

“How to Go to Triumphe Like a Pro” Orientation Meeting

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- 1) **Ask Questions!!!** If you don't understand, need clarification, need help, ASK somebody. We're here for you!
- 2) **Get There!** Are you staying one day or three? Would you prefer to caravan or carpool? **Directions for travel** are on the Triumphe Website (linkable from the Ansteorra Kingdom Calendar and the Mooneschadowe home page).
- 3) **Bring Money!** We have Merchants! We don't often have many, but we'll have a few selling quality resources.
- 4) **Wear Awesome Clothes!** Everyone will be wearing an attempt at the clothing of European-influenced cultures before 1600 AD. Our hospitality officer has spare items and may be contacted at hospitaller@hailmog.org.
- 5) **Watch the Weather!** Rain, sun, and bitey bugs happen outdoors. **Plan for allergies** & temperature fluctuations.
- 6) **Eat Something!** The event runs three days (Friday through Sunday). No food is freely available on site at any time. Bring what you want or make arrangements with friends. This is a very rough overview of what's available:
 - a. **Friday night.** No formal accommodations on site, but there's a Sonic (and more!) in Cleveland, OK.
 - b. **Saturday night.** Russian-Style Feast! \$10. **Bring or borrow:** Plate, Bowl, Flatware, and Mug/Cup.
 - c. **Sunday.** After the site is clean, the last team on site picks where/when we'll meet for dinner in STW.
- 7) **Get Some Sleep!** Crash space is available in the front of the Main Hall (loud, busy, non-private, concrete floors). Tents/sleeping bags may be rented at Outdoor Adventure in the Colvin Center. Or share tent space with friends!
- 8) **Hygiene!** Behind the Main Hall is a shower house (with flushie toilets!) for your hygienic convenience.
- 9) **Bring a Chair!** You're welcome to sit in a chair that isn't yours, but be proactive about giving it back.
- 10) **Watch!** Please do watch any of the several activities going on all weekend long – and participate in some of them, too! Especially consider bringing **Archery Bows** or **Musical Instruments** if you have them.
- 11) **Carry a Mug!** We have a full-service “athletic trainer” style station with water, Gatorade, and some light snacks.
- 12) **Volunteer!** The Kitchen and Waterbearing often want more hands to make their work lighter. That's also where the good food and discussions are! If you don't want to help, stay out of the way of people who are working.
- 13) **DRINK WATER!** Even if it's not hot. Especially then, since you won't think of it as readily. Dehydration is lame!
- 14) **Show Appropriate Behavior!** Regardless of your age, you are responsible for your own behavior. Please mind your noise levels, no matter how much you choose to drink (or not) – **especially around the cabins**. Your behavior reflects on our whole group (no kidding!). We'll love you forever if you help us have a good event!
- 15) **Take Care of Yourself!** If you're not feeling well, consider skipping out on the event. We'll have others: This event marks the beginning of the Fall Tournament Season. **Bring your meds!** Tell someone **on site** if they're critical. If you're on new meds, Please Do Not Drink! Tolerance levels are a **bad thing** to be surprised by.
- 16) **Be Respectful!** We have developed a culture heavily invested in courtesy, honor, and a rank structure. You don't need to know all of the details in order to act appropriately, but **you'll look like you know things if you:**
 - a. **Assume that everyone is genuinely awesome**, and that you'll be positively impressed by them when you get to know them. Also remember that some people are working under stress, and they may not have the attention span to get to know you at this moment. We put a lot of ourselves into this event.
 - b. Call someone you **don't know** “**My Lord/My Lady.**” The non-AoA address is “m'lord/m'lady.”
 - c. Call someone wearing a **shiny hat** “**Your Excellency.**”
 - d. Recognize the **Queen** (her hair is bright red), bow to her, and call her “**Your Majesty.**”
 - e. Meet the **Prince** and **Princess** as “**JP**” and “**Gilyan,**” and call them “**Your Highnesses**” during the event.
 - f. Recognize the **Thrones** (they'll be off-set from most normal seating), maintain a respectful distance, and bow as you pass them even if they're empty. They represent the authority that maintains our Game.
- 17) **Clean up After Yourself!** We are responsible for leaving the site as good as (or better than) we found it. In that vein, site closes at 2pm on Sunday. If you're still there at 2:01pm, please-please help the Site Clean-Up Team!