

Report from the Autocrats

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An Tir/West War 2007 was excellent! We had 1195 people through gate, and no ambulance calls. We had lots of fighting for everyone, many youth activities, plenty of sunshine, and very few complaints. And those were resolved.

Things that worked well

- ⊗ Having two autocrats once again proved a is a darned good idea for a large event. We were able to split up and be everywhere at once We were able to take turns at being on duty, allowing the other to take time and participate in various activities. To make this work we needed to trust each other and be able to communicate very well. We are good friends so this was not a problem, and it worked.
- ⊗ Diane and Lyle the site owners were very happy with us. They participated in the event through the weekend. And they want us back.
- ⊗ We received many positive comments on the location of the site. Although it was off the I5 corridor it was still well attended. The site is very large. Everyone was able to have the amount of room they needed for their camp and then some. There were some complaints on just how large the site was. But these were complaints having to do with walking all over the place

Things to improve on

- ⊗ I feel that the site is so large. We could easily use less space. The site is uneven and not good for walking. All though we saw a guy in a wheel chair working his way through the field. It is a bumpy field..
- ⊗ We feel that we could have done more with A&S. We could have classes. We just didn't have the people to utalize. Everyone wanted the war, but no one wanted to head things up. Finding people to do archery was non existent and so we didn't have archery.

Overall, the event was very successful for only having two months to plan it out. We had very positive feedback from everyone we talked to. Some negative comments were reported to us, but none were given to us directly. Monies from the event will be detailed later in this report, but both kingdoms should be pleased.

Standard reports from several staff are attached or will follow, but summaries for several areas are given below.

Gate Rapidgate style preregistration was used for this event. Most people had no problems following the instructions, and we had roughly 300 preregistrants. Rapidgate gets people through gate rapidly, and helps keep the gate lines from stacking up.

Her Excellency Bridgit headed gate for the first time. In the process she brought down 35 people from the Barony of Dragon's Laire to help her. What a fantastic barony to travel 10 hours to help their Baroness with gate. I love to see that type of thing. A huge thank you goes to her, as well as her crew. Xian handled the pregeg part of gate. She did a wonderful job as well. She made these little first aid bags for all the preged people that were vary popular.

A note for future autocrats. We had people show up a full day ahead of gate opening, expecting to be allowed on site to set up their camps. We also had people (including a merchant) expect to be allowed to remain an extra day even though we specifically had said it wouldn't be possible..

✿ Firewatch The Firewatch did an outstanding job. Master Duncan is a fantastic guy. We had no reports of any problems whatsoever during the night. To the point where Master Duncan was comfortable enough to go to bed. The autocrats were comfortable going to bed. There was an incident at the Luau on Saturday which is being handled by the senechalate, no criminal charges have been filed. Please see the Seneschal for more information.

Heralds. Herald Aine handled this for us. Aine sat herald's point all day Saturday and Sunday. She was in communication with us, and her roving Herald Bree came to us each morning and night to check on calls. I found this extremely helpful so that we didn't have to wander all over site for her. Bree was a very good herald.

Chirurgeon. Brendan did a good job. Mir, and Zacharia were onsite with him all weekend. I think he needs a little more hand holding, but that is okay he did exactly the job we wanted and reported to us when there needed to be a report.

Merchants Lynnarra did an excellent job of placing all the merchants. We capped merchants at 35, again as we didn't know how many people would show up, and we wanted to make sure camping had enough space.

Lynnarra did well. We had some issues with a couple of merchants who insisted on being able to camp on the field even though she told them all they wouldn't be able to park on site. I was called in on a couple of problems which were handled.

Parking We had the usual problems with people not wanting to listen to the parking attendants, but we fit everyone in, Methiable and her crew out of the nicest of the hearts actually caravanned people back and forth from parking which was welcomed. I think there needed to be more communication with her team, but considering she hadn't done this before she handled it very well, and had people in place all day on Friday.

Camp master. Tryggvy Landstaker did a wonderful job at land layout. Galen and Zacharia actually handled the lay out of the camp on site. They had never done this big of an event before. They even got on site late. But they worked until sundown, then got up at the butt of dawn and finished laying out. We did not hear any complaints. I appreciated them so much, they were actually the contact person for the front of the site which helped in communication.

Rapier Don Ramon's preparation for this was good. As we only had two months planning he pulled it together, even when it was realized we didn't have an eric ropes and stakes. Everytime I saw him he was always smiling..

We had a great time on this event and were extremely happy how things went. The autocrat team was absolutely fantastic considering we had two months. Everyone was so ethusisatic. Kim and I or really me, spent so much in camp I wasn't exactly sure what to do with myself. That shows we had a good team put together.. Everyone that we spoke with had nothing but good things to say. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to run this event.

In service,

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