

ALEP 6 ~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday ~ Sept. 24, 2025

11:00 AM	Setup Trading Post Setup Registrations: WFD	
11:30 AM	Open for Vender Setup	
Noon	Lunch: A hobbit gotta eat somewhere!	IF anyone wants to have lunch in the Trustees, then reservations need to be set ahead of time. OR there's Blackbird Café formerly Ky Fudge on Main St.
Noon - 5:00 pm	REGISTRATION TABLE ~ OPEN ~	West Family Dwelling
12:30pm - 1:30pm	PRIVATE PRACTICE TIME	Tim & Shawn
1:00 PM	Decorate MeadowView Barn	
	Setup seating:	Meeting Rm C ~ Upstairs
	Setup seating:	Meeting Rm D
2:00 PM	Set Tables & Chairs	MeadowView Barn
	Set Stage & Tent	Party Site
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	TRADING POST OPENS	Meeting Rm C
2:00 pm - 5:00pm	Meet, Reunit, Hugs, Laughs, Bonding, etc	All around the West end of the Shire
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	REGISTRATION TABLE Late arrivals: pick up your ID & tickets here	MeadowView Barn
5:30 PM	Meet & Greet	Evening at the Barn
6:15 PM	Official ALEP Greeting	
6:30 PM	Dinner (Buffet line is open)	Have your meal tickets in hand
	Marc Gunn & Troup	
7:30 PM	Willie Jenkins - intro	
7:45 PM	music - Kathleen Dallin	
8:00 PM	Willie Jenkins	
8:15 PM	?	
8:25 PM	?	
8:35 PM	?	
8:45 PM		
8:55 PM		
9:00 PM	<i>"TO THE PONY!"</i>	

Thursday ~ Sept. 25, 2025

7:30 AM	Breakfast is open	Trustees Table
	Bring your meal tickets to ALL meals if you want to eat.	
9:00 AM 'ish - 5:00pm	Trading Post OPENS	Meeting Rm C
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Table ~ OPENS	West Family Dwelling

10:00 AM - 11:30 am	Willie Jenkins: ~A~ “Tolkien and Escapism” In this Panel I will be discussing how Tolkien shaped my life and protected me from the harsh realities I was raised in. I will also talk about the difficulties people from my culture have getting into Tolkien and why that is, but the undeniable fact of how they would relate with all things Tolkien despite their fear of getting into it. <i>(Will be repeated: Friday @ noon)</i>	Meeting Rm D
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Shawn Short (Weapons Master): Weapons Demonstration details TBD	Outdoors
11:00 AM - 1:00 pm	William Ambrose: GAME Middle Earth Pathfinder "Raiders of the Lost Fortress" Middle-Earth Roll playing game Rumors are abound of the abandoned dark fortress deep within Mirkwood of a nameless evil. Are they just fanciful stories told by local bards to fill their coin purse or is there something more to the tall tales. BRING: Only your sense of humor!	Dancing Pony The Dancing Pony Support Staff will be there to collect your Meal Tickets and bring you your lunchbag.
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	BAG LUNCH available for pick up	Dancing Pony
	Remember: Meals Tickets	
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Shawn Short: Archery Practice Our Weapons Master will be on hand for anyone wishing to get in some practice for the Saturday tournament or just wanting to shoot a bow. Please only be on the field when our WM is present.	Practice Field

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p>Willie Jenkins: ~B~</p> <p>“The Parentage of Gil-galad (A happy Accident)”</p> <p>In this Panel we will dive deep into the parentage of Gil-Galad as it appears in the Silmarillion and also the retcon. I will present what I feel is undeniable evidence on how Gil-galad works better as a character if he is left as Fingon's son. I will also delve into the anomaly of the happy accident that made it this way in the book and how Christopher Tolkien, who had the control to keep the change, should have left it that way.</p> <p><i>(Will be repeated: Saturday @ 10am)</i></p>	Meeting Rm D
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	<p>Jean Dewey</p> <p>Yes, It Was THAT Bad!</p> <p>A report from the Marquette archives. More to follow.</p>	<p>Outdoors (around WFD)</p> <p>If bad weather then inside WFD Common Area</p>
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>Kathleen Dallin & Marie prosser</p> <p>Now We Have All Got Elvish Names!</p> <p>Workshop: Learn how to construct names in Tolkien's two primary Elvish languages: Sindarin and (time permitting) Quenya. Bring: you may wish to bring a pen and paper if you don't like working off your phone. Instructional handout will be available for download ahead of time.</p>	Dancing Pony
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Kathleen Dallin:</p> <p>Feanorian Press Gang Choir</p> <p>Choir Workshop: you now serve the High King of Noldor, so you might as well learn a few marching songs as you're sent off to make on Morgoth.</p> <p>Optional: pen or pencil if you wish to mark your music. Sheet music will be provided in limited quantities at the panel, and made available for digital download beforehand.</p> <p>Link to come.</p>	West Family Dwelling common area

