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Answers to questions about the Western Pennsylvania Firewood Ban and Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

1) Why is Pennsic affected by the emerald ash borer quarantine?

Cooper's Lake Campground is in Butler County, one of the four quarantined counties.

2) What did the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture press release of 27 June 2007 actually state?

"Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive beetle that destroys ash trees, has been detected for the first time in Pennsylvania and a quarantine will be imposed for Butler, Lawrence, Allegheny and Beaver counties."

"The Emerald Ash Borer has forced similar quarantines in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland and Michigan."

"Due to the difficulty in distinguishing between species of hardwood firewood, all hardwood firewood — including ash, oak, maple and hickory — are considered quarantined."

"Since many species of wood-boring insects, including the Emerald Ash Borer, can be spread through transport of infested firewood and logs, campers and homeowners are encouraged to: use only locally harvested firewood; burn all of it on-site; and not carry it to new locations."

3) So, exactly how does the quarantine and firewood ban affect me, Lord Joe or Lady Jane, attending the Pennsic War this year?

The Mayor, in order to comply as fully as possible with these state and federal orders, has mandated the following rules for Pennsic War 36:

- Because **federal** prohibitions have been placed on the export of firewood from the following states / areas -- Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan -- bringing firewood to Pennsic from those states is PROHIBITED UNLESS it is clearly kiln-dried, pre-packaged firewood still in its original packaging, per the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture order of 2 July 2007 (see below). **Loose firewood from those states or from EAB infested counties in other states is PROHIBITED.**

- Pennsic attendees from unaffected states or counties are also encouraged but not required to purchase locally-harvested firewood.

- **Any locally-harvested firewood purchased while at Coopers Lake must be completely burned in your camp or left behind when you leave.**

- This firewood ban does **NOT** prohibit processed or treated ash or hardwood **products** (i.e., lumber), such as scrap lumber, tent poles, bows, camping furniture, and so on.

4) What exactly are the stipulations of the Western Pennsylvania quarantine beyond the statements in the press release?

Two orders, dated 27 June and 2 July 2007, respectively, have been issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The 27 June order deals with the removal of quarantined wood **FROM** the affected area. The 2 July order deals with the transportation of quarantined wood **INTO** the affected area.

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Battlefield Usage

Greetings from Captain Cydrych Clutorix, Deputy Mayor of Martial Activities for Pennsic 36, Many details about using the Battlefield are the same as last year, and there are only a few things you need to know while you are in the planning stages for war.

Battlefield Usage

The battlefield scheduler is Master Rocco Barbarossa. The deadline for requests to be added to the Battlefield Schedule was June 15th.

Rapier list usage requests

To schedule activities in the rapier list section of the battlefield, contact Warder Moira MacGillavrey, the Marshal in Charge of Rapier Combat.

Parking on the battlefield

There will be NO PARKING on the battlefield again this year except for the following:

- Handicapped or reserved parking designated by the Cooper's
- Limited permits for those setting up or taking down field pavilions.
- Siege weapon parking.
- Limited parking for those who reserved a timeslot for a tourney.

Tents on the battlefield

Royalty **Tents** may be placed on the east and west ends of the battlefield. Please request your space using the [Royal Pavilion Reservation Form](#), and Battlefield staff will do their best to assign you a location that meets your needs.

Individual/Household tents may be placed on the east and west ends of the battlefield. Areas approved for personal tents will be marked and will be available for set up on a first-come, first-served basis, starting at 8am on Wednesday August 1st. Personal tents may be placed near the rapier lists with the Rapier Marshal's approval only.

All tents on the battlefield must be labelled with a tent information card (available from Information Point or a member of the battlefield staff) detailing name and camping location of the owner. This is mostly for your protection and that of your belongings if it becomes necessary to drop a tent for any reason. There will be no tents on the north or south sides of the field.

If you have any special requests please contact the [battlefield coordinator](#).

