

VERY Basic Eventing Guide (Draft)

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The following is the basic ideal I have for an eventing guide. This is not geared to any event/group/style in specific, and is mostly useful for 'tourists'.

Basic Eventing or How to not be "That" Person

When going to an event, be it Medieval, Faerie, Pirate or other for the first time, it is often an overload to the senses. There are hordes of people you do not know, things fantastical and wondrous to see, and sometimes there are mouthwatering foods from places you haven't heard of on the Travel Channel. Through it all, you and (perhaps) your child will be transported to another time and place. It can be a magical adventure, or a nightmare, depending on which side of the Line you are standing on.

You see, for many Faire Vendors, children (age or mentality) are a menace. Their hands are often dirty and/or sticky. You/They run amok with no supervision, no use of common sense and less regard to other peoples' property than when they are at home. And so, this small piece of information is for New Persons, Guests and Passersby.

Basic Etiquette

- Golden Rule: If it is not yours (Unless you have permission):
- Do not touch it
- Do not climb on it
- Booths, Ships, works of art for 'atmosphere'
- Do not enter it (camps/ships)
- Proper function is:
- Pirate: Permission to Board
- Faery: May I enter your Realm
- Medieval: Hail the Camp. *pause to be recognized* Enter if invited
- That especially means TENTS
- Keep your Pet on a leash at all times. It is often an EVENT Rule as well as a STATE Statute. See Appendix for Oregon/Washington Statutes
- If you bring a child, be vigilant and expect to pay for damages. Your 'perfect angel' usually isn't. (The author is a Parent and KNOWS)

We, as members of Staff want you, and your fellow attendees, to have a fun experience. It only takes ONE unruly person to ruin the experience for a multitude of people. Following these basic rules will help ensure that YOU are not "That" person.

Appendix:

ORS 609.035: "Running at large" means that a dog is off or outside of the premises from which the keeper of the dog may lawfully exclude others, or is not in the company of and under the control of its keeper, except if the dog is:

- (a) Being used to legally hunt, chase or tree wildlife while under the supervision of the keeper;
- (b) Being used to control or protect livestock or for other activities related to agriculture; or
- (c) Within any part of a vehicle.

Washington State does not have a Statewide Leash law. It is decided by county and/or city.