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2008 Event Calendar

Date	IG Date	Town	Celebration
December 12-14	Wolf	Shadow's Edge	Solstice

2009 Event Calendar

Date	IG Date	Setting	High Holy Day
March 27-29	Eagle	Shadow's Edge	Equinox/ HHD Soliran
April 24-26	Salmon	Dawn's Refuge	HHD Faya
May 22-25	Spear	Shadow's Edge	HHD Crumach
June 6-7		Renaissance Faire	
June 13-14		Renaissance Faire	
June 26-28	Lion	Dawn's Refuge	Solstice
July 24-26	Boar	Shadow's Edge	HHD Unmaker
September 4-7	Raven	Dawn's Refuge	Equinox
October 2-4	Stag	Shadow's Edge	HHD Unacia
November 6-8	Sword	Dawn's Refuge	HHD Maker

Next Event

Grim Tales

December 12-14, 2008

A 3-Day Event in Shadow's Edge

With the ever-present threat of annihilation and the spiritual imbalance inherent in the Second Solstice, why is the Throne of Winter Sky calling all to the feasting table for drink, merriment and tales of long, lost heroes? What glorious, yet deadly acts will come out of desperation as the heroes perched precariously upon the Edge of Shadow's cling to the light?

Welcome

We would like to welcome you all to LIONE's fourth campaign, End of Seasons! In this primitive world four distinct societies have developed within the Realm of Seasons. To the North, the Throne of Winter Sky boasts a defiant people who are unyielding in battle. To the South, the Throne of Summer Thunder is filled with desert-dwelling masters of magic and technology. To the East, the melancholy Throne of Autumn Stars is known for their gift of prophecy and strength against the unquiet dead. To the West, the kindred spirits within the Throne of Spring Rain seek to preserve all of life.

In the Center of the World upon the Isle of the Damned lies the exiled and forgotten from the Realm of Seasons. It is here, in the mysterious and hostile land that a campaign against the rising Darkness must be waged. After many centuries of hatred and distrust, the Four Thrones have sent representatives to root out the Darkness and save the world.

Two settlements have been established on the Isle of the Damned. Dawn's Refuge lies relatively close to

the coast and provides a vital link to the Realm of Seasons. Here, there are many opportunities for smaller adventures amidst the larger event plot. Shadow's Edge lies further inland and provides the front-line in the battle against the Darkness. Shadow's Edge features numerous large-scale battles with some opportunities for smaller adventures. Within these settlements, acts of heroism, sacrifice and concentration of purpose will not only yield success within the mission, but also personal honor and the ability to rise through the ranks of leadership.

This two-part newsletter provides players and newcomers important Out-of-Game (OOG) information about upcoming events, rules clarifications, announcements and contact information. An In-Game (IG) bulletin board provides players with the latest collection of stories and announcements from each of the Thrones, the Peacekeepers and local churches surviving on the Isle of the Damned. Player submissions are always welcome!

Contact Us

Whether you are a veteran LIONE player or brand new, you may have questions regarding the logistics that govern character creation, advancement or background plot. We would like to encourage you to read the various publications, which are available online at www.endofseasons.com. In addition to the newsletter, Core Rules, Advanced Rules, and Quick Rules, there are a number of In Game and Out of Game forums available. If you still have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to send us a note at board@lione.net.

On the front page of the website is the link for the character update form on Survey Monkey. In addition, you can send character updates to board@lione.net.

If you have a complaint or concern about an End of Seasons (EoS) event while you are there, you should bring it to the immediate attention of the ombudsman. Michelle is currently the ombudsman and will do her best to ensure that your grievance is understood and addressed. General questions can be asked of any available EoS official. If your question is more complicated, you may be asked to send an email after the event.

Game Play

Faction Reputation

Players may now use Pride Points to enhance reputation. You may use up to 4 Pride Points per Faction per month. One Pride Point yields one point of Faction Reputation. If you would like to take advantage of this, please send a note to the board.

FAQ

With the success of this year's Silver Kingdom Renaissance Faire, we have many new faces arriving each event! Some are veteran LARPerS and some have never LARPered before. We hope these FAQs help our newest members feel at home quickly.

What should I include in my character history and write-ups?

Your initial character history should provide the writers with a basic idea of who your character is, where they are coming from, and what they are looking for in this campaign. Consider touching upon the following points:

- What specific place within the Throne did your character come from? Was it urban or rural? Was it mountainous, plains, or forest?
- What family influences were there in your character's life?
- What are your character's aspirations, hopes, dreams, and goals?
- What are your character flaws or weaknesses?
- What motivates your character?
- Were there any superstitions, folk tales, or lore surrounding your character's birth or childhood?
- What has brought you to the Isle of the Damned and this war?

