

### Wyrmegeist Fighter Practice

Every Sunday Afternoon, 12:00 pm-ish Until Dark  
Last Sunday of every month is a Garb and Grub Practice

Open To The Public

Kathy Drive Park  
Enter through Avalon Subdivision

### Wyrmegeist Populace Meetings

1st Monday of each Month, 7:00 pm

Open To The Public

Main Library on Goodwood Blvd.

Our website address:

[www.wyrmegeist.org](http://www.wyrmegeist.org)

Our Yahoo! Group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wyrmegeistdragoncave/>

Our Kingdom:

[www.gleannabhann.org](http://www.gleannabhann.org)

Our newsletter and contact list are maintained online only!  
For printed copies please contact our Chronicler.

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## Eventing - Gleann Abhann Style

February 26: Gleann Abhann Fighter's Collegium  
*hosted by Shire of Blackmoor Keep at King's Arrow (MS).*

March 13: Gulf Wars  
*hosted by Kingdom of Gleann Abhann at King's Arrow (MS).*

April 9: Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation  
*hosted by Barony of Small Grey Bear at Camp Clearfork (AR).*

April 16: Athenaeum III  
*hosted by Shire of Tor an Riogh.*

April 23: Beltaine  
*hosted by Barony of Grey Niche @ Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park (TN)*



## Dragon's Breath

The newsletter for the  
Shire of Wyrmegeist, in the  
Kingdom of  
Gleann Abhann



# 25 days until Gulf Wars!

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## Defining Terminology

(definitions from Melissa Snell, About.com's Medieval History Guide)

### Accolade:

**Definition:** The **accolade** was the ceremony in which a man was dubbed a knight. The ceremony took several different forms, from an embrace to a kiss to a blow on the cheek or shoulder. As time went on, the process of becoming a knight evolved from a simple public acknowledgment to a series of tasks that included fasting, praying and bathing. But the public acknowledgment itself remained known as the **accolade**.

<http://historymedren.about.com/od/aterms/g/accolade.htm?nl=1>

### Fyrd:

**Definition:** In Anglo-Saxon England, the **fyrd** was a militia, an army that consisted of free, able-bodied men that would only be gathered when battle was expected. It was the duty of the ealdorman to raise a **fyrd** within his shire when the king needed it. Men who shirked their duties as part of the **fyrd** were subject to a fine, which varied according to the man's individual standing and wealth.

When they weren't fighting or preparing to fight, members of the **fyrd** lived ordinary lives, working on their farms or at a skill to support their families. Eventually, use of the **fyrd** diminished and was replaced by calling upon thegns and their retainers, but even after the Norman Conquest they were occasionally used for defensive purposes.

<http://historymedren.about.com/od/fterms/g/fyrd.htm?nl=1>

### Exchequer:

**Definition:** The **Exchequer** was the financial department of the British royal government. The lower **Exchequer** received and audited all revenue of the crown. The upper **Exchequer** was a court of law that dealt with royal financial matters, sitting twice a year.

King [Henry I](#) constituted the **Exchequer** as a distinct government agency early in the 12th century. It was joined with the Treasury, which dated to before the [Norman Conquest](#).

The word **exchequer** derives from the Latin for "chessboard," *scaccarium*, which refers to the checkered cloth that was used to calculate and keep track of revenues.

The foremost officers of the **Exchequer** were the [Chancellor](#), [Justiciar](#) and the [Treasurer](#).

<http://historymedren.about.com/od/eterms/g/exchequer.htm?nl=1>

### Danelaw:

**Definition:** The northeastern portion of central Anglo-Saxon England that had been settled by invading Danes in the late 9th century came to be known as the **Danelaw**. The term began to be used in the 11th and 12th centuries, when it was recognized that the region had a form of law and custom that differed notably from the rest of Britain; English people of the time assumed that these differences originated in Danish culture, and modern scholarship has borne this out.

The word Danelaw has its origin in the Old English term Dena lagu ("Dane's law").

Alternate Spellings: Danelagh, Danelaga

<http://historymedren.about.com/od/dterms/g/danelaw.htm?nl=1>

## What happened to Fighter Practice??

Forest Community Park is undergoing major construction to redesign the park.

It is unclear when the park will re-open, so until further notice fighter practice (Sunday at noon-ish) have been moved. The new location is:

### Kathy Drive Park 1801 Kathy Drive

It is adjacent to Interstate 12, between Millerville Road and O'Neal Lane, situated in the Avalon subdivision.

From Millerville Rd, turn onto Avalon Ave.

Avalon will make a 90° turn to the right and become Turret Dr.

Turret dead-ends into Jester Ave. Turn left.

Take the second right, which is Penrod St.

Penrod dead-ends into Rhonda Ave. Turn left.

Take the third right, which is Kathy Drive and the park is at the end of the street.

*Directions are from Rand McNally's online site.*

Please consider  
donating items to  
the  
Gleann Abhann  
Largesse Basket.  
contact Countess Diana of the Isles, O.P.  
(warboar@aol.com) or Earl Syr Loric  
Silvestris, O. P. (syrloric@bellsouth.net)

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