

The Basics of being on Court and/or Guard

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First and foremost, everyone is welcome and everyone can help. One of the most important things that everyone should know is that courts always need help and that ANYONE can volunteer to help.

What is the Court and Guard?

- The Court and Guard is the group of people that work with the Royals and the Baronies to have a cohesive and organized events. The people that serve on Court and Guard help facilitate court for the Royals and/or the Barons and Baronesses. The duties for the court and guard tend to vary depending on the events that are attended. As a generality the court and guard are around to help with what is needed.

Who is the Court?

- The Court consists of Ladies- or Lords- in waiting are the people behind the thrones that help make the courts run smoothly. Those who are members of the court have many different duties, including (but not limited to) documenting and organizing the awards that are given out during court, documenting the gifts that are given during court, and making sure that the Royals and/or Barons and Baronesses have everything they may need during court.

Who are the guard?

- The guard act as a ceremonial attendant. These people usually do much of the heavy lifting and heavy setup that is asked of them. Anyone can be on the guard. The guard also tends to stand watch over the court when needed. And attend when needed.
- The guard is also around during court to escort any gentle person who is called up to court and comes up alone.

What is the difference between Royal Court and Baronial Court?

- While both Kingdom and Baronial court have many similarities, such as the guard being the heavy lifters who do things like set up the pavilions and the thrones, and the court being those who help get court organized after the set up.
- The court and guard for the Kingdom Royals are in a more fast paced environment. The Kingdom Royals are only in need of court and guard for 6 months at a time, and they go around to events all over the Kingdom. The Kingdom Royals need to have court and guard people in different areas of the kingdom as to be able to have attendants at every event.

- Kingdom Royals will usually have a progress that is set out soon after they become Crown Prince and Princess. This progress will make it easier to determine when you may be needed as a court or guard member.
- Kingdom Royals should always have someone attending them. Depending on the event will depend on how many people should attend them.

Needs of the Royals and the Barons and Baronesses

- Kingdom Royals and Barons and Baronesses are busy at events. It is important for the court and guard to help remind them to take care of themselves while keeping to their busy schedule. One of the things that is really important to remember is WATER. Reminding other court and guard members as well as the Royals and/or the B&B's to drink water is important.
- It is also important for the court and guard to remind the Royals or the B&B's to eat food. Events get hectic and time gets lost, so having snacks is always important.
- SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN.

Secrecy

- Being on the Court and Guard for Kingdom as well as for a Barony, means that you will be privy to lots of information. You will quickly learn that there are conversations that will happen around you that you cannot repeat. The court and guard are also charged with keeping a bubble of space around conversations that are deemed private for whoever you are attending.

Planning

- The Court and Guard each have their designated leader. For Court, there is the Chief Lady in Waiting. For Guard, there is the captain of the guard. And everything is overseen by the chosen Chamberlain.
- The needs for each particular event are usually organized and talked about in the week leading up to said event.
- While it is not actually official, Facebook has been an incredible way to keep things organized and keep people informed about what is needed from the court and guard.
- The heads of court do a really good job of asking for the things that they need, but it is always good to ask what they need, because no one is perfect.