

Volta – United We Stand

The winter in Volta has been harsh.

The snow has fallen, day and night, the wind has screeched out threats, bearing the sounds of screaming to those bundled by the fires scattered through the Duchy.

The winter is bleak. Travel is near impossible. Storms roar through the mountains and over the plains. Harsh, dark things wander in the night.

In Cathym, undead walk in the night, ghouls leave slaughtered animals and frozen fish at the steps of all those who are not actively standing against the Thing that has taken up residence and which calls itself the True Baron. The people of Cathym are well fed, if scared, while the armies of Baron Theon Dayne starve and freeze.

Then, one night, when the winter seemed it could get no worse, Volta had a dream.

Every thing capable of dreaming saw the same image.

A man, standing on a pile of stones, a fire raging behind him. He stands, proud, strong, and raises over his head a weapon.

A knife, carved of blackest stone.

Along with this image is the knowledge that a welcome has been extended, that a call has gone forth, and that each one is invited. There would be no warfare between those that accepted the invitation, no interference with those who would respond to the call.

Upon waking, the first to venture out were the old, who had heard the call in the past. They moved into the storm, moved only by faith, and the storm gave way before them. Those who followed enjoyed the same protection.

Blacksmiths and coopers wake up and remember the totems they heard about around their parents' campfires. Even those who have turned away from the old ways and dwell in the cities of Volta remember the tribes of birth and hear the whispers of their totems.

Those that can, travel to Unity. The old, the shamans, the story-tellers speak of previous gatherings. They speak of games of skill, of wit, of strength and speed. They tell of a great tradition of stories told by firelight, of totems made flesh. They speak of a council of chiefs, and of a leader emerging.

It is a time of gathering, a time of trials, a time of competition, and ultimately, a time of Unity.

Out of Game Announcements

It is our pleasure to announce the Volta event at Camp Clara Barton for February 20-22, 2009!

1. The cost for the event will be \$70 PC (free to NPC).
2. The price of a New Player Pack is currently \$40 and this includes a 1-year NERO membership, a NERO rulebook, and one free event.
3. While there is no additional fee for payments received at door, such payments must be made in cash and we would greatly appreciate it if you would pre-register at <http://nerovolta.com/preregister.htm> so that we know you are coming.
4. Anyone taking an NPC shift will receive grab-bag equipment as additional compensation.
5. There is no food service at Camp Barton so please plan accordingly.
6. Camp Barton quiet hours are from 8 PM to 8 AM. Conversational combat must be used during quiet hours in all areas except the barn/module building and the fields/trails across the street.
7. Players are welcome to arrive at Camp Barton any time after 5 PM. We will start the event at 10 PM with in-game opening ceremonies occurring around 11 PM.
8. Camp Barton is a SMOKE FREE camp. Smoking is not allowed on camp grounds. If you must smoke, please do so on the road alongside the camp grounds.
9. Please come to monster camp in White House cabin to get your cabin assignment for the weekend. Please keep all areas as clean as possible to minimize event clean-up. A map of Camp Barton is available at <http://nerovolta.com/images/Campus%20Map.jpg>.

Please feel free to contact me at aelbirt@nac.net with any questions and please contact all of Volta staff at Volta_Staff@yahoo.com to indicate specific storylines that your character would like to pursue. The staff and I are looking forward to entertaining you and running more Volta events in 2008 and the future!

Best,

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February 20-22, 2009 Event Information

1. All players may turn in up to 100 goblin stamps for 400 production points.
2. Please email Adam Elbirt at aelbirt@nac.net no later than February 12, 2009, with requests for new player equipment and production.
3. Please see Adam Elbirt when arriving at Camp Barton so that you can check in, pay for the event (if necessary), receive your tags and character card, and drop off any donations for goblin stamps. Character cards will be provided when checking in for characters in either the NERO Boston or International databases. If your character is in another database, please bring your character card.
4. The event takes place at the Ducal estate of Unity, the Capital of Volta, located in Zarkym and all in attendance are enjoying the hospitality of Lord Anton Valence, Regent of Volta.
5. Please see the newly published NERO 8th Edition Rules Errata available at <http://nerovolta.com/NERO8thEditionOfficialErrata.pdf>.
6. NERO Playtests in Use:
 - NERO Formal Cantrips v4.1
 - Base 5 Damage/Healing v1.2
 - One Handed Block v1
 - Critical Parry Modification v1
 - Critical Slay/Assassinate Modification v1
 - Stop Thrust v1
 - Meditate v1.1
 - Additional Spells (Volume 1) v1
 - Magic Item Slots v2.0 (5 Item Slots)
 - Resurrection Modification v1.1
 - Racial Skills v1
 - Harmonics v14
 - Archery Aura v1
 - Base 5 Alchemy/Harmonics v1.2
 - Blade Fury v1
 - Carrier Attacks v1.1
 - Damage Types v1.1
 - Formal Magic Logistics v1.1
 - Master Craftsmen v1.0
 - Modified Detect Magic Spell v1
 - New Character Rebuild v1.1
 - Return <type> v1.2
 - New Player Deaths v1
 - Physical Attacks v1
 - Spell Crossover v1
 - Staff Thrust v1.0
 - Storage Locker v1.0
 - Limited Reset v1.0
 - Magic Skills Playtest
 - Magic Spells Volume 2
 - Smithing Playtest

Getting to Camp Clara Barton

From Boston: Take the Mass Pike West to the AUBURN exit (#10).

**After the tollbooths, take the ramp on the right marked Route 12 South. Follow Route 12 South through three sets of traffic lights. Bear left at the fourth set of lights (by Wal-Mart and Cumberland Farms).

++ Proceed 1.2 miles. You will pass St. Ann's Church on your left. Shortly after St. Ann's, CLARA BARTON ROAD will be on your right. Turn right onto Clara Barton Road and proceed .7 miles. The George and Marie Chabot Health and Education Center parking lot will be on your right (approximately 1 hour from Boston with no traffic).

From Springfield and West: Take Mass Pike East to the AUBURN exit (#10), and follow directions above, from the asterisk (**) (approximately 50 minutes from Springfield with no traffic).

From Hartford: Take Route 84 East into Massachusetts. Take exit for Route 20 East (Worcester). Proceed on Route 20 through eight traffic lights (you will be on Route 20 for about 10.5 miles). At the ninth light, (next to a Shell gas station) turn right onto Route 56 South. Bear right onto ENNIS RD. At the first stop sign, turn left. The George and Marie Chabot Health and Education Center is on your left (approximately 1 hour from Hartford with no traffic).

From New York City: Take Route 95 North to Route 91 North to Route 84 East. Follow directions from Hartford.

From Westchester/Putnam County Area: Take Route 684 North to Route 84 East. Follow directions from Hartford (approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from NYC area with no traffic).

From Worcester: Take Route 290 West to Route 20 West (the first exit after the Mass Pike). Take Route 20 through four traffic lights. At the fifth light, take a left onto Route 12 South (by Wal-Mart and Cumberland Farms). Follow directions from Boston, beginning with the plus signs (++) (approximately 20 minutes from Worcester with no traffic).

From Providence: Take Route 146 North. Take exit marked Central Turnpike. At the end of the ramp, turn left. Proceed for approximately 10 minutes crossing over Route 395 to Oxford Center. At the first traffic light, take a right. This is Route 12 North; proceed for approximately 3 miles. Take a left onto CLARA BARTON ROAD (watch for the sign for Clara Barton Birthplace and North Oxford Carpet Mills). Proceed 0.7 miles to the top of the hill. The Health and Education Center will be on your right (approximately 50 minutes from Providence with no traffic).