

2020 Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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Renaissance Festival Lease Extended to 2021!

SHAKOPEE, Minn., (July 21, 2020) – Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Mid-America Festivals is pleased to make the following Royal Proclamations!!!!!!

We have extended our lease and we will stay in our current location in Shakopee MN at least through 2021.

We continue to plan for our 50th Anniversary and we are hopeful that we will be able to celebrate together at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival.

Currently, outdoor events in the State of Minnesota are limited to 250 people. We are having discussions with Minnesota State officials regarding our 2020 season.

In order to provide more time for health experts, scientists, State officials, and all of us to monitor the spread and containment of the COVID-19 in Minnesota, Mid America Festivals decided to change the dates of our 2020 Festival to September 5, 2020 thru October 4, 2020 (weekends plus Labor Day).

We have developed a draft Preparedness Plan as part of our ongoing efforts to initiate mitigation measures and protocols for 2020 to provide a safe environment for patrons and participants. A working draft of our Preparedness plan will be shared in the near future.

We will not engage in any activity that is contrary to Minnesota State directives and it is our belief and hope that the amount of people testing positive, the severity of the cases, and the advancements in treatment will trend in the correct direction in Minnesota and that Governor Walz will issue a new Executive Order resulting in significantly more people being permitted to attend outdoor events in Minnesota.

All events of fewer than 250 people scheduled to take place at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival prior to September 5, 2020 will take place as planned per Minnesota State Guidelines.

“We are grateful for the outpouring of support expressed by our loyal patrons and neighbors,” says Stephanie Whipps, Director of Marketing. “The elected officials, staff, and residents of Louisville Township, Chaska, Shakopee, Scott County, and beyond have consistently embraced the unique quality and character that our Festival provides their families and community.”

Festival management wishes to express their thanks to the Malkerson family for their efforts in securing the lease extension and appreciate their support and commitment to the continuation of this great Minnesota family tradition.

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The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 50th season September 5, 2020 through October 4, 2020. The Festival is open weekends plus Labor Day, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors for endless shopping, 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king or queen! Admission at the gate: Adults \$25.95; Seniors \$23.95; Children 5 – 12 \$16.95, Children four and under are free! Visit www.renaissancefest.com or call 952.445.7361 for more information. Follow the Minnesota Renaissance Festival on Social Media, @MNRenaissance!

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