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Introduction

Welcome to one of the many LAN Parties hosted at the Bigelow residence! These exciting events allow gamers of all skill levels to come together and share quality time together. The hosts of each LAN Party wish to ensure that each and every person attending enjoy themselves to the fullest of their ability. In order to accomplish this, there are certain rules and practices which must be followed. This informational packet will describe the rules, practices, and other regulations which must be adhered at all times in order for everyone to have a good time. Therefore it is mandatory that each person participating in a LAN Party carefully read and understand all of the material within this packet. Please note that this material is subject to change and is intended to be specific to LAN Party v3.12.29. However, many of the rules and procedures will most likely carry over to future LAN Parties. The host(s) of this LAN Party would like to extend a warm welcome to those returning from previous LAN Parties and especially those who are coming for the first time. We hope everyone has a good time and is present for future LAN Parties. Enjoy!

Rules

No, we're not your mommy and therefore do not have complete control over you. However, we ask that you follow a few simple rules in order for this LAN Party to run smoothly. These rules will not be enforced to their maximum detail, but will be in effect at all times. Please act with regard to them to ensure everyone has a good time.

1) Behave.

- Most of you are almost, if not already, adults. Act like it.

2) Listen to and respect the host(s).

- Quite a bit of work goes into a LAN Party, believe it or not. The least you could do is respect the person(s) running it.

3) No food fights.

- As fun as they may be, cleaning the engrained food out of the carpet is no fun at all.

4) Don't make a mess and if you do, clean up after yourself.

- Even though some of the computer equipment may be yours, most likely the rest of the things in the room are not. Please be careful.

5) Use the can holders AT ALL TIMES.

- The only soda you can drink is one in your personal can holder (you will be given one at the party). This is to prevent anonymous warm, half-finished cans sitting around. There will be a receptacle for soda cans, use it only for EMPTY cans. You may not get another soda until you have finished your previous one and properly disposed of it.

6) No personal music is to be coming out of ANYONE'S speakers.

- Headphones are to be used to play personal music only. There will be a (potentially automated) centralized music system. Use it if you must have something played aloud.

7) Respect those trying to sleep.

- This includes not bothering them and being quiet when you're around them.

8) Be helpful.

- Offer assistance when able and don't be a hindrance.

9) Eat the food – there will be plenty of it.

Schedule

Here is the tentative schedule of events for LAN Party v3.12.29:

(12/29/2003 10:00) Arrival

If you can, come randomly later than this (up to three hours). This will hopefully produce a staggered arrival and cut down on setup time.

IMPORTANT: Everyone is responsible for physically setting up their own computer. Make sure you know how to do this.

(12/29/2003 13:00) Lunch

This will consist of some sort of sub sandwiches. There will be vegetarian substitutes for all meals served along with the possibility of chips.

(12/29/2003 19:00) Dinner

This will consist of pizza (ordered that night) and some sides of fruits and vegetables.

(12/30/2003 11:00) Breakfast

This will consist of various breakfast foods potentially including pancakes, egg and sausage or cheese casseroles, juice, milk, etc.

(12/30/2003 13:00) Breakdown

This is where we break it down – the computer equipment, that is. All transportation should be scheduled to depart randomly from this time until three hours later.

