

# TESTUDO BELLUM



CHAMPIONS OF SWORDS

# 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 event:**

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.

# COS CORE VALUES

We value and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals through the following values:

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.

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, MARCH 7th

TIME	GATE	STEEL ARENA	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	THROWN WEAPONS	CLASSROOM A	CLASSROOM B	TAVERN	MAIN STAGE
12:00 PM	GATE OPENS	SITE SETUP							
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## SATURDAY, MARCH 8th

TIME	GATE	STEEL ARENA	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	THROWN WEAPONS	CLASSROOM A	CLASSROOM B	TAVERN	MAIN STAGE
7:00 AM									
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9:00 AM	GATE OPEN				LIST OPENS			SILENT AUCTION 9AM-2:30PM LIVE AUCTION @ 1PM	
9:30 AM		HEAVY STEEL TOURNAMENTS	PAN CLASS LIGHT STEEL AVOIDING INJURY	HEAVY FIGHTING PICKUPS	SAVE THE TURTLES	TAHIRA EGYPTIAN PART 1	LADY KAT WHITE WORK		
10:00 AM									
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12:00 PM			LIGHT STEEL PICKUPS						DONATION LUNCH
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2:00 PM			ISSA CLASS COMBAT ARCHERY	ALEXANDER CLASS HEAVY FIGHTING	BREAK	FABIA WIRE WEAVING	AURORA EMBROIDERY		
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3:00 PM					BULLSEYE DRINKING	CURT BARDIC			
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4:00 PM				LIGHT FIGHTING MELEES					
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SUNDAY, MARCH 9th												
TIME	GATE	STEEL ARENA	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	THROWN WEAPONS	CLASSROOM A	CLASSROOM B	TAVERN		MAIN STAGE		
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10:00 AM			HEAVY STEEL CLASS: STRIKING			OPEN THROWING	LIVIA KUMIHIMU	GETTING STONED WITH AJAX				
10:30 AM				HEAVY FIGHTING MELEES		TAHIRA EGYPTIAN PART 2						
11:00 AM			LIGHT STEEL BUDDY TOURNAMENT									
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TIME	GATE	STEEL ARENA	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	THROWN WEAPONS	CLASSROOM A	CLASSROOM B	TAVERN		MAIN STAGE		
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11:30 AM	SITE CLOSED											
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\*SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS TENATIVE