- What ties, if any do you have to other players or NPCs?

After you play your character, it is good to send the board at least a brief outline of what happened to your character over the weekend. Consider the following points:

- Did your character die, lose any godsendS, or giftS?
- What specific missionS or modS did your character go on and what did he/she think about them? Has it given your character any insight into your Throne, a specific Faction within your Throne, or the higher-level plot?
- How did your character interact with the event or town-wide encounterS? What insightS has he/she gained about the Isle, the war or him(her)self?
- What relationshipS has your character made to other playerS and/or NPCS?
- How has your character been able to pursue specific goalS or how do you envision going forward with the goalS?
- What aspectS of the event did you enjoy? What would you like to see more/less of?
- What are your planS for the following event (playing or scripting)?

Rules Errata & Clarifications

Pride Points

The current level cap is 8.4. Players can spend as many pride points as they like in order to reach it on a per character basis. Because of the time involved in event preparation, we ask that all pride point expenditures and skill updates be sent to the board no later than one week before the event.

Godsend vs. Gifts

"If a character has a Godsend he can elect to "Burn a Godsend" to reappear at his Throne's altar, thus avoiding death. If this happens the character enters spirit form, he gains the Quality: Spirit and must immediately walk to his Throne altar, leaving any tagged (Or if you are informed you bear a relic) items behind."

"When a character dies and assumes spirit form, he should drop any items that are of in-game value. Important relics, game coin, game tags, however things like the phys reps for armor do not need to be removed, as we recognize armor can be expensive. However, until a character is able to reclaim an armor tag, the armor is not usable in combat."

EoS Winter Break

With another season at a close and the Holidays upon us it is time for the Directors, Staff and Volunteers to sit back and take some time to relax.

End of Seasons will be on winter break starting December 16th, 2008 till January 31st, 2009.

During this time all communications with the Director team will be extremely limited. The Vocation Station will be down for repair and update as well, but will reopen in time for preparations for the March event. Newsletter articles will be welcomed and will be published for the March Newsletter.

We would like to take this moment to thank everyone for all the work, time, and love they put into this. Every person brings something wonderful to this game.

We would also like to thank our families, friends and loved ones for their patience, love, and support

through late/constant night meetings, missing things, insane ideas, ruining floors while making props, and using them as dressing dummies.

Thank you,

Marcy "Empress"

Michelle "Chocolate Goodness"

Darren "Boneyard O'Clock"

Kurt "Dr Therrien"

Sean "Oh . . I'm Frenzied"

Shan "Boss Lady"

Advertisements

WEAPONS AVAILABLE

If you find yourself in need of phys reps for an EoS event, consider renting or purchasing your weapons from us! You can rent boffer weapons and crossbows at the event check-in at Logistics. Boffer weapon rental is \$3 and Crossbow rental is \$4. To purchase a custom-made boffer weapon, please send your request to board@lione.net.

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Interested in helping make the 2009 Silver Kingdom Renaissance Festival — where End of Seasons welcomes faire-goers into the colorful, intriguing world we all know so well — a continuing success? This is a great experience-building project that makes use of a wide variety of skills and interests, including people who "just want to help" but are unsure how. Website work, searching out new vendors and entertainers, helping with promotions, working on craft projects for the heraldry and set designs...there's a lot to do, and we can use your help in getting it all done! To lend a much-needed hand, please send an email to charbonm@gmail.com today!

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Directions to Ye Olde Commons

From Hartford (I-84)

- ◇ Follow I-84 into Massachusetts
- ◇ Take Exit 3A onto Route 20 East
- ◇ Stay on Route 20 East. You will cross Route 31
- ◇ Stay straight on Route 20. You will reach a traffic light at Main Street
- ◇ Northside Road is 0.3 miles on the left, past the Main Street intersection, but you can't turn left there. Instead, go 1 mile to a turnaround, then back 0.7 miles and right onto Northside Road

From Western Mass (I-90)

- ◇ Follow I-90 to the Sturbridge exit and get on Route 20 East
- ◇ Stay on Route 20 East. You will cross Route 31
- ◇ Stay straight on Route 20. You will reach a traffic light at Main Street
- ◇ Northside Road is 0.3 miles on the left past the Main Street intersection, but you can't turn left there. Instead, go 1 mile to a turnaround, then back 0.7 miles and right onto Northside Road.

