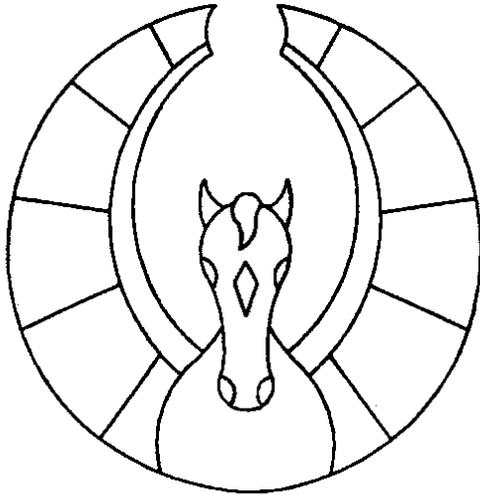


Horse Feathers

Gathering of the Clans special edition - July 14, 2001



The Duke Sez

It's that time of year again, when everybody starts killing other people and everyone seems to have a good time. Of course that means we need to get as many of them together as possible and force them to camp in the mountains for 4 or more days. Of course I'm talking about The Gathering of the Clans 19. It is held July 19-22, near Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

This newsletter contains all of the helpful hints and tips that we could gather together for attending the biggest Amtgard event of the year. The following pages contain lists of things not to forget, maps, directions, and a couple of forms that must be filled out to get in to Clan XIX (and signed by parents if you are under 18).

If you need more copies of the waiver and medical forms, they are also available at the Clan XIX website:

<http://home.elp.rr.com/indexorama/clan/>

While we're on the topic of websites, don't forget to visit <http://www.pegasusvalley.com> for updates on what's happening around these parts.

A thank you goes to Exedor and Cassandrah for helping me get all of this information together. Enjoy the pizza.

• *Glenalth*

Fees and stuff

All attendees, regardless of age, are charged the Management Company's \$20 fee for use of the Adkinson Meadows site for the four days of Clan 19; however, critters are exempt from this payment. The Burning Lands \$5 event fee is payable for every warm-blooded body attending Clan in order to help defray the event liability insurance premium. In other words, you have to pay \$5 for fido, but don't have to pay for your goldfish. All animals at Clan 19 must be under their owner's control, and, except for goldfish, on leash at all times. (There is no leash law that we know of for children, however, parents/guardians of persons less than 18 years of age, are legally responsible for minors under their aegis. In this context, the same applies to critters.) In all fairness, fido's \$5 event fee does entitle him to an event medallion to wear on his collar, and you can buy him a T-shirt if you think the color scheme goes well with his eyes. And, no, before you ask, we don't have goldfish sized medallions or T-shirts!

Note that aggressive animals, and the owners thereof, will be asked to leave the site because of safety constraints; so please think twice before you bring your attack chihuahua to the event.

• *Scarhart*

Contacting People at Clan

866-AMTGARD (866-268-4273) - This is a toll free number that can be used as an emergency contact number for people attending Clan.

This Toll free number will be set to ring at my Cell phone that will be at Clan. You can leave this number with your friends and family so that they can get a hold of you at Clan in an emergency. As the site last year was only partially within cell coverage so I will be checking messages on a daily basis.

• *Ratspitter*

Things to know about Clan

1. Clan is held on a primitive site. This means no water or electricity is available. There may or may not be a water buffalo on site. Bring enough water for drinking, washing dishes, cooking, and bathing. About 2 gallons per person is a good rule of thumb. Water containers can be refilled in Cloudcroft, but it is a 10-mile drive from Clan.
2. It rains. This is the wet season and that means it will get wet. Bring plenty of extra clothes (even mundane clothes if you are limited on garb). Bring 3 times the number of socks that you think you will need. Make sure that you waterproof your tent and test it afterwards. Being wet at Clan is no fun.
3. It's hot and then it gets cold. We will be way up in the mountains and it will be cold at night (40's) and fairly hot (low 90's) during the day. Bring some warm clothing and a heavy cloak if you have one. Extra blankets are good too. Bring extra garb to wear during the day, especially if you are fighting, because it will get nasty very quickly.
4. Firewood is limited. Dead-on-the-ground wood may be collected for firewood, but that will probably not be enough to support all of the fires. Plan to have money for bundles of wood if you want to have a fire (Usually \$3 per bundle).
5. The altitude will be higher than Albuquerque. Give yourself time to acclimate to the new altitude. There are usually several cases of Altitude Sickness every year and you do not want to be one of those.
6. Weapons react in different ways to changes in altitude. If your sword is completely wrapped in tape it will be much harder than normal, as will everyone else's swords (Especially those from really low altitudes like Florida).
7. Bring as many weapons as you can. Swords do get broken and it's hard to fight with no weapons. If you don't have room in your car for extra weapons or you don't have any extra swords to take along, at least bring a repair kit with a few extra tips for your swords and some tape.
8. Baby wipes are a good thing. Pre moistened in a nice container, perfect for camping. Also remember soap, mouthwash, toothbrush, and paste; your friends will thank you.
9. Cloudcroft is about 10 miles away from the site. There are showers available in Cloudcroft as well as working toilets. However there are no fast food joints in Cloudcroft, just one restaurant and a small general store. The nearest fast food, grocery stores, etc are 40 miles away in Alamogordo.
10. Parents read this. Clan has its problems and temptations for teenagers. Things to consider and talk to your children about:
 - This is a wet site and people will be drinking. Underage drinking can and does happen. We try to look out for our young people, but that is no guarantee. The best guarantee is for you, the parent to lay out your expectations with your child.
 - Illicit drugs are available at Clan. See comments above. Having drugs at the event is against the rules and the law. Just be aware that it does happen, and not as infrequently as most of us would prefer.
 - If you aren't going to be there with your child, you should have a sponsor for him/her. The sponsor should have all of the information needed to contact you in case an accident does happen. Preferably, a sponsor should be someone that has been to Clan before.
 - Make sure your child has a good flashlight (spend \$30 for a good Mag-Lite). A flashlight that can double as a club is a pretty good deterrent for any potential predators.