# LIGHT SWORD

SATURDAY 8TH

3:00 PM -5:30 PM MELEES

5:30 PM-7:00 PM DUSK TOURNAMENT

## MELEES:

### DEATHMATCH

Everyone vs everyone

### TEAM DEATHMATCH

Team vs team

### DOMINATION

Capture a physical location and hold it for a certain period of time

### CAPTURE THE FLAG

Capture an object and take it to a certain location

### CAPTURE VARIENT

Capture an object and hold it for a certain period of time

### ESCORT

Take an object or person to a location

### TERMINATOR/PREDATOR/ PREY/HUNT

Unequal deathmatch

### VIP

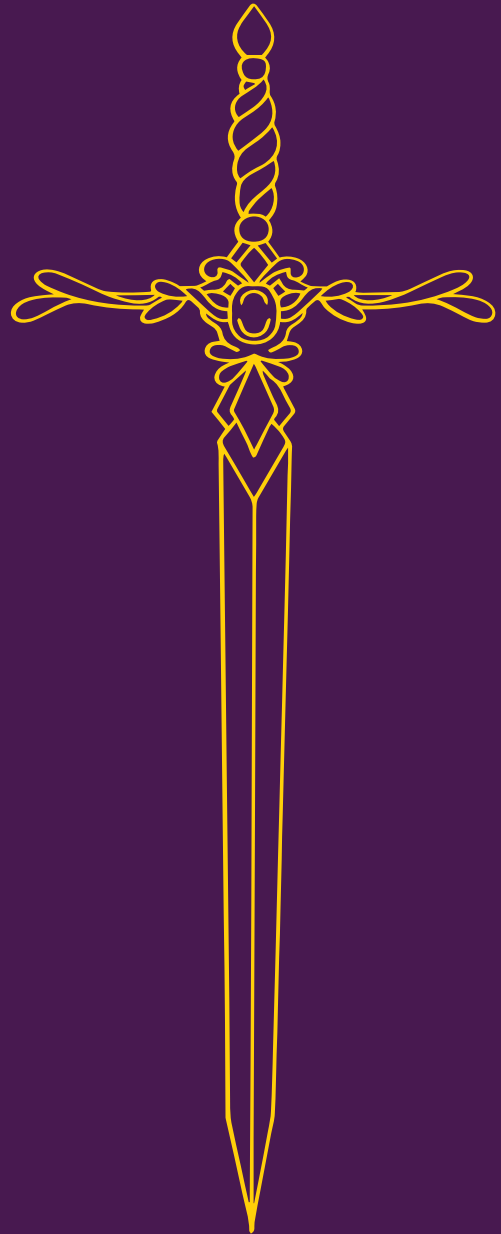
Eliminate a particular member of the enemy team

### HERO'S VS THE HOARD

10/90 mix

## DUSK TOURNAMENT

Standard double elimination.





# HEAVY SWORD & COMBAT ARCHERY

SATURDAY 8TH

10:00 AM -2:00 PM PICK-UPS

2:00 PM-3:00 PM CLASS: HEAVY SWORD

2:00 PM-3:00 PM CLASS: COMBAT ARCHERY

SUNDAY 9TH

10:00 AM -3:30 PM MELEES

CLASS: HEAVY SWORD BY ALEXANDER CAIDUS

Introductory class to heavy sword.

CLASS: COMBAT ARCHERY BY ISSA ALTHEA

Welcome to our archery class! Today, we're excited to dive into some fun and essential skills that will enhance your shooting abilities. We'll start by exploring the best stances for shooting, experimenting with different positions to find what works best for each of you. Next, we'll focus on the important step of notching an arrow, discussing where to place it on the bowstring and how this can significantly impact your aim. We'll also take a closer look at the various parts of an arrow, including the shaft, head, nock, and fletching. Finally, we'll cover key shooting techniques aimed at improving your accuracy, such as grip, hand anchoring, and reloading after a shot. By the end of the class, you'll have a solid understanding of the basics and be ready to practice with confidence. Let's have some fun and get shooting!



# LIGHT STEEL

## SATURDAY 8TH

10:00 AM -11:30 AM CLASS: BODY  
MECHANICS & AVOIDING INJURY  
11:30 AM-2:00 PM PICK-UPS

## BODY MECHANICS AND AVOIDING INJURY BY PANCHALI MAHADEVVIYAR

Introductory class to light steel body mechanics and tips for avoiding injury.

## BUDDY TOURNAMENT

Find a buddy for this 2v2 tournament. This will be a double elimination tournament.

## MELEES:

### BATTLE ROYALE

This will be our warm-up. Fight to the last fighter standing!

### CAPTURE THE FLAG

The classic game we all know, the objective will be to obtain the enemy team's flag and place it next to your own banner! 15 min time limit.

### TARGET ELIMINATION

Each team will be assigned a target on the opposing team. The first team to take out their target wins the scenario! 15 minute time limit.

## SUNDAY 9TH

10:00 AM -11:30 AM BUDDY TOURNAMENT  
11:30 AM-3:30 PM MELEES



# HEAVY STEEL

Testudo Bellum Heavy Steel Tournament qualifies for Buhurt International.

The categories to be fought: Melee 5v5, sword and buckler, longsword, sword and shield and pole axe. Men's and women's. All under Buhurt international Rules.

