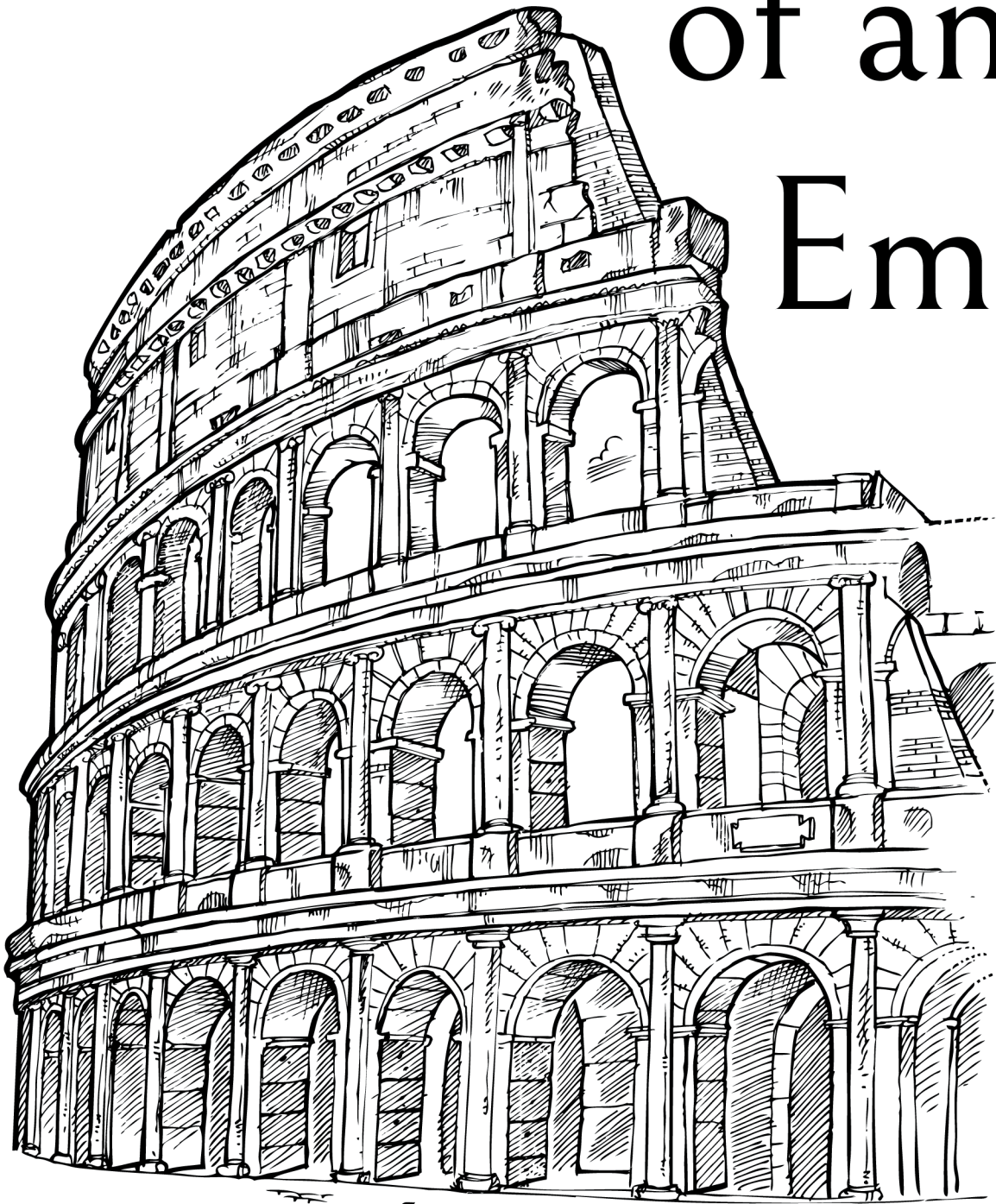


Rise of an Empire



CHAMPIONS OF SWORDS

It's our culture...

Our culture is that of fun through personal interactions that revolve around historical recreation and education. Please remember modern issues and political opinions are frowned upon.

CoS Core Values

Value and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals

Empathy – We strive to recognize and understand the perspectives, feeling and lived experiences of others.

Community – We strive to build healthy long lasting relationships for our common pursuit of fun.

Accountability – We understand that mistakes happen. Being accountable for mistakes and, more importantly, being accountable when the wrong things are done.

Education – We believe that education is the enemy of ignorance, and we strive to educate ourselves to be better continually.

Equality – We understand that the greatest ideas are heard when we all have an equal voice.

Diversity – We believe all cultures, identities, and backgrounds have value and we want all perspectives.

Selflessness – We believe in something more than just ourselves.

Transparency – Light is the enemy of darkness.