3:00 pm - 4:30pm	Willie Jenkins: ~C~ "The Problem with Orodreth" It brings me much joy to present a panel pointing out the many flaws and failures in Orodreth's kingship. I will discuss how his ineffectiveness as a steward and king led to the downfall of Nargothrond and death of many elves. I will also discuss why of all the elves from his line he was written this way. <i>(Will be repeated: Friday @ 10am)</i>	Outdoors IF weather happens: Meeting Rm D
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	REGISTRATION TABLE Late arrivals: pick up your ID & tickets here	MeadowView Barn
6:15 PM	Greetings & Announcements	
6:30 PM	Dinner (Buffet line is open)	What is it you need ??
	Marc Gunn & Troup	
7:30 PM	Dr. Michael Drout	
7:45 PM	Choir	
8:00 PM	Willie Jenkins	
8:15 PM	?	
8:25 PM	?	
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Shire Stargazing w/ Donovan "heavens permitting" Come let the lights of the stars fill your eyes as they did the elves when they first awoke. In addition to gazing up, the wizards will have at least one telescope on hand and can discuss the stars and other worlds in the night sky.	Ampitheater
8:35 PM	?	
8:45 PM		
8:55 PM		
9:00 PM	<i>"TO THE PONY!"</i>	

Friday ~ Sept. 26, 2025

7:30 AM	Breakfast is open You now know the drill.... "no ticket, no eat-it"	Trustees Table
9:00 AM 'ish	Trading Post OPENS	Meeting Rm C
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Table ~ OPENS	West Family Dwelling
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Dr. Michael Drout: ~B~ "From Heimweh to 'Tears blessed and without bitterness': Complex Emotions in Tolkien's works." <i>(Will be repeated Saturday @ 1:30pm West Lot, meeting rm A)</i>	Meeting Rm D
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Willie Jenkins: ~C~ "The Problem with Orodreth" <i>(repeat from Thursday 3:00pm)</i>	Meeting Rm C ~ Upstairs

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	William Ambrose: GAME Middle Earth Pathfinder "Chieftain Arador's Last Stand" Some local farmers near the Ettenmoors have been attacked by small bands of orcs with a troll. Where are they coming from? Is there more waiting in ambush or are they gathering forces among the ruins of Rhudaur? Bring: Only your sense of humor!	Dancing Pony The Dancing Pony Support Staff will be there to collect your Meal Tickets and bring you your lunchbag.
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	BAG LUNCH available for pick up	Dancing Pony
12 Noon - 1:30 pm	Willie Jenkins: ~A~ "Tolkien and Escapism" (repeat from Thursday 10:00am) Grab lunch & picnic under a tree	Outdoors <i>IF weather happens: Meeting Rm C Upstairs</i>
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Shawn Short: Archery Practice Our Weapons Master will be on hand for anyone wishing to get in some practice for the Saturday tournament or just wanting to shoot a bow. Please only be on the field when our WM is present.	Practice Field
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Marie Prosser: Workshop: Elvish Writing Systems Learn to write in Cirth (runes) and Tengwar Bring: Limited pen and paper supplies will be made available, but feel free to bring your own.	Dancing Pony
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Dr. Michael Drout: ~A~ "How the Ring Works" (Will be repeated Saturday @ 10:00am, meeting rm D)	Meeting Rm D could be Outdoors if it's nice.
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Kathleen Dallin: Mirkwood Elven Choir Something something elvish singing is not a thing to miss. Optional: pen or pencil if you wish to mark your music. Sheet music will be provided in limited quantities at the panel, and made available for digital download beforehand. Link to come.	West Family Dwelling common area

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	REGISTRATION TABLE Late arrivals: pick up your ID & tickets here	MeadowView Barn
6:15 PM	Greetings & Announcements	
6:30 PM	Dinner (Buffet line is open)	You know.
	Marc Gunn & Troup	