Buhurt International Registration Link (Required):

<https://www.buhurtinternational.com/tournament/testudo-bellum>

## SATURDAY 8TH

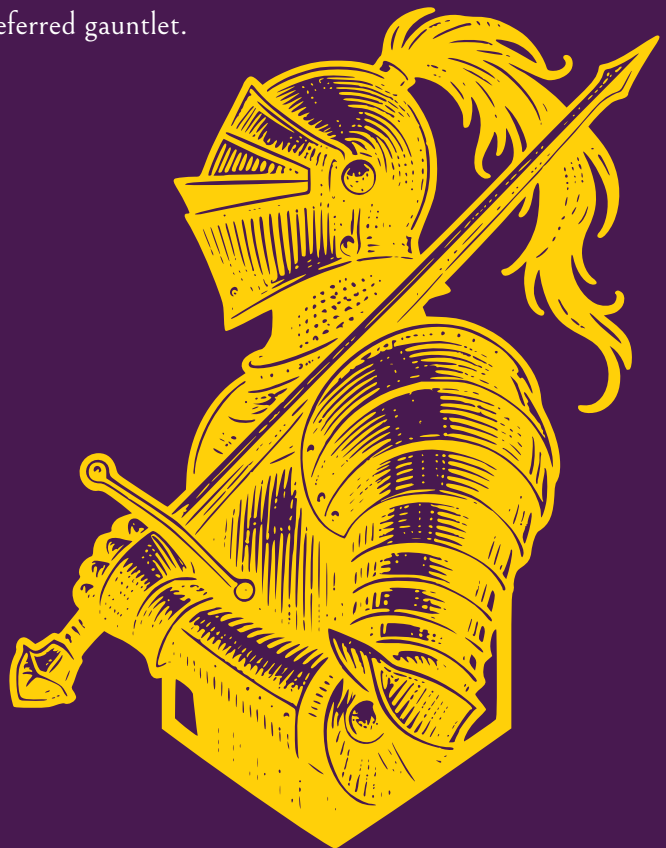
9:00 MARSHAL MEETING  
9:30 WEAPON INSPECTIONS  
9:45 CAPTAINS MEETING  
10:00 FIGHTING STARTS

## SUNDAY 9TH

9:30 STRIKING CLASS BY COLLIN

## STRIKING BY COLLIN MARTINNEAU

Come learn striking techniques. Bring a Sword and preferred gauntlet.



# THROWN WEAPONS

SATURDAY 8TH

SUNDAY 9TH

19:00 AM -10:00 AM LIST OPEN

9:00 AM -11:00 AM OPEN THROWING

10:00 AM-2:00 PM SAVE THE TURTLES

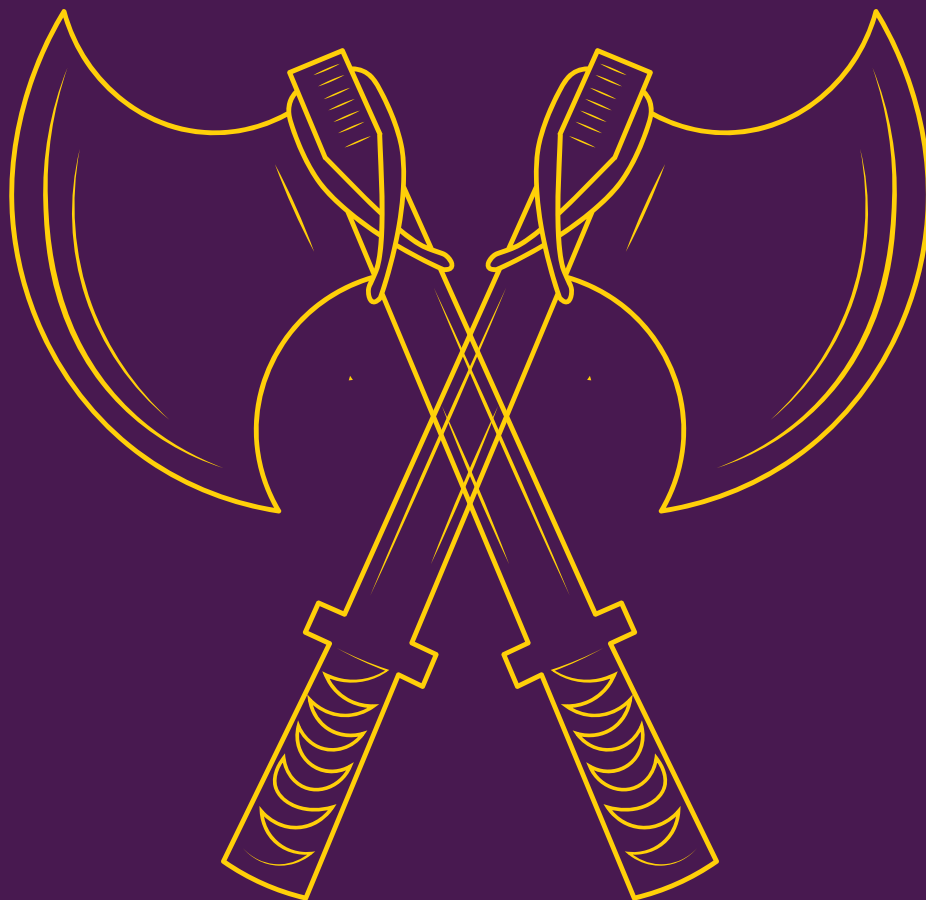
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM BULLSEYE DRINKING

