
MESA COUNTY

FANTASY FAIRE

Full Weekend Master Schedule

September 4 – 6, 2026

Sweet River Outdoor Event Venue · Grand Junction, Colorado

FRIDAY	September 4, 2026	12:00 PM – 10:00 PM
SATURDAY	September 5, 2026	10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
SUNDAY	September 6, 2026	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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FRIDAY

September 4, 2026 · Faire Hours: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

■ AFTERNOON — 12:00 PM to 4:59 PM

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
12:00 PM	Cannon Fire Ceremony A mighty blast to open the gates and summon the realm	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
12:00 PM	Guild Tent Opens for Check-In	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
12:30 PM	Bobbi Houser: Vampire Trilogy Reading	Bobbi Houser	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
12:30 PM	Little Legends: Interactive Storytelling Ages 0–5	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
1:00 PM	The Avant Guard Performance Troupe	Avant Guard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
1:30 PM	Raina T.R. Froste: A Fantasy Book Reading	Raina T.R. Froste	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
2:00 PM	Chi Yun the Bard	Chi Yun the Bard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
2:30 PM	DJ Rankin Robb — Afternoon Set	DJ Rankin Robb	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
2:30 PM	Open Tent / Registration	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
3:00 PM	Splendid Absurdity	Splendid Absurdity	<i>Arena</i>
3:00 PM	Kids' Pirate Workshop: "Crew of the Little Rogues" Knots, pirate etiquette & foam-safe skills	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
3:30 PM	"The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood" — One Act Play	Avant Guard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
4:00 PM	Cosplay Competition	Open Competition	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
4:30 PM	Interactive Pirate Showcase Shanties, weapons demos (guns & blades), and Barber Surgeon demonstrations	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>

■ EVENING — 5:00 PM to Close (10:00 PM)

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
5:00 PM	Grand Valley Cirque	Grand Valley Cirque	<i>Side Stage</i>
5:30 PM	The Avant Guard Performance Troupe	Avant Guard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
5:30 PM	Young Adventurers: Collaborative Storytelling Ages 6–9	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
6:00 PM	SCA Tournament Full-contact armored combat — heavy weapons, big battles	Shire of Draca Mor	<i>Arena</i>
6:00 PM	Shalini Sarai	Shalini Sarai	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
6:30 PM	Mesa Mirage Collective	Mesa Mirage Collective	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
7:00 PM	Susan Cypher and the Nightbird Band	Susan Cypher & the Nightbird Band	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
7:00 PM	Gatefall Junior Hunter One-Shot Ages 10–14 · Facilitated by Tylor & Raymond	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
7:30 PM	Splendid Absurdity	Splendid Absurdity	<i>Arena</i>
8:30 PM	Dandy Band	Dandy Band	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
8:30 PM	Gatefall Teen Hunter One-Shot Ages 14–18	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
9:00 PM	Lucky the Fire Performer	Arena Performers	<i>Arena</i>
10:00 PM	Closing Cannons	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
10:00 PM	Farewell Sing at the Front Gates	Avant Guard	<i>Front Gates</i>

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SATURDAY

September 5, 2026 · Faire Hours: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

■ MORNING — 10:00 AM to 11:59 AM

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
10:00 AM	Cannon Wake-Up	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	Pirates' Cove
10:30 AM	Bobbi Houser: Vampire Trilogy Reading	Bobbi Houser	The Bard's Stage
10:30 AM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment — One-Shot Session 1	Valley of the Nerds	VotN Tent
11:00 AM	Avant Guard Performance Troupe	Avant Guard	The Bard's Stage
11:00 AM	SCA Viking Raid and Tournament	Shire of Draca Mor	Beach / Arena
11:30 AM	Chi Yun the Bard	Chi Yun the Bard	The Bard's Stage
12:00 PM	Raina Froste: A Fantasy Book Reading	Raina Froste	The Bard's Stage