Authenticity – We do what we say we will do.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH
GATE OPENS: 12:00PM
UNSANCTIONED SOCIAL: 8:00PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST
GATE OPENS: 9:00AM
LIST CLOSES: 10:30AM
RATTAN & STEEL TOURNAMENTS: 11:00AM
DONATION LUNCH: 1:00PM
GRAND COURT & ROYAL REVELRY: 8:00PM - LATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
LIST OPENS: 10:00AM
LIST CLOSES: 10:30AM
RAPIER & FOAM TOURNAMENTS: 11:00AM
CLOSING COURT: AFTER LAST ROUNDS OF THE TOURNEY
ROYAL REVELRY: 8:00PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
SITE CLOSES: 12:00PM



CROWN TOURNAMENT

RISE OF AN EMPIRE'S RATTAN CROWN TOURNAMENT

THE RATTAN CROWN TOURNAMENT WILL BE AN OFFICIAL COS TOURNAMENT. JUDICATORS WILL BE PRESENT FOR ALL ROUNDS. THIS IS A STANDARD DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT. COMBATANTS MAY USE ANY LEGAL WEAPON FORMAT.



NOBILITY TOURNAMENT STEEL (BUHURT)

Rise of an Empire's Steel Nobility Tournament qualifies for Buhurt. Weapon styles to be fought;

5v5, Sword & Shield, Sword & Buckler, Long Sword, and Pole Arm.

Sign up for the list (Required):

<https://forms.gle/vuMP637NoGbnwveR9>

Buhurt International Registration Link (Required):

<https://www.buhurtinternational.com/tournament/rise-of-an-empire-2024>

SATURDAY 31ST

9:00 MARSHAL MEETING

9:30 WEAPON INSPECTIONS

10:30 CAPTAINS MEETING

11:00 FIGHTING STARTS

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MELEE

DUELS

8:00PM AWARDS

NOBILITY TOURNAMENT RAPIER

The Rapier Nobility Tournament will be a double elimination. Fights will be best 2 out of 3. Fighters may use their best weapon format from the list below.

Weapons formats include a single sword, buckler, dagger, baton, cloak, and case (two rapiers).

NOBILITY TOURNAMENT FOAM

The Foam Fighting Nobility Tournament will be double elimination. Fights will be best 2 out of 3. Fighters may use their best weapon format from the list below.

Weapons formats include a single sword, shield, dagger, baton, and case (two swords).

Tournaments

	Armor inspection	Tournament Start time	
		Saturday	Sunday
Crown Rattan		Begins at 11:00 A.M.	
Buhurt Steel	10 A.M	Begins at 11:00 A.M.	
Rapier			Begins at 10:00 A.M.
Foam Fighting			Begins at 10:00 A.M.

ARTS AND SCIENCE

Members of CoS embrace a variety of arts, sciences, and pastimes from pre-firearm history. They do this not only to deepen their own knowledge but also to create a rich and immersive experience at our Society events.

Through research, study, and hands-on practice, they bring history to life and eagerly share their discoveries with others. If you have a passion for learning, exploring and recreating history, we would love for you to join us. We can deepen our understanding and grow our knowledge in a welcoming and supportive community.

THROWING WEAPONS

The art of taking a sharp weapon and making it stick in a target, from multiple distances. These weapons include axes, knives, and spears. Occasionally bolos, and plubata darts are used. We have tournaments for thrown weapons that test your skills. There are wonderful instructors that are more than happy to show you how to throw or help improve your throwing. Close toes shoes are required.

CIRCUS MAXIMUS

Come be witness to the first court held by the newly crowned Emperor!
Unlike the more reserved courts in Medieval Europe, the Ancient Roman arrival of an Emperor was called an Adventus. At an Adventus, Largitio (gifts distributed to the people) and Donatio (rewards and bonuses relevant in a military context) were given to the populace. There would also be parades, processions, music, dance and ceremonies. It was a very festive event.

Don't miss our new Emperor's first court in which he will demonstrate his love for the populace with entertainment, awards, and revered ceremonies!

DONATION LUNCH Street Dog

Support the CoS all the while getting lunch
Saturday 8/31 starting at 1 P.M.

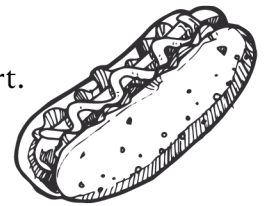
\$5 Dog only, \$10 Combo

Combos include: Street Dog, Chips, Drink and Dessert.

*Veggie Dogs Available

Toppings:

bacon, grilled/raw onions, bell peppers, jalapenos,
cheese, condiments



SILENT AUCTION

Rise of an Empire is hosting a silent auction to raise funds for CoS. Items for auction include art supplies, garb, books, feast gear, and more. If interested in donating, please bring items to the event and hand them off to Lailah Bint Natronai.

