

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Granting Permission to the Shire of)
Dragon's Mist of the Society for Creative Anachronism,)
Inc., to Conduct Certain Activities at Camp Wilkerson)
During Its Reserved Use From June 22 to June 24, 2007)

ORDER NO. 111 - 2007

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations prohibit the use of bows and arrows, or other weapons capable of injuring any person or wildlife, in any County Park, including Camp Wilkerson, without the express permission of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Shire of Dragon's Mist, a branch in the Kingdom of AnTir which is part of the international Middle Ages/Renaissance recreation group, the Society for Creative Anachronism (hereinafter the "Shire) has applied for a permit to hold its annual camp group meeting at Camp Wilkerson, a County park, from June 22, 2007 to June 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Shire has requested permission to conduct a heavy armored tournament, which is a simulated martial arts using padded rattan weapons, and target archery tournament during a portion of their reserved-use stay, both activities to be conducted with experienced adult supervision, a copy of said written request and explanation of how the tournaments shall be conducted being attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Shire has given assurances that the use of bows and arrows and rattan weapons will be well supervised and done safely, and have further agreed to abide by any conditions placed upon the Shire in connection with these activities; and

WHEREAS, the Shire has requested that they be allowed to sell medieval-style arts and crafts to other members of the Shire during their stay as further detailed on Exhibit A and the Concession Permit attached hereto as Exhibit B and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Shire has signed a Hold Harmless Agreement indemnifying the County for any injury to person or property arising from its activities during its stay at Camp Wilkerson, and has agreed to provide a Certificate of Insurance listing Columbia County, its officers, agents and employees, as additional insureds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Shire is granted permission to use bows and arrows and rattan weapons during supervised, scheduled tournaments to be conducted each day from June 22, 2007, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., on June 23, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on June 24, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., all such activities to take place under

experienced, adult supervision and in compliance with the policies, procedures and rules as outlined in the attached Exhibit A.

2. The archery and rattan weapons tournaments shall be set up in the lower meadow, an area of the Park that is segregated, by the natural contours of the land, from the rest of the Park.

3. The areas where the tournaments are to be conducted shall be roped off with "caution" or other warning signs and a safety barrier or archery backdrop installed as outlined in Exhibit A .

4. All hay bales and other items used for these practices shall be removed from the Park prior to or upon departure

5. The Shire shall be allowed to sell medieval-style arts and crafts to other members of the Shire, only, as outlined on the attached Exhibit B, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 22, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 23, and 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on June 24, 2007.

6. The Shire shall comply with all park rules and regulations during its use of the park, except as specifically exempted by this Order.

7. The Shire shall not enter the Park until 2:00 p.m. on June 22, 2007, and shall vacate the Park by 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 24, 2007.

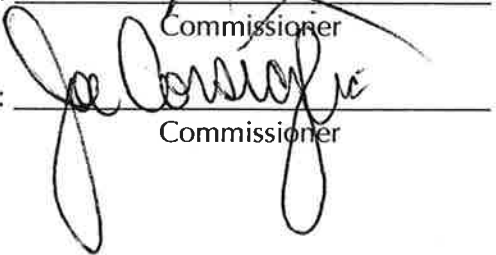
8. This order is effective only upon the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance which meets the approval of County Counsel.

DATED this 27 day of June, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

June 12, 2007

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Linda Salle
1054 Oregon St.
St. Helens, OR 97051

To the Columbia County Board of Commissioners,

Greetings from the Shire of Dragon's Mist, a branch in the Kingdom of AnTir which is part of the international Middle Ages/Renaissance re-creation group, the Society for Creative Anachronism.

My name is Friday Valentine, also known in the SCA as Mistress Rafaella d'Allemtejo, and I am the Event Steward (event coordinator) for the Dragon's Mist Defender's Tournament 2007. This will be the 4th large event that I have organized in the SCA and my 2nd DMDT that I have organized for the Shire. I have been in the SCA for 25 years and am a member of the Order of the Laurel, which is a fancy way of saying I'm a Society elder statesperson. In modern life, I am a librarian/assistant professor at OHSU where I am the project manager for the library's digital collections. Prior to library school I was an office manager and theatrical stage manager.

