

HOW TO NOT BE THAT PERSON

BASIC EVENTING

Welcome

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

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 even heard of on the Travel Channel. Every participant and attendee has a role to play, respectfully enjoying the experiences available without inhibiting the enjoyment of others.

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. They may run amok with no supervision, have little to no common sense and less regard to other people's property than when they are at home. When you're attending an event, you must hold all other persons and property in the highest regard, and use good effective communication with others to ensure you don't offend or trespass.

Basic eventing etiquette is very similar to everyday etiquette in public. Things like the common "golden rule" are good to keep in mind, do unto others as you would have done unto yourself. Don't touch, climb, or even enter a ship or encampment without permission. If you venture out into the world during an event and explore other camps, you'll need to know how to get permission to enter them. The common process involves "hailing" or raising your voice to announce "Permission to board?" to the members of the ship or household, if you're a pirate. If a Faery, "May I enter your Realm". Medieval, "Hail the Camp". Pause to be recognized, enter if invited. Come up with your own variation of the request, good manners can start great friendships.

Be mindful of waste created by your camp. You'll need to pack out all of your gray water, so be sure to plan for it by bringing sealed 5 gallon buckets or something that can transport liquids so we aren't dumping waste in the field. Keep trash picked up and in a central location so when you hear calls for "Bring out your dead!" from the trash collection trailer, your crew will be able to jump into action to take out the trash. Keep cigarette butts, bottle caps, and bread bag ties in your sights, these can occupy volunteers and Staff for

hours after an event as they ALL need picked up before they can go home.

Keep your pet on a leash at all times. It is often an event rule as well as a State statute, it doesn't matter how well behaved or trained your animal is, no excuses. Bring baggies or some method of waste cleanup for your pet, and be courteous when guiding them to a location properly suited for relieving themselves. Pick a tree or bush rather than someone's tent or cooler. Please attend to your pets and children at all times to help protect them and other people or property.

Stay hydrated, fed, and take your necessary medications. Wear cool/warm clothing as needed, stay dry either way to prevent a chill in the cold or a rash in the heat. Remember to use sunscreen often, once is not enough. Taking care of yourself can sometimes be forgotten or seem like a chore when you're having a good time. If you aren't careful you will get exhausted, sunburned, dehydrated, and maybe even injured because you were tired and less than careful running around in the sun or after dark. This can all take a toll on not just you, but your crew and anyone that has to help take care of you after the damage is done. Maintain your health while you're at the event, and nobody else has to spend time nursing you.

Staff reserves the right to remove anyone from the site at their discretion, breaking rules and laws are the fastest ways to get escorted from the event. We, as members of Staff want you, and your fellow attendees, to have a fun experience. Please contact a Constable (event staff wearing yellow sashes) or a Staff member if you have questions or concerns not answered by resources available on our sites. 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.

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