## SAVE THE TURTLES

Save the turtles by taking out their enemies the warthog and the rhino.

## BULLSEYE DRINKING

Choose your favorite fighter and cheer them on. Each bullseye shot the audience takes a drink  
Make sure to have your cups filled. Please drink responsibly.



# ARTS & SCIENCES

## SATURDAY 8TH

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EGYPTIAN PART 1

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM WHITE WORK

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM WIRE WEAVING

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EMBROIDERY

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM HOW TO GET INTO BARDIC

## SUNDAY 9TH

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM BEGINNING KUMIHIMU

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM INTRO TO DRAWING

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EGYPTIAN PART 2

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM DANCING BATA

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM WIRE WEAVING

### WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN BY TAHIRA

A Look at the Garb and Accessories of Ancient Egypt. Step back in time and immerse yourself in the fascinating world of ancient Egypt through its distinctive clothing and accessories. This class explores some of the iconic garments worn by Egyptians, from elegant linen tunics to intricate jewelry and sandals. You'll learn about the history and styles behind these pieces, alongside practical tips for recreating them on a budget.

Part 1 will focus on: Patterns and Construction: Discover the simple yet effective garment designs used by Egyptians and learn how to create your own garment. \*Please note that I will be teaching MY INTERPRETATION based on research and photographic evidence. Materials: Explore the types of fabrics, such as linen, and how to replicate them using modern alternatives.

Part 2 will focus on: Accessories and Embellishments: Examine the head to toe accessories from wigs to sandals that completed the Egyptian look. Get practical advice on sourcing affordable materials and finding DIY alternatives to high-cost items. By the end of the class, you'll have the knowledge and inspiration to create your very own ancient Egyptian look, whether for cosplay, historical reenactment, or simply for fun!

### WHITE WORK BY KATHERINE HORNBURCH

Illumination white work get together. Learn a new skill, show how it's done, or just come to hang out. All welcome. Supplies supplied. No cost.

### WIRE WEAVING BY FABIA VARIA

Learn to wire weave, this will be a class to help you get started on make amazing jewelry, the plan is to hopefully make a bracelet by the end of class, this is a no charge class, donations are always welcome.

## BEGINNING KUMIHIMU BY LIVIA

Come learn the basics of this ancient Japanese braiding technique. In this class you will use a 32-slit disc to create an 8-warp basic round braid. We will use this technique to create a keychain that you can take home with you. Class is limited to 10 people. There is no charge for the class to make the keychain but if it is something you would like to do again, you can take your disc home with you for \$3.00.