I don't want to scare any parents out there. Clan is a wonderful event full of good times and cheer. It is one of the best times to be had in Amtgard. However, that doesn't mean that we should let our guard down either. We may dress in pre-14th century clothes, but it is still the year 2001 and there are still addicts and predators

wherever you go, including this event. The point is, especially where your child is concerned, be safe, be responsible, and be aware.

- *Feral Lynn (edited by Glenalth)*

Things to Bring to Clan

Garb
Extra Clothes
Pajamas
Water (2 Gallons per day)
Canned food (Pork & Beans)
Soap
Deodorant
Toothbrush and paste
Shampoo
Comb/brush
A lot of matches or a couple lighters
Can opener
Cloak or thermal underwear for night roaming
Hat/head scarf/bandana (for that third day of camping without showering)
Medical band (allergies, medical conditions)
Band-aids & antibacterial cream
Trash bags (trash, dirty laundry, emergency poncho, cover hole in tent, etc)
Granola bars or pop-tarts, non-cook food stuff like fruit cups
Tweezers
Photo ID
Kneepads/cup/athletic wraps
Tarps & rope for securing your tent
Tent
Sleeping bag (a cot or air mattress helps)
Lots of blankets
Pillow
Feast gear/plates/silverware/cups
Something to clean the feast gear with
Weapons, lots of weapons and some extras
Money (extra food, gate fees, souvenirs, shopping, etc)
Marshmallows
A hammer for tent stakes

Need a map?

Axe for cutting up dead wood (do not cut down any trees, bad things happen to people that cut down trees in a national forest)

Gloves for fighting and at-night walking

Comfortable fighting shoes

Extra socks

Medication, if needed

Sunglasses

A bucket for washing or keeping water by the fire, or both

A shovel

Duct tape and any other tape you need

Weapon fixing stuff

A camera to show everyone how much fun you had

Flashlight

Extra batteries for your flashlight

Bug spray

Sun block

- *Lyvyndyr with additions from Cassandrah*

Handy form for unconscious folks

In my pouch every Clan, I also put a note with my names (real & Amtgard), my allergies to medication, my husband's real and Amtgard name, the camp where I'm staying at, and an ok/no okay for site medical attention. It looks like this:

Hello, if you're reading this I'm unconscious.

My name is: Kristin Punke, aka Lyvyndyr

My DOB: 2-28-77

I am allergic to: Erythromycin, Codeine

I have: Ulcers, Hiatal Hernia, arthritis in right hip.

I am taking: Levite, Tagamet (prescription)