It is the Shire's wish to use the Camp Wilkerson facility (June 22-24, 2007) for our annual Defendership tournament where we will choose the best contestant in each of the following categories: Heavy Armored fighting (simulated martial arts using padded rattan weapons), Archery (target archery only), and Arts & Sciences (a county-fair style presentation format of various medieval/renaissance arts and crafts). We would also like to have our member merchants be able to sell their medieval-style arts and crafts to other members during the event.

A general overview of our organization and what you might see at one of our events is available in this handout produced by our corporate headquarters in California: "A Guide to Introduce Our Organization to Site Owners and Managers for Potential Use of Facilities by the SCA" available online at: <http://www.sca.org/docs/for-siteowners.pdf>. An overview regarding our tournaments & safety procedures is located at the bottom of page 4 of the above document.

I would like to speak specifically to the issues regarding the Heavy Armored tournament and Archery that will performed at our event. You should also know that in order to participate in SCA events generally, each member signs a waiver acknowledging that that our activities are physical and potentially harmful and that each person takes responsibility for their own actions at each event. The event is also sanctioned by our corporate office and a copy of this insurance certification is part of the event packet sent to Ms. Salle.

The Heavy Armored Tournament

The Marshal-in-Charge of DMDT2007 (the gentleman running the heavy armored tournament) is Mr. Barclay Albright (also known as Lord Ulf Jarlbiter). He has been a

member of the SCA for over 10 years and is a teaching marshal ("tournament umpire") and fighter and was also past branch president of the shire. He will make sure that everyone is kitted out and safe according to the standards set out in our corporate guidelines and our regional (kingdom) handbook, the AnTir Book of Combat:
<http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/Abc/ABC.pdf>

A tournament event is set up around the "lists field". The lists field, or fighting area, is marked using guide poles and ropes at about waist high. Each fighter is "authorized" to fight by the marshal-in-charge or his staff prior to the tournament (for each and every event). The fighters must meet the safety standards set out in the AnTir Book of Combat (above) and this is what the marshals are verifying before anyone takes to the tournament field. Tournament combat weapons used are foam and duct tape covered rattan which is used because it does not splinter like other woods or plastics. Rattan spreads out the force of the blow along its length and will "mush" over time rather than break or splinter. Shields are generally made of plywood and covered with rubber, foam, and tape along the edges. **No real weapons (what we call "live steel") are used in SCA heavy combat.**

Once everyone is authorized, the marshal's assistant(s) will set up the bout pairings, determine how many individual fights or rounds of fights will be done, etc. Only marshals and fighters are allowed inside the roped area (the lists field) during a fight. Everyone else must stay 5' or more outside the lists field during a fight. Marshals with black and yellow safety staffs are on the field during a bout and can call a safety HOLD at anytime if they notice fighters or spectators at risk. The marshals are like referees or umpires, and start each fight by having the fighters begin at the same time and then they announce who won the bout at the end of each fight. Everyone looks out for each other and is very safety conscious. *Anyone* who sees a problem out on the tournament field may call a safety HOLD. For example, if I'm a spectator and I see that a fighter's strap on his knee protection has come undone, it's my *duty* to call HOLD and bring it to everyone's attention.

The Archery Defendership

The gentleman in charge of the Archery tournament at DMDT2007 is our current Archery Defender, Mr. James Morgan (also known as Lord Grimarr Orvond). He is a certified Senior Archery Marshal. The shire follows the target archery safety rules that are described in detail in the An Tir Book of Target. If the Book of Target were included with this document it would add 24 pages of material, so if the reader has specific questions, he/she is encouraged to refer directly to the website.

http://www.dellarco.com/ontarget/framesets/target_frameset.html

SCA target archery uses bows and arrows that are consistent with pre-17th century archery in appearance and function. *Compound bows, crossbows, modern sights, stabilizers and releases are not allowed. Additionally, broadhead and hunting arrows tips are not allowed.* Bows may be made of any material as long as they are judged safe by the Archery Marshal-in-Charge and as long as they look somewhat medieval. Most bows are wooden, though a few are fiberglass or laminated bows. Arrow shafts must be made of wood or bamboo and fletched with feathers. These equipment restrictions make it so that SCA archery is not as potentially destructive as modern bows/arrows – especially since broadhead and hunting arrow tips are not allowed.