## GETTING STONED WITH AJAX

Come paint rocks and talk about creating insignias.

## DANCING BATA

Bata dance is a ceremonial Yoruba dance from southwestern Nigeria, traditionally performed in Òrìṣà worship, particularly in honor of Sàngó, the Orisha of thunder and lightning. It is intricately linked to Bata drumming, with movements responding to the rhythms of the Ìyá, Ìtòtẹ̀lẹ̀, and Okónkóló drums, which mimic Yoruba speech. Characterized by precise footwork, dynamic spins, and fluid torso movements, Bata dance serves both spiritual and ritualistic purposes, historically performed in shrines, royal courts, and festivals. Through the transatlantic slave trade, it influenced Afro-Caribbean traditions like Santería (Lukumi) and Candomblé, where it remains an essential ritual practice today.

## EMBROIDERY BY AURORA

Beginners embroidery class.

## HOW TO GET INTO BARDIC BY CURT

Beginners bardic class.

# AUCTION HOUSE

SATURDAY 8TH

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM SILENT AUCTION

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM LIVE AUCTION

\*ANY ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF TO NEVERA



# CIRCUS MAXIMUS

SATURDAY 8TH

8:00 PM

A Roman court filled with entertainment. Awards will be given out during this time as well. Be prepared to see bards perform in front of not only the emperor but the whole empire.



Champions of Swords

# Saturday TACO

*Donation Lunch*



Suggested  
Donation  
**\$10**

*\*Tacos are  
period*

• **MAR 8, 2025 @ 12PM** •

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**2 TACOS • RICE & BEANS • SODA**

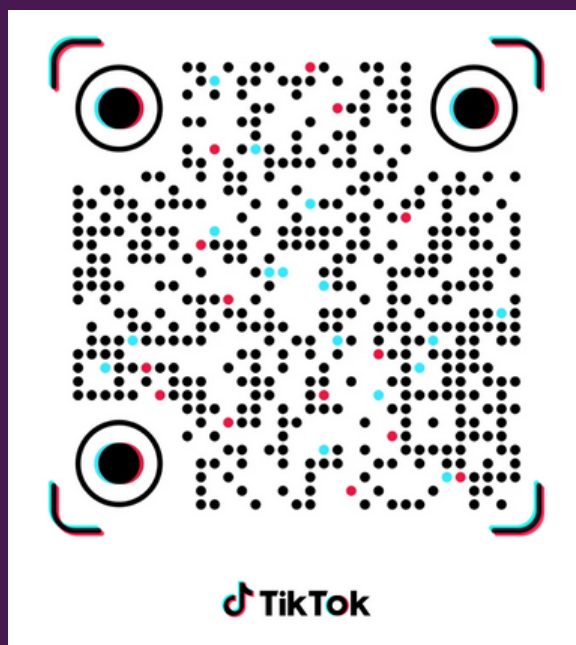
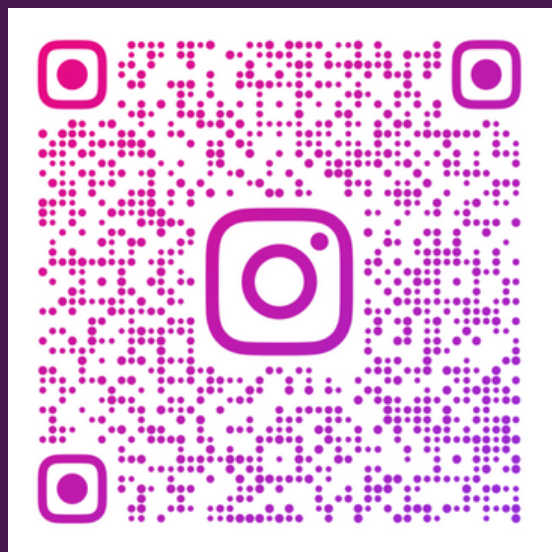
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