From North/East on I-90 or I-290

- ◇ Take the Auburn exit and get onto Route 20 West
- ◇ After about 6 miles, Northside Road will be on your right
- ◇ Watch for a storage place (Prindle Ridge) on the left — that's just before the turn.



We wish you all a happy and joyous holiday season, a happy new year, and look forward to seeing you in the new season!

Peacekeeper Post

To further cooperation and communication, reports and announcements from each of the four Thrones and churches can be posted on this board.

Peacekeeper Announcements

The Game of Houses

Congratulations again to the Throne of Autumn Stars for winning the Game of Houses! For winning in the month of Sword, your boon will be in effect through the month of Salmon and will be centralized around Dawn's Refuge.

Your boon will be in effect through the month of Wolf and is centralized around Shadow's Edge.

When you travel too far from those locations, the effects of the boon will begin to wane over time. Please remember that for the time being, the boons are as follows:

- * All members of the throne are granted enhanced constitution.
- * All members of the throne are capable of calling upon additional essence.
- * All contacts associated with members of the throne gain increased standing.
- * All entertainers and merchants of the throne will garner increased income.

Sincerely,

Peacekeeper Tobias

SOLSTICE

THE SECOND SOLSTICE OF THE YEAR IS APPROACHING. THIS DARKEST AND LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR MAY BE PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS HERE ON THE ISLE OF THE DAMNED, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE HOLDING SHADOW'S EDGE. AS THE SUN SETS, WE WILL GATHER IN THE GREAT HALL FOR A FEAST AND A SHARING OF TRADITIONAL TALES FROM OUR HOMELANDS.

Throne of Winter Sky Ascension

With the progressively colder temperatures and the waning of fall, it is time once again to change the Ascendancy of the Thrones. Gather in the Great Hall at 11 Bells on the Twelfth day of Wolf for the Winter Ascension. Each of the Four Thrones will provide a representative and three attendants to stand in the ceremony. All are encouraged to support the ceremony with heraldry and reverent, respectful manners.

Please remember that heraldry is particularly important to display throughout the ceremony. The Throne Spirits derive power from our displays of heraldry. Without adequate heraldry, the Throne Spirit must drain Essence in order to fuel the ceremony and assist in the protection of the settlement during Ascendancy. Therefore, regardless of which throne you are in, it is important to support the ceremony with heraldry. This should include prominently displaying personal, Totem, Guild or House and Throne symbols upon shields, clothing, sashes, jewelry, tattoos, and banners.

Greetings to All,

I wish to extend thanks to all who were at the Maker's Ceremony, especially those who left gifts to honor the Maker. They were thoughtful, wonderful, and much appreciated. To those who remained at the Shrine throughout the ceremony, thank you. Your presence was comforting and inspiring to all who were there. Your presence in the circle gave others the feeling of unity and hope.

To those who watched our backs during the ceremony, you honor us all with your bravery and kindness. Were it not for you, things would not have gone as smoothly as they had. I hope that the Maker's Light filled each and every one of you, giving you strength to draw on as darkness fell. Blessings of the Maker upon you all and may you look to the Light as the days continue to grow darker, for even in the most darkest of times...the Light of hope will always shine.

May the Maker's Light Keep You,

Nadiya Rourke

Worshipper of the Maker

Follower of Raven

Spring Bringer of the Throne of Spring Rain

Throne of Winter Sky Report

Greetings to you all! With our Ascension rapidly approaching, I invite all of Winter to stop by the Throne so that we may plan an appropriate celebration!

Recently I have begun adjusting the runic pylons around the Gate. I believe that we are not only successfully gaining Divine access to the ancient powers of the Gate, but through glorious expeditions, we are learning more about its capabilities to help in this war.

One such expedition took members of the Winter and Spring Thrones far into Eclipse territory. Unfortunately, only one party member made it back in corporeal form. But, the others died gloriously assaulting an Eclipse encampment of over 50 goblinoids! Other travels include locations relatively near Dawn's Refuge and Shadow's Edge. In one trip, Balder successfully acquired a stolen necklace and saved the imps from The Princess' wrath! Huzzah to Balder, even if it did make us late for dinner!

Freyja has asked me to express her continued thanks to all who bear the "soul orbs" and all who helped protect them from Bryce and his Aspects. I understand that in a massive fight, Bryce routed the settlement. Hang in there - his time will soon be up!

Till Then - Victory to Winter!

Vargis Gestsdottir

Blessing of Water and Shade on you all from the Throne of Summer Thunder!