Empire Merchants

The Silver Dragon

As The Crow Finds

Elder and Oak

Healing Hearts Horse Therapy

Bare Paws Massage

Roller Girls Kitchen

Brown Owl Brew

Garb of the World

Heavenly Bakery

Storm Stitches

Zaharalicious

Back-N-Day



SITE RULES

All participants are expected to follow the rules and guidelines of the CoS, the Empire, and all local and state laws.

The laws and codes of the US Government, the State of California, Kern County, and Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area will preside overall and will remain in force at all times. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations will result in the involvement of the relevant modern authorities. We are here to have fun but not at the expense of others. Please be respectful to those around you.

Basic Rules:

No firearms or fireworks are permitted onsite. No refunds will be given to people ejected from the event.

No brewing or selling of alcohol is allowed onsite. No rollerblades, skateboards, mopeds, scooters, or motorbikes will be permitted on site. Personal ECVs and electric wheelchairs ARE permitted. Fire play (juggling, twirling, spitting, etc.) is not allowed on site.

Harassment & Bullying

The CoS prohibits harassment and bullying of all individuals and groups. Participants engaging in this behavior are subject to appropriate sanctions. If you are subjected to harassment, bullying, or retaliation, or if you become aware of anyone being harassed or bullied, contact a Senator, Board Member, or President of CoS.

Park and Event property:

Persons shall not remove, destroy, or mutilate any park or event property. Any person who moves event property without the express permission of the event staff will be subject to immediate ejection from the event. These properties include but are not limited to: road signs and markers, tents, tables and chairs, markers used for activities, restroom or shower facilities, etc.

Swimming: Per Kern County:

No swimming or wading is allowed in Lake Evans.

Lost or Found items:

Contact the Constable regarding any Lost or Found items. You may retrieve your lost items at the Event Headquarters tent located near Merchant Village

Approved Parking:

For safety and our ability to provide adequate services, there are areas on site where we must ask guests not to park. Please use common sense and courtesy when parking. County emergency vehicles must be able to maneuver through our roads and parking lots and turn on our interior roads. Any car parked where a No Parking sign is posted will be towed at the vehicle owners' expense. Anyone seen moving a No Parking sign to allow improper parking may be ejected from the site. Do not park within 15' of any trash dumpster or the Equestrian waste pit. Any vehicle blocking access to these will be towed. Remember that the trucks that must pick up and deliver the large dumpsters need a lot of room to maneuver.

Basic Hygiene & Grey Water Disposal Clarification:

“Grey Water” is dish and bath water. It contains no human or animal waste. All human waste (diapers, private porta-potties, etc.) must be appropriately disposed of in the restroom facilities. Animal waste should be bagged and put into the trash. Do not allow any human waste to drain onto the ground and do not leave bagged human waste for the trash crew to dispose of.

Grey water should be disposed of in restroom facilities; please do not put it in the sinks in the stone privy. Please do not dispose of food in gray water or restroom facilities; food scraps should be disposed of with your trash.

There may be no substances intentionally disposed of on the ground. Do not dig a grease pit or dishwasher hole. Pour hot grease into an empty can, let it cool, and then dispose of it in the trash containers. Do not bathe in the sinks in the stone privies.

Alcohol / Illegal Substances:

The legal drinking age in California is 21 years. Underage drinking will not be tolerated. Intoxicated underage adults and Intoxicated minors, along with their parents/guardians, will be removed from the site and the local authorities will be called. If a household or individual is found serving alcohol to underage individuals, that individual or household will be removed from site and the local authorities will be called. If a household is hosting a party, that household is expected to check IDs appropriately before serving alcohol. No refunds will be given to people ejected from the event.

Be respectful of the facilities

Please demonstrate to the park staff courtesy and respect – be mindful of any instructions given to you by the rangers and leave the park grounds clean and undamaged. No modifications may be made to any park property. Do not intentionally break the cement pads, do not remove tree branches, do not attach anything to a tree with nails or spikes, do not dig a trench or pit of any kind in the lawn areas. We are expected to leave the site as we found it. If you find or cause any damage, please report it to the event staff right away. Hazardous conditions will be addressed and must be reported.

No Smoking or Vaping Areas

Some merchants may display No Smoking signs in their booth space. This includes e-cigarettes. Please be mindful of those around you and move to a clear area to smoke. Please abide by this policy.

Fire Regulations:

No ground fires are allowed.

Braziers, Briquette/charcoal barbeques and propane camp stoves are allowed but must be at least 12” above the ground.

Each brazier, barbeque, and camp stove must have a chemical fire extinguisher or a bucket of sand or water and a spade in plain view and immediately available at all times.