If I'm hurt, contact: Merrill Punke, aka Malachi

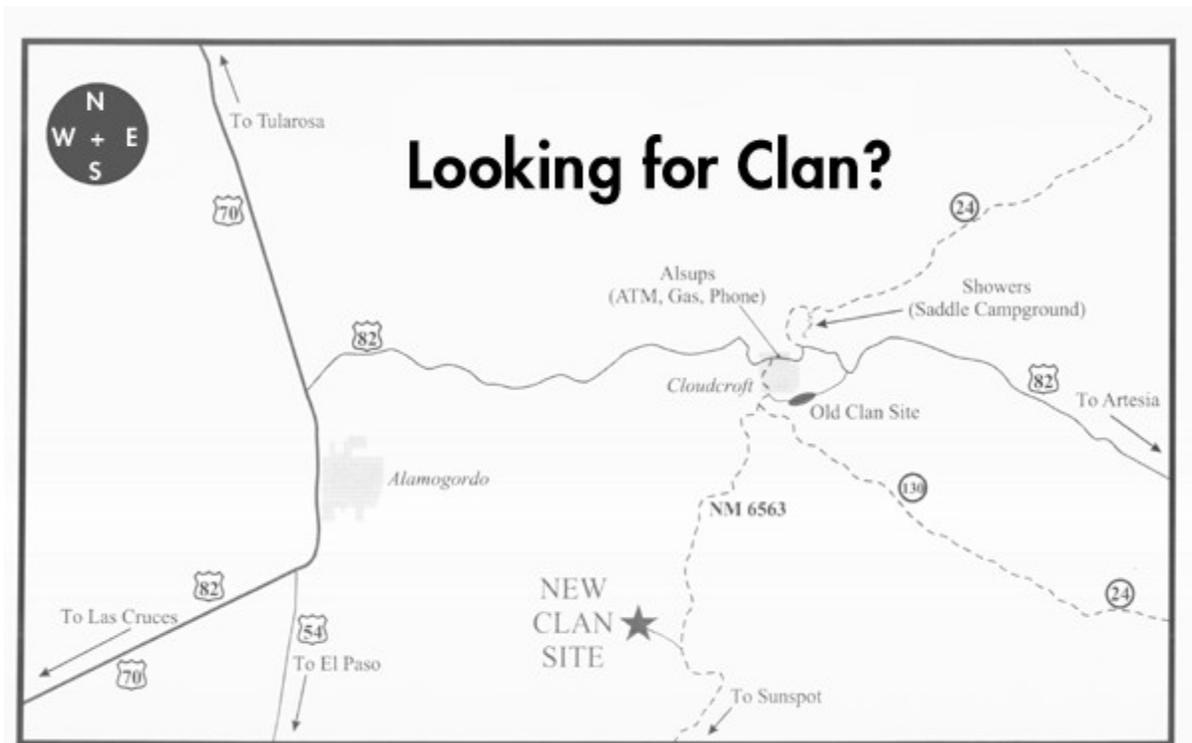
From: Kingdom of Dragonspine, Las Cruces, NM

I am camping with: Golden Lions

Please transport me to the nearest hospital if I am injured, immediately.

Not a bad idea to have this info on you at all times, it really can't hurt and only takes a moment to fill out.

- *Lyvyndyr*



(The area on this map is southern New Mexico, just northeast of El Paso, Texas) Once on NM 6563 you must pay attention to the miles traveled! Approximately 8.3 miles on NM 6563 there will be a rough road to the right. Turn there to enter Clan. There are no state, county, or town signs for this turn off.



Gathering of the Clans

Registration Form

Amtgard Information: (Please Print)

Persona Name: _____

Mundane Information:

Last name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip, and Country: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Emergency Medical Information:

This information will insure continuity of care and accurate diagnosis during your emergency care at AMTGARD CLAN XVIII. All records, including this form, will be destroyed at the end of AMTGARD CLAN XVIII. For more information, please contact the Medical Staff at the MedTent.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name: _____ Phone: _____

ON-SITE CONTACT: Persona Name: _____ Camped by: _____

Youth form on file? (Circle One) - Yes - Over 18

MEDICAL INFORMATION: (Fill in specifics)

Allergies and Severity:

(Circle all that apply)

* Plants: _____

* Foods: _____

* Insects: _____

Dependent)

* Medications: _____

Stroke

LIST ALL Prescribed Medications:

EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

Asthma Cancer

Diabetes Diabetes (Insulin

High Blood Pressure Epilepsy

Heart Condition Previous

Pregnant

Recent Surgery (give date)

Seizures

Hepatitis

Other: _____

Other: _____

Any changes to this form are not permitted: Wovoka – Medical Autocrat

Youth Release and Indemnification Agreement

Required for all minors to attend and participate at Amtgard's Gathering of the Clans

Participant Name _____ **Age** _____
Participant Address _____ **Zip** _____
Guardian Name _____
Day Phone _____ **Evening Phone** _____

I am the Parent/Guardian of the above-named Participant who is under eighteen (18) years of age and am fully competent to sign this Agreement.

I give permission for Participant to participate in all Amtgard Inc. activities. I hereby accept all risk to Participant's health and his/her injury or death that may result from such participation, and I hereby release Amtgard Inc., and Amtgard Burning Lands, its governing board, officers, members and representatives, from any liability to Participant, Participant's personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to Participant's property and for any and all illness or injury to Participant's person, including his/her death, that may result from, or occur during Participant's participation in all activities, whether caused by my negligence of Amtgard Inc, Amtgard Burning Lands, its governing board, its officers, members, or otherwise. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Amtgard Inc, and Amtgard Burning Lands, and its governing board, officers, members, and representatives from liability for the injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from Participant's negligent or intentional act or omission while participating at the annual Gathering of the Clans.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR PARTICIPANT'S INJURY OR DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PARTICIPANT'S PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AMTGARD'S CLAN XVIII AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO INDEMNIFY THE PARTIES NAMED AND FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION OF THE PARTICIPANT AND/OR MYSELF.

In case of injury or illness, I give permission for the above Participant to receive medical treatment and, if necessary, be transported to a local medical facility.

I understand Amtgard's Gathering of the Clans is to be held in the Cloudcroft area of the Lincoln National Forest of New Mexico.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date Signed:** _____

Signature of Witness _____ **Date Signed:** _____

Address (if different from Participant) _____

This completed form must accompany all Minors attending Clan, **unless they are accompanied** by Parent/Guardian with signed waiver on file in their own lands. Any change to this form in any manner will nullify the document, and the above named minor will not be permitted to attend Clan.