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Annual Medieval Faire in Forest Grove set for April 29,30 -May 1st, 2011

Pacific University's History Department and the Shire of Dragon's Mist of the Society for Creative Anachronism (S.C.A.) are proud to announce their annual Medieval Faire & Tournament hosted by McMenamins Grand Lodge in Forest Grove.

For one weekend at Faire in the Grove, the clock will be turned back and the Grand Lodge's vast front lawn will be transformed to a medieval village. Participate with history buffs and students of Pacific University's medieval studies while enjoying merchants selling their wares, artisans, and medieval crafts on display. Enjoy demos of armored combat, fencing, medieval cooking & crafts, Viking tents, period clothing & craft displays, and much more! Entertainment is scheduled throughout the weekend like, singing, story telling, music, Middle Eastern dance, fire breathing and of course, Royal court. McMenamins Grand Lodge is sponsoring this family friendly outdoor event for the community which continues to grow and is expected to draw thousands everyday. For more information visit the website, **www.FaireInTheGrove.com**.

"The Medieval Faire has truly become a Forest Grove activity: an opportunity for Pacific University and the town to join together and provide an event that draws thousands to our city," said Martha Rampton, professor of history at Pacific U. and one of the organizers of Faire in the Grove. "The faire is educational, fun, and a good way to celebrate spring."

Musical performances and entertainment will be sprinkled throughout the event. SCA members will be demonstrating daily life in medieval times like cooking, weaving, artwork, costuming, and even blacksmithing. One of the more exciting attractions will be a medieval fighting tournament where Knights, Lords and even some Ladies will don armor and battle in a variety of martial styles for honor on the field of combat. Watching over the tournament will be a Baron and Baroness who will hold court to present the awards and recognize volunteers for their achievements. The public is invited to view court as part of the day's closing ceremonies.

The Medieval Faire and Tournament will be hosted by McMenamins Grand Lodge at 3505 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, Oregon on

Friday April 29, 3:00 to dusk,

Saturday April 30, 10:00 am to dusk,

Sunday May 1st, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

It is free and open to the public; find items for sale and enjoy McMenamins fine food & ales available for purchase.

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