

THE PALANTIR

CopperCon XXIII

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Welcome to CopperCon 23, featuring Author Guest of Honor, Connie Willis, Artist Guest of Honor, Dave Mattingly, Music Guest of Honor, Larry Warner, and Media Guests of Honor, Lani Tupu and David Franklin.

Saturday Programming Changes

Alan Dean Foster is cancelled for any Saturday programming. He will be added to programming on Sunday.

11:00AM-"D"-Solar System Exploration Today-Add Jim Klemaszewski

11:00AM-"1121"-ART26-Belt Costuming Demo-Add Frances Burns

12:00PM-"C"-Stage Presentation 101-Add Frances Burns and Kevin O'Connor.

2:30PM-Autograph Signings-Christopher Turco Cancelled.

2:30PM-"1123"-FFP04-Lego Creations-Add Kevin O'Connor

4:00PM-"1121"-ART18-Textile Art in Speculative Fiction-Gail Wolfenden Steib Cancelled.

10:00PM-"E"-Add FAN27-Panels from Hell-Come on out to hear the good, the bad, and the ugly in panels, workshops, and (why not!) cons that suddenly take a southerly turn and wind up into the experiences that you would love to forget.

Sunday Programming Changes

1:00PM-"1121"-ART20-Designing Costumes on the Cheap Side-Add Frances Burns

Live broadcast

Heads up channel 12 will be doing a live broadcast on Saturday at 8:00 AM till 10:00 AM. For their morning show. If you can, dress up in costume the lobby and general function areas will be the most likely areas that will be videoed.

Security

Just some reminders:

No real or realistic firearms are allowed. All edged weapons **MUST** be peace bonded **AND** in a sheath. All weapons must be carried in a responsible and safe manner.

If you are having a party please register the party with Security/Operations by 5:00 PM **OF** the day of the party. This allows security to prevent problems and act as intermediary

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between you and the hotel. Failure to register your party can result in it being shut down. Any party, registered or not will be shut down if it is out of control of the responsible parties.

Rivendell Community Notices:

The local Cobbler is having a 30% off sale on specially treated, waterproof boots in all sizes (and three colors: brown, black, and brown-black). Sorry, no boots for hobbits – but pedicures are available on request!

The local Laundry reminds all ring bearers and their companions of the Laundry's 24-hour pick-up policy. Don't wait until the last minute to get all of your robes and undies clean before your next big adventure. Come in early to ensure that you start off looking clean and sharp for your next big orc attack! Our rocks will be waiting for you!! (First two garments at half price on alternate Thursdays, starting last Tuesday.)

The Rivendell Kitchen needs to have your food preferences sent to them as soon as you settle in. It is hard enough to keep ahead of the number of visitors without dealing with different species' food requirements at the very last minute! Just because the fate of the known world may be in your hands is **NOT** a reason to cause the Kitchen more work. Thank you!!

Mail Service: If you cannot leave a forwarding address (which **MUST** be a permanent, non-moving land mass with responsible entities in charge), then your mail will be held here in Rivendell until you come for it. No exceptions, not even for Gandalf!

Stable News: Due to a sudden influx of visitors, we are now getting very crowded in the stable. If your horse/pony/donkey can amicably share it's stall with another of like temperament, then please let Bob (the Stable Master) know! You'll get half off of your feed bill, and Bob's everlasting appreciation!

Pre-registered
Members: 356

Deadline for the
Friday Evening
issue: 4 PM

Spa of No Return

In this day and age of physical fitness, there are still two markets that have not been well covered – those of the aesthete and the spartan.

Well, here at the Spa of No Return, we have regimens for both the aesthete and the spartan. Below are the schedules for each day's pleasures.

Remember, we need at least two week's notice to fulfill your reservation (especially for the Spartan Schedule), since so many people are flocking to our doors!

Payment for your stay at the Spa of No Return must be received at the time of check-in, since the experience is sometimes so heavenly that earthly commitments are frequently forgotten.

So come to the Spa of No Return, where we promise you an unforgettable experience!!!

Aesthete Daily Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Wake up call (breakfast in bed and coffee, delivered by Juan Valdez)
- 7:30 – Breakfast at Tiffany's
- 9:00 – Exercise (stair climbing at Lord & Taylor's)
- 9:15 – Shower and Massage with Bambi or Bam-Bam
- 10:00 – Class – "Watching Someone Meditate"
- 10:15 – Manicure by Muffy
- 11:30 – Lunch at Antoine's
- 1:00 p.m. – Class – "Zen Napping"
- 2:30 – Class – "Ten Tips for Safe Phone Dialing"
- 4:30 – Free Time
- 6:00 – Class – "Quick Manicure Repairs"
- 7:00 – Free Time
- 8:00 – Dinner at the White House (by French Chef)
- 10:30 – Go to bed (on satin sheets)

PALANTIR Staff:

Mike Cassidy
Jeff Richards
Larry Vela

Spartan Daily Schedule

- 4:30 a.m. – Wake-up call (bucket of cold water poured on top of you)
- 5:00 – Breakfast (cold oatmeal)
- 5:15 – Exercise (10-mile run)
- 6:00 – Shower (cold water only)
- 6:15 – Calisthenics with Attila
- 9:00 – Exercise (well digging in back of property)
- 12:00 p.m. – Rest
- 12:15 – Lunch (plain yogurt)
- 12:10 – Sauna
- 12:55 – Ice Bath
- 1:00 – Massage by Attila
- 1:45 – Class – "Spartan Crafts and You"
- 3:00 – Class – "The Art of Discus Throwing" (done naked, of course)
- 3:15 – Class – "Painting the Discus Thrower"
- 4:00 – Class – "Washing the Painted Discus Thrower"
- 5:00 – Free Time
- 5:15 – Class – "You and Your Loincloth"
- 6:20 – Class – "You and Your Jock Itch"
- 7:00 – Class – "How to Predict the Weather, Using Your Sundial"
- 8:10 – Dinner (jello mold shaped like a spear)
- 8:20 – Class – "Ten Ways to Fix Flat Sandals"
- 9:30 – Class – "Reading Spartan Road Signs"
- 10:00 – Class – "Oxcart Care"
- 10:45 – Class – "The Pleasures of Cold Showers"
- 11:00 – Go to bed (on army cots provided)

Contributed by Gabriel Cassidy