The maximum shooting distance to the targets is generally 40 yards. The Range extends from the Shooting Line up to and including the targets. No one shall enter the Range while the line is open for archery. The Safety Zone must be free of people, animals, campsites, parking areas, or obstructions that would obscure observation from the Shooting Line. The Range shall be arranged in such a way that stray or overshot arrows will not hit people or damage property. An archery backdrop will be set. These backdrops are about 10 feet high and made of either an extremely thick "drying felt" or ballistic netting. They are placed approximately 6 feet behind and parallel to the target line (the targets) and extend about 6 feet to each side of the target. We will also have hay bales for our targets. The Range and Safety Zone will be roped and/or flagged and posted with signs and spectators are required to stay back 10 feet to the rear of the Shooting Line. Every time the target range is open for shooting, there is an appointed Marshal-in-Charge (Mr. Morgan) who is the final authority and the first point of contact for any questions or issues on the range.

Merchants/Vendors

We would also like to have our member merchants be able to sell their medieval-style arts and crafts to other members during the event. Open market areas were important to medieval villages and we try to recreate that atmosphere by having giving our artisans and merchants a venue at events in which to ply their wares. I have a number of artisans who would like to take advantage of this opportunity selling the following items: costumes, jewelry, musical instruments, blacksmithing (ironworked items and knives), costume accessories such as pouches and purses, pottery, and beads.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding our activities, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to enjoying Camp Wilkerson's beautiful views and know it will enhance our trip through the past.

Regards,

(Ms.) Friday Valentine, MLS
known in the SCA as: Mistress Rafaella d'Allemtejo
Event Coordinator, Dragon's Mist Defender Tournament 2007

EXHIBIT B
CONCESSION PERMIT

THIS Permit is granted this _____ day of _____, 2007, by the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon (hereinafter called the BOARD), to the Shire of Dragon's Mist, a branch in the Kingdom of An-Tir which is part of the international Middle Ages/Renaissance re-creation group, the Society for Creative Anachronism, (hereinafter called the Dragon's Mist), for the purpose of operating a concession stand at Camp Wilkerson Park, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 22, 2007, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on June 22, 2007, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 23, 2007.

The BOARD grants this Permit to the Dragon's Mist subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. AUTHORITY. This Permit is required and is issued pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Exhibit "G" of Order No. 317-94.
2. PERMITTED ACTIVITIES. This Permit authorizes the Dragon's Mist, through its representative Friday Valentine, to oversee the operation of several concession stands to sell costumes, jewelry, musical instruments, black smithing (iron-worked items and knives) costume accessories, such as pouches and purses, pottery and beads, at Camp Wilkerson Park during the above mentioned times and days.
3. LIABILITY AND CONTROL. The Hold Harmless Agreement, signed on 6/5/07, 2007, by Brian S. Russell, an authorized representative of the Dragon's Mist, is attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.
4. MAINTENANCE. At no cost to Columbia County, the BOARD, the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation Department or County employees, the Dragon's Mist shall leave the Camp Wilkerson County Park premises clean and free of paper, food, clothing or other debris remaining at the end of their concession activities during the entire weekend.
5. REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. Prior to commencing its concession activities, the Dragon's Mist's deposit of \$100.00 is to ensure the Dragon's Mist leaves the park premises in the condition more particularly set out in Section 4 above. At the end of the weekend an inspection of the park premises shall be conducted, and, if found to be satisfactorily clean, upon request, a refund shall be processed. If, however, the park needs additional clean up, a report on the condition of the park shall be made and may order the clean up and deduct any expenses so incurred from the \$100.00 deposit.
6. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE WILL BE SOLD.

EXECUTED in duplicate this _____ day of _____, 2007.

SHIRE OF DRAGON'S MIST

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Brian Russell
Dragon's Mist Representative

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