



MEDIA ALERT

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Fire at Scarborough Destroys One Building

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX (March 15, 2017): Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at approximately 3:45 pm fire broke out at the Scarborough Renaissance Festival® site. First responders arrived at the site within 5 minutes of the fire being discovered and it was contained within 30 minutes. One two-story building, artisan shoppe "Pendragon Costumes" which sold Renaissance style apparel, was completely destroyed and another, "Broom Sticks" sustained moderate damage. The Ellis County Fire Marshall determined that the fire started in the electrical system of the building destroyed.

The management of Scarborough Renaissance Festival® wishes to thank the Ellis County Volunteer Fire Department Districts One and Six along with the Volunteer Fire Departments of Maypearl, Forresteron, and Avalon for their quick response and containment of the fire. We are extremely grateful that no one was injured and that only two structures out of the 200+ buildings at the Scarborough site were affected by the fire.

The Pendragon Costume shoppe (and it's free standing building) is owned by Nicole Fullerton and Shawn Carnes. Fortunately none of the stock of beautiful, handmade Renaissance style apparel was at the shoppe at the time of the fire. Pendragon Costumes has been a part of Scarborough Renaissance Festival® for 23 years and we will work with the owners and their local artisan and longtime shoppe manager, MaritaBeth Caruthers, to enable them to open their shoppe in a temporary structure for the upcoming 2017 Festival season. A "YouCaring" page has been set up to help Pendragon Costumes with the costs associated with the loss of their building. Donations can be made at: <https://www.youcaring.com/maritabethcaruthers-776315>.

The fire will not affect the opening of the 2017 Scarborough Renaissance Festival® season scheduled for April 8, 2017. The Festival's 37th season will run weekends April 8 – May 29, 2017.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is an interactive Festival, set in the 16th Century days of King Henry VIII featuring full combat armored jousts, Birds of Prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon, 24 stages of Renaissance entertainment, human powered rides, games of skill, exquisite crafts, 200 shoppes and artisan demonstrations. Plus, food fit for a king and 11 pubs and taverns!

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is located just 30 minutes south of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex off of I-35E at exit 399B on FM 66 in Waxahachie, TX. For more details visit: **SRFestival.com**. The Festival is privately owned by Southwest Festivals, Inc.

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