This is my first article so please have patience with me. First off, I want to thank everyone on their quick actions to help prevent the possible assassination and kidnapping attempt on Raisouli and myself, it was most appreciated. We believe the people were not members of the Clockwork Guild as they were dressed. They had stolen the outfits from the miners that had been killed earlier in the day. What we don't know is how they were able to control the clockworks that were with them. As we learn more we will update you.

I want to report to you what we know about the new clockwork hybrids so that everyone knows what is going on with these new creatures. Sheik Rika of the Clockwork Guild not only swore that they were not his guild's doings but he became violently ill when confronted with this disgusting news. These clockwork hybrids were clockworks with stolen decaying human parts and humans with clockwork parts and augmentations. If anyone is able to capture one and bring it to Sheik Rika in Dawns Refuge, Master Raisouli will pay one gold.

Finally, I would like to thank Wyverly, Gurtag, and Eran for helping our Throne and aiding the noble Efreeti. I am glad that each of you got a chance to experience a little of the wonder and magic of the Summer Throne.

Sami Rashida Nafiah Sayyid Hazad

Throne of Spring Rain Report

Myrna of the Dawn

As the Second Solstice of the year approaches, I am reminded of how the Eclipse took advantage of this imbalance last year and I would caution all within Shadow's Edge to be careful. With the thin veil between the spirit realm and the material, spirits of all sorts can be expected to wander the woods. Last year, the Eclipse managed to enlist the assistance of these spirits to assault our Thrones and the Temple of Unacia. Unfortunately, they succeeded in placing a stone of corruption upon the altar of the Spring Throne. We were fortunate that it only took a few moons to remove this taint.

I would like to welcome our newest member to the Spring Throne – a Tohopka named Tennyson Thatcher. Your enthusiasm and fresh eyes will be quite valuable as we move forward in this campaign. There is indeed much darkness and corruption within these lands and those of us who have been here for far too long grow weary. Look to Jasper of the Dawn, King Didandermalion of Twilight Shade, Princess Daliannan of Twilight Shade, Nadiya Rourke, and Alana Lighthouse for guidance. They have the experience and knowledge that you will need to make your way.

Greetings one and all!

This past gathering at Dawn's Refuge was a fruitful one indeed! Our victory against the Headless One was nothing short of bravery and cunning on everyone's part. I applaud everyone who fought beside me risking his or her lives in order to rid us of this menace. Special thanks goes to Princess Erryll of the Dawn who with her blessed powers of life prevented the loss of Maker's Gifts. As I walk beside her on this wretched island, I hope that one day I can make her proud as a strong Preserver of the Spring Throne.

I would like to also remind everyone that if we work together like we did this past gathering, anything could be accomplished! I have faith that when the time comes to take care of Bryce that as one we shall claim victory and save a soul from true damnation. To all those who bear orbs, I have opened myself up as a resource to vent upon and come to if you need. I know it is extremely hard upon you all and with all of my heart I thank each one of you for undertaking this grand responsibility. If there is anything I can do to help ease your burden, within reason of course, I shall do my best to accomplish it. If any need the herbs that Faya has kindly provided please do not hesitate to contact Randolph, Freya, or myself to obtain them.

On a happier note, I am beginning to start preparations for Faya's High Holy Day next spring. I am asking those who wish to participate to come find me at some point and let me know what you wish to contribute — whether it is song, dance, witty tales, or even music played from an instrument. I know it is early to be planning and preparing; however, I feel that getting a 'head' on things would be wonderful! Praise be to Faya in all of her glory and let her joy and healing be with all within her reach.

Also, on the same happy note, I would like to extend thanks to each of you that

participated in the Autumn Festival this past gathering. It was quite the joyous occasion! Thank you Rochus Torbin for hosting and your participation as well. I don't remember in which order the performances were given but I would like to thank King Didanderdemalion Lilander Twilight of Twilight Shade, Nadiya Rourke, Gunther, Svana, Lady Ortrun Von Cullen, Raisouli Tariq Kareem Nalz Hazaad, Gurtag, and Eran Rist for participating in the bringing of joy to all of those present at the time. I apologize to those of which I do not have a full name for as of yet I will reconcile this the next time I see you. Also on the subject of the festival: Margrave Stark Truth Ravenstone was absent from said festivities and I do so hope he intends to make it up at Winter's Ascension next gathering.

Till then, may Faya bring joy to your hearts as much as she brings to mine.

Alana Vevila Lightheart

Spring Bringer Preserver of the Throne of Spring Rain