**Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild
Ranger Trial Application**

The Rangers are a group of outdoors-folk within the Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild who are skilled in wilderness living. This group is open to anyone who has achieved the rank of Forester. Those interested in participating in the Ranger trial must complete the application below; applications are generally evaluated as they are received, but may be reviewed annually shortly before a trial. The application paperwork is intended to help the organizers of the trial determine if applicants seem well suited to the challenges that will be presented and to the Rangers as a whole.

The trial is intended to be physically and mentally demanding. Trials occur annually, typically taking place over a three-day period, and will be held on the scheduled dates regardless of weather (excepting forecasted life-threatening severe weather events, such as tornadoes or hurricanes). Applicants will walk carrying their kit, make camp, and use historic outdoor skills over the course of the trial, as well as face additional challenges to test their wilderness living skills.

To attempt the Ranger trial, applicants must have persona-appropriate clothing from the skin out, including tested persona-appropriate footwear. Modern eyeglasses and other medical devices are acceptable as long as they do not fundamentally change the nature of the trial, and an applicant should carry and continue to take any prescribed medications throughout the trial. Modern first aid and communication devices will also be carried, but other than these modern safety considerations, applicants should strive for the kit that they carry to be plausible for their persona. The trial should not pose a significant financial burden, however, and organizers will work with applicants to ensure economic hurdles do not prevent a qualified individual from attempting the trial.

Those who successfully complete their trial will be given the opportunity to reflect on their experience and decide if they still wish to join the Rangers. Unsuccessful applicants may apply again immediately but must wait until the next annual trial for another attempt at completing it. Applicants that pass the Ranger trial but who do not wish to join the Rangers are respected as skilled members of the guild and are eligible to serve in officer positions and join another group within the guild (should they pass the required trial); however, they are not considered “Rangers”. Once a successful applicant chooses to become a Ranger, they will then learn the Ranger’s Oath and swear it. The trial and oath-swearing are the beginning, not the end of an individual’s journey as a Ranger; recognized as skilled members of the Forestry Guild, Rangers are expected to share their knowledge with others.

**Information and questions.** The form below should be completed digitally and sent to the High Chronicler (atlantiaforesters@gmail.com). This will be forwarded to trial organizers, who will contact the applicant directly with further questions and to provide further information to the applicant.

**Ranger Applicant Information and Questions**

**Legal Name:**

**SCA Name:**

**Emergency Contacts (Name, relation to applicant, phone number)**

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1. **What information do you believe it is important for the organizers to know for your safety? This may include medications taken, medical conditions/considerations, or anything else. Your privacy is important; please only include as much information as you feel necessary for your safety, and that you feel comfortable disclosing. Note: Proof of Medicare/Medicaid/health insurance coverage must be carried on your person during the trial.**
2. **For several days survival pick only one of the following items: an axe, a bow and arrows, or a cookpot with a bail and lid. Explain your choice.**
3. **Imagine that you have been lost in the woods for about 24 hours (an afternoon, a night, and a morning). You find what you think are chicken-of-the-woods (*Laetiporus sulphureus*), but you are not completely sure (note: if you can confidently identify this fungus, imagine that you cannot for the purposes of this hypothetical situation). Should you eat it? Explain your answer.**
4. **Would you feel comfortable drinking water from a pond or stream that has been boiled? Explain why or why not, and feel free to provide qualifications/exceptions.**
5. **Describe your process for selecting a campsite and making camp for the night. What sort of things do you look for? How do you prepare your camp?**
6. **Why are you interested in attempting the Ranger trial?**
7. **What part of the Ranger trial are you most concerned about? Why?**
8. **If your first attempt at the Ranger trial is not successful, will you apply to try again? Why or why not?**
9. **If you successfully complete the trial, what would being called “Ranger” mean to you? Is it a title, a job description, or something else entirely?**
10. **List the kit you plan to bring on the trial, providing information regarding materials / construction where appropriate. Pictures can be helpful (attach any pictures to your submission email) but are not required. Additional information or historic documentation may be requested upon application review.**

*This application is for internal Kingdom of Atlantia Royal Forestry Guild use only and will not be shared by the guild with any outside groups or individuals. The information in this application will be destroyed upon the request of the applicant upon completion of the Ranger Trial.*