7:30 PM	Willie Jenkins	
7:45 PM	Choir	
8:00 PM	Dr. Michael Drout	
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8:25 PM	?	
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM	Shire Stargazing w/ Donovan "heavens permitting" Come let the lights of the stars fill your eyes as they did the elves when they first awoke. In addition to gazing up, the wizards will have at least one telescope on hand and can discuss the stars and other worlds in the night sky.	Ampitheater
8:35 PM	?	
8:45 PM		
8:55 PM		
9:00 PM	<i>"TO THE PONY:"</i>	

Saturday ~ Sept. 27, 2025

7:30 AM	Breakfast is open	Trustees Table
9:00 AM 'ish	Trading Post OPENS	Meeting Rm C
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Dr. Michael Drout: ~A~ "How the Ring Works" (Repeated from Friday @ 2:30pm)	Meeting Rm D
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Willie Jenkins: ~B~ "The Parentage of Gil-galad (A happy Accident)" (Repeated from Thursday @ 1:00pm)	Meeting Rm C ~ Upstairs
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	BAG LUNCH available for pick up	Dancing Pony
After Lunch	The great migration to the West Lot	
Noon - 2:00 pm	William Ambrose: GAME Middle Earth Pathfinder "From There and Bag End" Bilbo's birthday is coming up and Odovacar Bolger purchased a cask of wine from Rivendell as a special gift but it has not yet arrived. What happened to the cask? Can you find it and bring it to the Shire in time for Bilbo's Birthday? Bring: Only your sense of humor!	Dancing Pony Be sure to pick up your bag lunch as you come into the gaming area.
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Short Short "Weapons Master" Archery Tournament Overseen by our WM. Details to come.	West Lot Archery Field
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Dr. Michael Drout: ~B~ "From Heimweh to 'Tears blessed and without bitterness': Complex Emotions in Tolkien's works." (Repeated from Friday @ 10:00am)	West Lot Meeting Rm A

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Kathleen Dallin: Hobbit Choir Stop in and learn some folksy songs for songsy folks. Optional: pen or pencil if you wish to mark your music. Sheet music will be provided in limited quantities at the panel, and made available for digital download beforehand. Link to come.	West Lot Dwelling Common Area
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Dr. Michael Drout: "Jerry Springer goes to Middle-Earth" <i>For years I have done an exercise in my Tolkien classes in which students are chosen to represent the characters at the Council—and even some who were not invited, including Sauron, Gollum, Denethor, Saruman, and Gwaihir the Eagle. The students are responsible for taking their character's parts and advocating for their interests in an un-scripted debate about the geopolitics of Middle-earth in light of the finding of the Ring. There have been some great moments in these debates: in 2008 I asked the student representing Saruman "What do you have to offer to Middle-earth?" and in an utterly deadpan voice he said: "Hope and Change." There was a short pause followed by mass laughter. In 2018, in response to the same question, the student representing Saruman said: "With the Ring I would build a BETTER Dark Tower! The Best Dark Tower! The BEST! I understand Dark Tower building probably better than anyone else in Middle-earth! And it would be the biggest, most beautiful Dark Tower EVER!" It took a good five minutes for the class to stop laughing. And everyone, both times, got the point</i>	the Party Site on stage or in front of Bag End
5:00 PM	a special spectacle to behold	front of BagEnd
6:15 PM	Greetings & Announcements	Stage @ Party Site
6:30 PM	Dinner (Buffet line is open)	
	Marc Gunn & Troup	
7:30 PM	Willie Jenkins	
7:45 PM	Choir	
8:00 PM	Dr. Michael Drout (lead a toast)	
8:15 PM	?	
8:25 PM	?	
8:35 PM	?	
8:45 PM		
8:55 PM		
9:00 PM	<i>"TO THE PONY!"</i>	

Sunday ~ Sept. 28, 2025

7:30 AM	Breakfast is open	Trustees Table
9:00 AM 'ish	Trading Post OPENS	Meeting Rm C

9:30 AM

10:00 AM

10:30 AM

11:00 AM

11:30 AM

12:00 PM

12:30 PM

1:00 PM

1:30 PM

2:00 PM

2:30 PM

3:00 PM

3:30 PM

6:00 PM

Check-out time

On your own for lunch

Trading Post must be Cleared

Time for ALEP to fade back into the mist.

Any volunteers are welcome to help get
"ALEP" back to Mister Baggins' in town.
PLEASE