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Welcome to Osprey!



The Barony of the Osprey is a local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, representing Mobile and Baldwin Counties in Alabama, and we are within the SCA Kingdom of Meridies, comprised of Alabama, Georgia, most of Tennessee, and parts of Florida and Kentucky.

We work to re-create medieval times in Europe, Asia and the Middle East during a period roughly corresponding to 600 to 1600 CE, studying the arts, manners, and dress of the people in that time and place.

There are **classes** where we share the information and skills that we discover, **meetings** where we discuss our future plans and organizational needs, and weekly **fighter practice** where we hone our skills in the arts of war.

The goal of the group is to promote education, and we have a lot of fun doing that. One of the most popular activities is an **event**, sometimes involving camping in tents or sleeping in cabins, where we combine classes, combat, feasting, and just being together in a medieval atmosphere.

These events may be far or near and are scheduled by groups all over the **Knowne World**. Taken as a whole, we call this lifestyle *The Dream*.

Website: <https://osprey.meridies.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/baronyosprey>

Discord: <https://discord.gg/ZkRFdZaUPD>

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Baronial Calendar

Business Meetings

- All meetings are hybrid unless otherwise noted.
- In-person location is at Bowman Auto & Air (7461 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618) until further notice.
- Online location is “The Great Hall” voice channel on Discord server.
- 2024 Meeting Dates:
 - January 22
 - February 19 – MCA Final Preparation Meeting – **Discord Only**
 - February 26
 - March 25
 - April 22
 - May 20 (*not 4th Monday/Memorial Day*)
 - June 24
 - July 22
 - August 26
 - September 23
 - October 21 – Gatalop Final Preparations Meeting
 - October 28
 - November 25
 - December – No meeting in December

Upcoming Local Events

Panhandle Skirmishes

- Date: January 12-14
- Location: 645 Compass Lake Dr, Alford, FL 32420
- Host Group: Shires of Phoenix Glade and Arenal
- Autocrat(s):
 - Lady Rose Rennel
 - Email: ladyroserennel@gmail.com
 - Lady Mael Muire ingen Dughail
 - Email: ladymaelmurie@gmail.com
- Reservationist:
 - Dame Catja Milovskaya
 - Email: Keri@gryphonsrest.org
- Website: <https://phoenixglade.meridies.org/calendar-events/987496441-2/>
- Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/3i742wlwv>

Gulf Wars Work Day

- Date: February 3rd
- Location: King's Arrow Ranch
- Please reach out to Lothinn or Ucla for more information if you intend on camping with Osprey at Gulf Wars

Meridian Challenge of Arms

- Date: February 23-25, 2024
- Location: Dalwhinnie Fields
- Host Group: Barony of the Osprey (***That's us!!!***)
- Autocrat(s):
 - THL Fine Dubh, known as Pixie
 - Email: Stephykla@gmail.com
 - Baroness Adalyde de Sardaigne
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- Website: <https://rapierchallenge.meridies.org/>
- Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/8czFpPRVE>

Group Activities

- A&S Nights – None scheduled at this time – please keep an eye on Facebook and/or Discord for announcements
- Fighter Practice – Every Sunday at 11am at Medal of Honor Park – Keep an eye on Facebook and/or Discord for announcements concerning cancellations

Help Wanted!

The Barony is seeking:

- *Bids for:*
 - **Gatalop 2024:** October 25-27, 2024 at Fort Gaines, Dauphin Island, AL
 - Note: This will be Gatalop 40 year
- *Volunteers for:*
 - **Chronicler**
 - **Rapier Marshal**

Letter from the Baron & Baroness

Greeting unto the populace of the Barony of the Osprey early in this final month of 2023, from Master Yesugai (called Ucla) and Duchess Rhiannon, proud Baron and Baroness of Osprey

And the hope that this missive finds each of you and yours well and prosperous and looking forward to a wonderful holiday season. As we go through the holidays and look forward to the new year, the last couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity for the Barony and her people. Beginning with Gatalop, the Mobicon demo, the Robertsdale Renfaire demo and at the end of last month (just over a week ago) Thanksgiving followed by our end of the month meeting and our bring a dish to share small 'pre-meeting feast' that kicked off our new meeting/gathering venue with a bit of a bang. We are sure there are things we've failed to mention; re-reading this, one thing was a very successful 'regional' fighter practice which was well attended by many folks on the coast, as well as former 'notable' Baronial member Earl Lochlinn. This was followed by a large number of us getting together afterward at a nearby restaurant to enjoy a meal together. It is always wonderful to visit with friends and neighbors at regional functions and even better when we can all sit down together to share a meal, even if it's a impromptu one.

And this doesn't include the numerous out of group events attended by members of the Barony who carried back with them tales of good times had with good friends, both old and new. It really is hard to believe that before we know it, we will be saying farewell to 2023.

As we prepare to bid farewell to the current year, there are things on the horizon to look forward to and which will provide opportunities for members of Osprey to get together to work toward common goals. One of the largest things on the horizon are going to be work days for various things; more work on sorting through baronial property as well a time spent working on the baronial encampment land at the Gulf War site. As this all gets closer, more details will be forthcoming so that hopefully we can do things such as arrange for ride sharing and caravanning, maybe even figuring out things like picnic meals and the like. If

we have folks opting to stay overnight we can work on seeing to it that there is a grill available for those wanting to prepare meals on site.

We would also like to let everyone know that we would very much welcome letters of recommendation from the populace as regards Baronial awards. When submitting letters please take into consideration that should we act upon a letter, we need adequate time to commission a scroll. And as scribes, like everyone else, are volunteers, we need to give them time to fulfill these commissions without requesting that they put personal things aside to do so. So please keep that in mind when sending a recommendation, as well as the fact that currently the barony only hosts one event a year, Gatalop.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone in the Barony, and the friends of the Barony, who have all contributed to the success of Gatalop, the demos, meetings, fighter practices, the whole lot of it. Without the efforts of so many people, none of these things would have been successful. We dare not try to thank people individually in this missive, as we'd doubtless inadvertently fail to include someone, and that would never do. Perhaps we need to start taking notes! LOL As the current year comes to an end and we look forward to the new year that is fast approaching, we look forward to an even better year in 2024. With the help of you all, it is looking bright indeed.

Ucla and Rhiannon

Letter from the Seneschal

To the members of Osprey,

This year has been a blur, and it's hard to believe the year is coming to an end. 2023 has seen individual and group growth, even through what life threw at all of us. I consider myself lucky to call Osprey my home and honored to be the Seneschal.

As we go into 2024, my goals for the Barony are to see us grow and flourish as I know we can. With this in mind, I would love to see more group activities and even more individual involvement (to the extent you feel comfortable doing). I would love for Osprey to take flight and rise even higher as the Barony of the Coast.

I am here for everyone to help in whatever way I can, and I promise that if I do not know an answer, I will direct you to who can help you. If you have any issues, complaints, or even simple comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me through official channels by emailing me at Sen.Osprey@Meridies.org.

To my fellow Baronial officers: I thank you from the bottom of my heart for hanging on and sticking it out with me. We are all volunteers and personal life does come first, but you all have shown me patience and understanding that means the world to me.

I look forward to 2024 and all the amazing things awaiting us all. May we fly ever higher in our endeavors to Live the Dream.

Yours in Service,

THL Sigríðr Reiðubúinsdóttir

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