. Visitors must leave prior to closing times.

Group Activities: All group gatherings must conclude before 10 p.m.

A WORD 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 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 ~50 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. 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 Good 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 get 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.

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's festivities. The costume contest will be held on Saturday night. Have fun!

Suggested Packing List

****Bed & Bath linens are provided****

Towel - there are towels provided, but they're a bit small - it's up to you!

Comfortable shoes and clothing for variable weather and costuming

Cold/wet weather gear

Hiking gear, if desired

Toiletries

Public-friendly pajamas

Flashlight

Sun screen

Necessary medications

Camera and film/memory/battery

Anything else you promised you would bring for the event

Cash

Camp chairs

TABLES AND CONTACT INFO

Schedule of Events

Most events are voluntary. We hope you'll join us for all of the activities, but the only mandatory obligations are registration, your group's assigned chores, site clean up on Sunday night/Monday morning, and check out. If you want a break and would like to go hiking or explore the site or grab coffee with a friend, that's fine, just make sure that if you go on your own that someone knows where you're going in case of emergency. Thanks!

2015 Anniversary Party				
	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
8:00am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Site Clean Up
8:30am				
9:00am		Mafia	Explore the Site	Breakfast Grab N'Go
9:30am				
10:00am		Speed Checkers	D&D	
10:30am				
11:00am		Obstacle Course/Stations		IHOP
11:30am				
12:00pm	Committee Meetings -Welcome & Decoration			

12:30pm				
1:00pm		Lunch	Lunch	
1:30pm				
2:00pm	Registration & Check-In			Sword Competition
2:30pm				
3:00pm				
3:30pm		Amyrlin's Office Hours		
4:00pm		Trivia		
4:30pm			Mafia	
5:00pm				
5:00pm	Committee Meetings -Entertainment and Safety			
5:30pm	Committee Meeting - Dining			
6:00pm	Olde Warder & Hen	Amyrlin's Feast	Dinner	
6:30pm				
7:00pm				
7:30pm				
8:00pm	Opening Ceremonies-Toast	Amyrlin's Ceremony	Awards	
8:30pm	Raisings		Costume Contest	Magic Draft
9:00pm				
9:30pm				
10:00pm	Da'Covale			
10:30pm				

Menu for the Weekend

Day	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Breakfast ~8 AM	N/A	Eggs, Bacon, Fruit, Yogurt, Cereal	French Toast and breakfast meats, fruit, yogurt, cereal	(at 9am) Muffins and Fruit
Lunch ~1 PM	N/A	Make your own sandwich with soup	Baked Potato bar and leftovers from Sat lunch	(at 11am) IHOP
Dinner 6 PM	Pizza, Soup, Salad	Amyrlin's Feast Marinated steak & chicken, vegetables, potato foil packets, PIE!! Mushroom ragout	Taco night - chicken & beef, black beans, fixings, soft shells only, salad	N/A

Cabin Assignments

Cottage 16	Cottage 18	Cottage 17	Cottage 9	Cottage 8
Rhed al'Tere	Serenla Tamowith	Lillian O' Neeus	Vendri al'Varrak	Locus Sarania
Nethanel al'Tere	Dralyn Montsier	Drake O' Neeus	Maibella Rhoiden	Willam Cambrae
Khisanth al'Danya	Dralyn - Guest	Aintza Bisera	Alora Sionn	Ivanor Winshaw
Khisanth Guest	Jenalla Selar		Lok Sionn	Raevyn Tsornin
Lireina ni Dormerus t'al` Bearach	Sin Selar	Elia LePhant	Nymala Ingasy	Aryawnah Federov
Jaim al` Bearach	Sharradin Desri	Stasia t'Andrei	Morrighan Daghdera	Thoridyss Wyborn
Addelyn al'Vea	Karaelyn Midorie	Ashlyn Sindal		Larallele Susandrea
Esteban Diego	Venric Methalion	Phaedra Lampros	Arafel al Dama	Rayonin Charin
Khisanth Baby				
Cottage 14	Cottage 13	Cottage 11	Cottage 6	Cottage 15 (H)
Ealandrelle Melyma	Naomi al'Moranwin	Niere al'Aman	Vivianna L'antreau	Eli Soljourn
Katherine Avery	Kelgan al'Moranwin	Niere - Guest	Eleyan Al'Landerin	Kassidy Rose DaiShan
Valadilene Aldieb	Zandera Sommers	Lyara Tieran	Jodea Kegan	Amarande al'Kalin
Ajailyn Morrivinna	Slade Winterheart	Lyara - Guest	Jer Kegan	Ty al'Djinn
Emory Sheldon	Ubahsur Kindellaer	Aduiavas Ida	Sean Dragoran	Roheryn Galghandrei
Keelinnea Isyne	Ubah's Guest	Miya Kiyoshi	Caerwyn Jolan	Bryher al'Veena
Ahmyra al'Ruley	Erin al'Denael	Kitan Tataru		Verscen Ter Sala
Andra Mikolan	Yelenia	Brandon Tataru		