Volunteers

It takes, on average, 250-300 man-hours over two weeks for the Main Battlefield to be set-up, moved, and torn down, **in addition** to the hours that marshals spend making sure the battles are safe and fun. Please think about volunteering some of your time for either or both. It is not all strenuous work, and the more people we have, the less difficult it becomes. If you come to Pennsic to fight, please donate a bit of your time to help so that you, and all the other fighters, can have fun on the field.



Stefan's Florilegium Files

Over the past sixteen years in an ongoing effort, I have been collecting bits of useful information from various newsgroups, mail lists and articles submitted to me by their authors. In order to make this information available to others, I have placed this information in a series of files I call Stefan's Florilegium.

The Florilegium is on the web at: <http://www.florilegium.org>

I am always interested in new articles. If you have written an article that would be of interest to others in the SCA, please send it to me for possible inclusion in the Florilegium. Contact me for more details.

I am also interested in volunteers who might be interested in helping me maintain the Florilegium. Everything from collecting materials, editing and web work is needed. Again, please contact me for more details.

For those who would like to help support the Florilegium project in another way, I have added a PayPal donation button on the top page of the site. Any donations, while not tax deductible, do help pay the overhead costs of keeping the site running.

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Here are the new files for this month:

In the CELEBRATIONS section:

Wassail-Trad-art "Wassail Traditions" by THL Johnnae Ilyn Lewis, CE.

In the CRAFTS section:

smeltng-coper-msg Comments on small-scale smelting of copper.

In the CULTURES section:

India-Inks Links to info on medieval India by Dame Aoife Finn of Ynos Mon.

In the FEASTS section:

kitchn-gloves-msg Comments on using gloves in the kitchen.

In the FOOD section:

Opn-Fr-Cookry-art "Outdoor Open Fire Cookery" by Count Sir Gunthar Jonsson, CIM.

In the SCA-INC section:

A-New-Baron-art "You have a new Baron. What do you do?" by Duchess Willow de Wisp.

Here are some of the updated files.

apples-msg Period apples and apple recipes.
 blksm-forges-msg Blacksmithing forges. sources.
 confctny-boxs-msg Period confectionary boxes.
 crown-cost-msg The monetary and other costs of being a crown in the SCA.
 humorl-theory-msg Concepts of medieval Humoral Theory.
 merchanting-msg Merchanting in the SCA.
 p-kitchens-msg Period kitchens and kitchen staff.
 prim-sit-fsts-msg Preparing feasts at primitive sites
 spits-msg Period and SCA spits for roasting meats.



Arts and Sciences Display

Monday, August 6, 2007

Greetings to all Artisans and Craftspeople in the Known World from Dame Catriona MacDuff, Coordinator of the Pennsic 36 Arts and Sciences Display:

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the A&S Display at Pennsic. It provides artisans with the opportunity to display their works without the pressure of a competitive atmosphere. Artisans from all Kingdoms are invited to showcase their projects and share their talents with the Crowns, Peers and Populace of our Society.

Times

On the day of the Display, drop-off of entries will begin at 7 am, and the display will be open to the public from 9 am until 3 pm.

Pick-up of entries will be from 3 pm to 4 pm. Anything not picked up at this time will be turned over to Lost and Found and can be retrieved there.

Annual AEthelmearc Party

The AEthelmearc Brewers Guild hereby invites the populace of AEthelmearc by the Permission of Their Sylvan Majesties Rurik and Angelik to join us Monday night the 6th of August from 9:00 until Midnight in the AEthelmearc Royal Encampment for a Kingdom Celebration. The Brewers of the Kingdom are banding together to provide beverages for the party, and the Most Worshipful Company of Cooks and Bakers have agreed to provide snacks for the affair. We entreat the populace to present themselves on that Monday Eve, to join in the revelry of our fair Kingdom of AEthelmearc.

Sincerely,
Brandubh O'Donoghiale and Iain Ard mac an Bhaire
AEthelmearc Brewers Guild Heads

Upcoming Officer Openings

In September, the offices of Seneschal and Exchequer are going to be open. Please send your letter of intent to the current Seneschal or any other officer before the September meeting.

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