■ AFTERNOON — 12:00 PM to 4:59 PM

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
12:00 PM	Interactive Pirate Showcase Shanties, Weapons Demos, Barber Surgeon	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	Pirates' Cove
12:30 PM	Avant Guard — "The Cliffnotes of Insanity" A Princess Bride Retelling in 30 Minutes or Less (One Act)	Avant Guard	The Bard's Stage
12:30 PM	Splendid Absurdity	Splendid Absurdity	Arena
1:00 PM	Grand Valley Cirque	Grand Valley Cirque	Side Stage
1:30 PM	Bella Rouge Tribal Belly Dance Troupe	Bella Rouge Tribal Belly Dance Troupe	The Bard's Stage
2:00 PM	Bardic Challenge	Open Competition	The Bard's Stage
3:00 PM	DJ Rankin Robb	DJ Rankin Robb	The Bard's Stage
3:00 PM	Tug of War Challenge	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	Pirates' Cove
3:00 PM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment — One-Shot Session 2	Valley of the Nerds	VotN Tent
4:00 PM	Avant Guard Performance Troupe	Avant Guard	The Bard's Stage
4:30 PM	Splendid Absurdity	Splendid Absurdity	Arena
4:30 PM	Mesa Mirage Collective & Susan Cypher and the Nightbird	Mesa Mirage Collective & Susan Cypher and the Nightbird	The Bard's Stage

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
4:30 PM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment — One-Shot Session 3	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>

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TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
6:00 PM	Presentation of the King & Queen Formal Procession with Heralds, Lanterns & Guild Banners	Royal Court	<i>Royal Court</i>
7:00 PM	Fantasy Ball	Mesa County Fantasy Faire	<i>Royal Court</i>
7:30 PM	Lucky the Fire Performer	Lucky the Fire Performer	<i>Arena</i>
7:30 PM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment — One-Shot Session 4	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
8:00 PM	Grand Valley Cirque	Grand Valley Cirque	<i>Side Stage</i>
8:30 PM	The Tankerays	The Tankerays	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
9:00 PM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment — One-Shot Session 5 Optional late-night session	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
9:30 PM	Phoenix Rise Knighting Ceremony	Phoenix Rise	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
10:00 PM	Closing Guns	Highland Rogues	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
10:00 PM	Farewell Sing at the Front Gates	Avant Guard	<i>Front Gates</i>

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SUNDAY

September 6, 2026 · Faire Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

▲ MORNING — 10:00 AM to 11:59 AM

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
10:00 AM	Opening Cannon Salute A tribute to guests, guilds, and fallen comrades	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
10:00 AM	Check-In / Player Seating	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
10:30 AM	Chi Yun the Bard	Chi Yun the Bard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
10:30 AM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment: Session 1	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
11:00 AM	Splendid Absurdity	Splendid Absurdity	<i>The Arena</i>
11:30 AM	Susan Cypher and the Nightbird	Susan Cypher and the Nightbird	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>

▲ AFTERNOON — 12:00 PM to Close (5:00 PM)

TIME	EVENT	GUILD / GROUP	LOCATION
12:00 PM	Weapons & Blade Demonstrations A final display of skill before the cove closes	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
12:30 PM	Grand Valley Cirque	Grand Valley Cirque	<i>Side Stage</i>
12:45 PM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment: Session 2	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
1:00 PM	Raina Froste: A Fantasy Book Reading	Raina Froste	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
1:45 PM	The Avant Guard Performance Troupe	Avant Guard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
2:15 PM	"The Lovers: A Midsummer Night's Dream" — One Act Play	Avant Guard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
3:00 PM	Splendid Absurdity	Splendid Absurdity	<i>The Arena</i>
3:00 PM	Gatefall Hunter Recruitment: Session 3	Valley of the Nerds	<i>VotN Tent</i>
4:00 PM	The Avant Guard Performance Troupe	Avant Guard	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
4:30 PM	◆ Closing Ceremonies / Faire Closing ◆	All Guilds	<i>The Bard's Stage</i>
5:00 PM	Closing Cannons	Highland Rogues – Pirates' Cove	<i>Pirates' Cove</i>
5:00 PM	Farewell Sing at Front Gates	Avant Guard	<i>Front Gates</i>

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