



#### FACTS ABOUT THE FAIRE

The Connecticut Renaissance Faire is a enchanted recreation of an old-world harvest festival complete with jousting knights, fair damsels, and playful peasants. The Faire has quickly become a New England family tradition as bright banners, colorful costumes, and lively music adorn the Renaissance landscape. This energetic environment turns the day into a fun-filled adventure guests look forward to all year long.

#### NEW AT THE FAIRE FOR 2008

We're celebrating our 10th anniversary this year with the wedding of King Arthur to Guinevere. Here is a list of some of our 2008 "What's New!"

**Community:** On our opening weekend, we're offering massive discounts to guests who donate canned goods to the Faire. In turn we'll share these cans with the Manchester Area Conference of Churches. Our goal is to collect over 8,000 cans to help us give back to Connecticut.

**Growth:** We are expecting record attendance this year and have expanded the grounds 50% over last year to accommodate a massive influx of guests.

**Guinness Book of World Records Attempt:** Sword Swallower Roderick Russell will attempt to set a new world record on our opening weekend.

**International Sword Tournament:** On Columbus Day weekend, we're hosting the annual "Mettle & Might" tournament where brave male-and-female knights from around the world clash in this weekend-long competition of steel and skill.

**Wedding:** The wedding of King Arthur to Guinevere might just be the most anticipated royal wedding since Charles and Diana. Romance is in the air.

#### EXISTING FUN AT THE FAIRE

**International Foods:** Come to the faire hungry and feast like a king with a wide assortment of delectable desserts

and exotic foods like turkey legs, bread bowl stews, warm apple cresp, and much more.

**Shopping:** Shop in New England's LARGEST Medieval Marketplace with over 100 artisans and crafters from around the country selling thousands of unique gift treasures.

**Stage Performances:** Nonstop themed entertainment on ten stages means there is always something to see and do.

#### FAIRE LOCATION & PARKING

The Faire is conveniently located just minutes east of Hartford on the Hebron Lions Fairgrounds at 347 Gilead Street in Hebron, CT. Parking is free.

#### FAIRE DATES & HOURS OF OPERATION

The Faire runs seasonally for a limited time - four straight weekends and Columbus Day from September 27 to October 19, 2008. Gates open at 10 am and close at 6 pm.

#### TICKETS TO THE FAIRE

Tickets to the Faire can be purchased at the festival box office: General Admission \$16; Youth Admission (age 5-12) \$7; Under 5 are admitted FREE. All admission prices include tax. Discount coupons can be downloaded from the Faire website at [www.ctfaire.com](http://www.ctfaire.com). Group and corporate rates also available.

#### MEDIA ADMITTED TO FAIRE AT NO COST

Members of the media with valid credentials are always admitted to the faire at no cost. We encourage you to bring a photographer as there are countless photo opportunities to accent your story.

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