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Flood washes Utah Renaissance Festival to new location

Marriott-Slaterville, Utah - May, 4 2011 - The recent floods in Northern Utah caused the site of the Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire in Marriott-Slaterville to become submerged under 3 feet of water. In some areas, the Festival grounds were under 15 feet of water! This flooding caused the Festival to be relocated to save this year's Festival from being canceled.

When Sue Bodily, the Festival organizer, came to the Festival's site at Millcreek Hollow in Marriott-Slaterville City three weeks ago, she literally had to wade through knee high water to assess the damage. The Festival's ticket booths had been toppled by the high waters and the Festival's Pirate Stage was literally afloat! Roadways leading around the site had become canals, restricting access to only foot and boat. Sue approached city official, Bill Morris, who assisted in locating an alternate site for the Festival by contacting Wil van der Stappen of Advanced Paving and Construction in Marriott-Slaterville. Mr van der Stappen generously agreed to allow the Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire to be held on a parcel of land owned by his company.

With a mere 8 days to go until opening day, Sue and a small team of dedicated volunteers instrumented a rescue plan with military precision to go into Millcreek Hollow to salvage as many of the Festival's props and buildings as they could, including entertainment stages, ticketing booths and Church-style seating pews - most of which had to be pulled out by boat. Working together the team salvaged as much as they could and brought everything over to the new Festival site to be repaired and repainted.

The new site for the Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire is located at 1700 West 1350 South in Marriott-Slaterville City, Utah. To get there take exit 344 off I-15, and drive west to the light on 1900 West. Turn left and go a mile, before turning left again on to 1300 South. Continue east for 1/4 mile and watch for the signs. The site is easily visible from I-15 and is within a half a mile from two great hotels and two terrific restaurants.

The Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire will open its gates at 10am on Friday, 6 May 2011, and will run over the first three weekends in May. This year's entertainment lineup includes Zinger of Royal Magick, the Rovin' Boozers, the Yom al Had Band, Gypsy Magik and the comedic antics of the Outlaws. Hawkhurst Marketplace will be the ultimate shopping destination at the Festival and will feature unique items like hand-tailored Kilts, amber and gemstone jewelry, Renaissance garb and fancy costumes, handcrafted household items and stunning works of art! In addition, patrons can indulge in gem and rock

mining, sample non-alcoholic mead and other mouthwatering eats such as turkey legs and whole roasted boar, visit with one of the Guilds and catch a glimpse of Queen Elizabeth herself! The true highlight of the Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire will be the Knights of Mayhem who will be demonstrating their full contact jousting abilities. This extreme sport is totally unrehearsed and hard-hitting! National Geographic will be at the Festival on 14 May 2011 to film the Knights of Mayhem as part of a documentary.

The heavy rains and floods that ravaged through most of northern Utah may actually have come as a blessing in disguise. The new location ensures that this will be the best year ever for the Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire.

The Utah Renaissance Festival and Fantasy Faire is now in its 6th year of providing unparalleled family entertainment and education of Renaissance arts. Ticket prices are \$12 for Adults, \$6 for children aged 3-11, and \$10 for Senior Citizens over age 65. Patrons who arrive in full Renaissance garb will receive a \$2 ticket discount. Furthermore, all members of the Military and Federal Government, plus one guest, can purchase tickets for \$10 each. For more information, visit www.UtahRenFest.com.