

Unto the Populace of Trimaris does your Constable, Lady Aubray send greetings.

I have been asked by the Kingdom Seneschal to address the issue of kingdom law in regard to the proper identification of children under the age of 12, so that all of us can ensure that our youngest have as safe a time in our society as they do a fun time.

Kingdom Law states as follows:

II. Responsibilities of the Populace

D. Minor Children

3. Any minor under twelve (12) years of age must have on his or her person at all times while attending any Society event both his or her legal name and both the legal and SCA names of the parent or other responsible adult at the event.

At many kingdom events we have had lost or wandering children, with no method of identifying where or to whom they belong.

Unfortunately, some gentles have been repeat offenders of this kingdom law. Because of the dangers that could arise from a lost child, the Kingdom Seneschal has requested the rules regarding minors be strictly enforced beginning immediately. If your child becomes lost, is not appropriately identified, and the constabulary (or others of the kingdom - after prompt notification to the constabulary) returns your child, the parents/guardians, and any other minor children with them, will be required to leave the event immediately, without refund of event fees, by order of the Kingdom Seneschal. Now, if a child is wandering, but is not lost (i.e., knows who his/her parents are, where they are camping and just needs some direction), then you do not have to worry. However, please keep in mind, that kingdom law states that all minors under 12 need to have the above information on their person at all times. This is no longer a matter of discretionary enforcement and no exceptions can be made.

Please have your child's identification with you upon arrival to any and all Kingdom events. The kingdom will not provide identification bands. Any parent or guardian wishing further information or clarification on the Kingdom Law or a list of places to obtain identification material, please free to contact me (joycereitor@gmail.com) for how to properly comply with this requirement and I will render all assistance I can.

To sum up your responsibilities as parent or guardian of a minor child at any SCA event or function: All children under 12 must have identification on them in accordance with kingdom law including both the child's SCA and mundane name and both the mundane and SCA names of the parent or other responsible adult at the event. All minor children must provide this information to any constable upon request. Of course, all children must still adhere to Kingdom law regarding curfew and waivers. Any violation of these rules will result in immediate expulsion from the event of both child and parent/guardian without refund.

Thank you for understanding and for your patience. Please cross post this message as able.

Yours in Service,
Lady Aubray Inghean Fhearghail