Camp or cooking fires, torches and candles may not be left unattended at any time. Constables are authorized to enter empty camps and extinguish open or unattended fires.

Tiki torches must be staked in a firm and stable fashion and must not be placed in hay bales. Do not use Coleman Fuel (white gas) in Tiki torches. Liquid fuels should be stored and transported in their original container or other state-approved container.

Vehicles on the lawn/turf:

Guests may drive onto the lawn/turf to load and unload their vehicles. Once loaded/unloaded, vehicles must be moved to a designated parking area as soon as possible. The park staff has made an exception to their normal rules and have allowed us to park certain vehicles on the lawn with the following restrictions. Please do your part to respect their rules and let us continue to enjoy this privilege.

Certain pre-approved small RV's (what we're calling Shepard Wagons) are allowed to camp on the lawn/turf during the event, with restrictions. -Owners must have made an attempt to give their Shepard Wagon a period appearance. – Shepard Wagons over 15' long (not including the tongue) may not park on the lawn/turf.

These RV's must park in the event designated Dry RV locations only. -Special parking passes will be provided at Gate to those whose Shepard Wagons have been pre-approved, and data has been logged by the Event Stewards. Contact insert email here for approval.

Shepard Wagons are defined as vehicles or trailers that have been modified to look like a period camping structure. They must be under 15' in length (not including tongue) and cause no damage to the grounds themselves.

-Shepard Wagons must be parked at least 20 ft. away from the base of any tree. -Please avoid causing damage to any tree or park fixtures on site. Be mindful of low hanging branches and do not break or remove them. If you do cause damage, report it to event staff right away so that dangerous situations can be addressed ASAP and the damage can be noted.

-Nothing may be allowed to drain or leak from the Shepard Wagon. -Please be mindful of sprinklers and ground vaults and do not park your Shepard Wagon wheels on them, or within a few feet of them.

-Shepard Wagons may not block access to any ground vault, access gate, valve, restroom building, communal water spigot, Porta Potty or other fixture.

Park and event staff, other campers and vendors must be able to use and maintain these features freely.

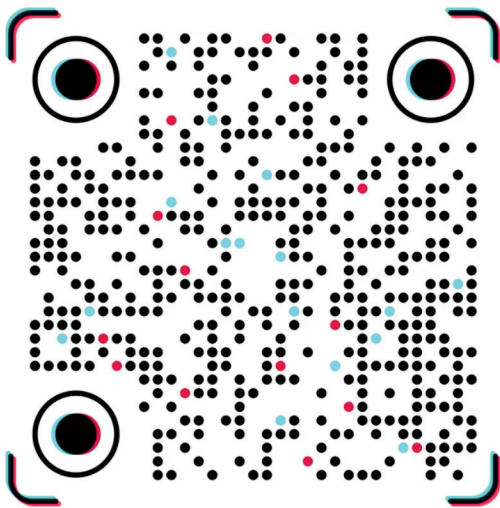
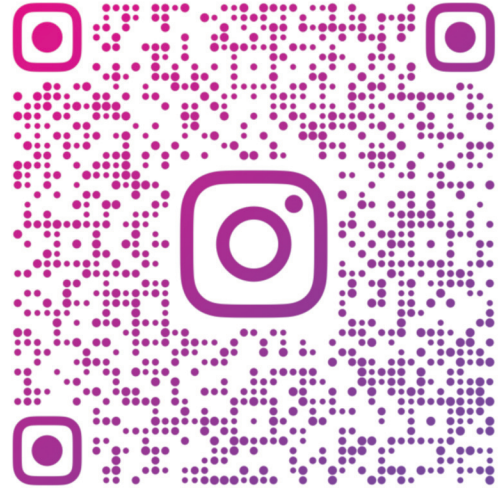
- Buena Vista park and event staff reserve the right to revoke the privilege of any camper to park their Shepard Wagon on the lawn/turf if deemed necessary to protect our agreement with the county. The CoS can only offer "dry" camping space for Shepard Wagons and RVs. Completely modern RV's and larger units (over 15' long, not including tongue.) are required to park in the designated Dry RV lots. Campers who require full utility hookups will be directed to the modern campground at the other end of Buena Vista Park. Prior reservations through the county are usually required and The CoS is not responsible for those reservations.

Be courteous to your neighbors:

Remember that we are all here to accomplish the same task: Having an enjoyable and successful war. There are a variety of ways in which we all do this. We ask that you be mindful of others in pursuit of your own fun. Please be courteous to your neighbors, particularly in regard to noise. Don't forget to ask permission before entering or walking through someone else's camp. Often, a little forethought will not only keep your neighbors happy, but it might even give you some assistance in your efforts!

Pets at the war:

Per our county contract, the only animals allowed on site are dogs and cats. We must have special permission to have any other types of animals on site. Contact the Main event stewards for more information if needed.



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