(12/30/2003 16:00) Departure Completion

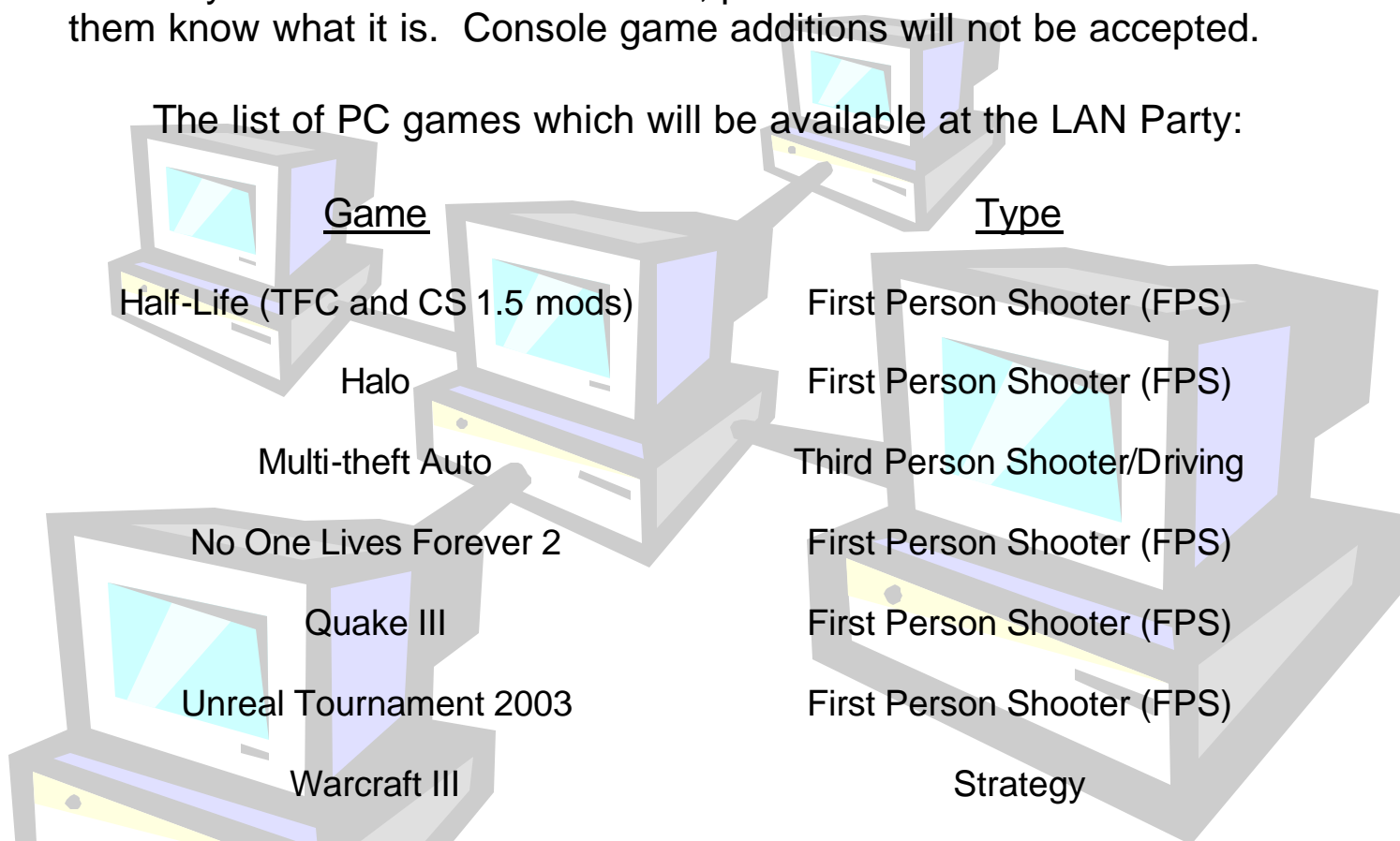
By this time, everyone and everything should be out of the house. Those coming back to help clean up should be at the house at this time.

ALL of the above times are approximate but should be regarded as exact. Most of the food times are governed by when most people are hungry.

Games

It is not necessary to own or have played any of the games which are on this list. They will all be provided for you along with any patches and/or updates. If you have a multiplayer PC game that is not on the list that you would like to see added, please contact the hosts and let them know what it is. Console game additions will not be accepted.

The list of PC games which will be available at the LAN Party:



<u>Game</u>	<u>Type</u>
Half-Life (TFC and CS 1.5 mods)	First Person Shooter (FPS)
Halo	First Person Shooter (FPS)
Multi-theft Auto	Third Person Shooter/Driving
No One Lives Forever 2	First Person Shooter (FPS)
Quake III	First Person Shooter (FPS)
Unreal Tournament 2003	First Person Shooter (FPS)
Warcraft III	Strategy

The list of console games which will be available at the LAN Party:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Type</u>
Dance Dance Revolution	Play Station 2 – Dance Competition
Super Smash Brothers Melee	Gamecube – Third Person Combat

What to bring

The following are a requirement and must be brought in order to attend the LAN Party:

- A computer with at least a Pentium II or K-6 II 450MHz processor, 128MB of RAM, 32MB of video memory, a 100BASE-TX compatible networking card, and 5GB of free Hard Disk space (and appropriate peripherals – including a surge protector) (an NT-based pro OS is preferred - i.e. Windows 2000/XP Professional)
- A CAT5e (or better) network cable (at least 6ft, 14ft recommended)
- A pair of headphones
- Anything you've been specifically told to bring
- Yourself

The following are not required, but are recommended to be brought to the LAN Party:

- Sleeping supplies (sleeping bag, toothbrush, etc) if you intend to sleep (there will be quiet, designated areas for such a thing)
- Extra games (these must be added to the master list ahead of time in order for them to be played)
- Snacks – if you have a favorite snack or drink, you may bring it. Intend to share it. If you wish not to share, do not mix it with the rest of the food and drinks. There will be no other food served other than what's on the schedule. Only non-alcoholic 12-oz canned drinks may be brought.

Setting up your computer

Please follow these instructions carefully BEFORE you shut your computer down to take it to the LAN Party. If you don't know how to do any of the following or don't feel comfortable with it (or intend on using a different operating system than Windows), please contact the host(s). If you don't know what you're doing but feel pretty confident following directions, write down any changes you made so you can undo them.

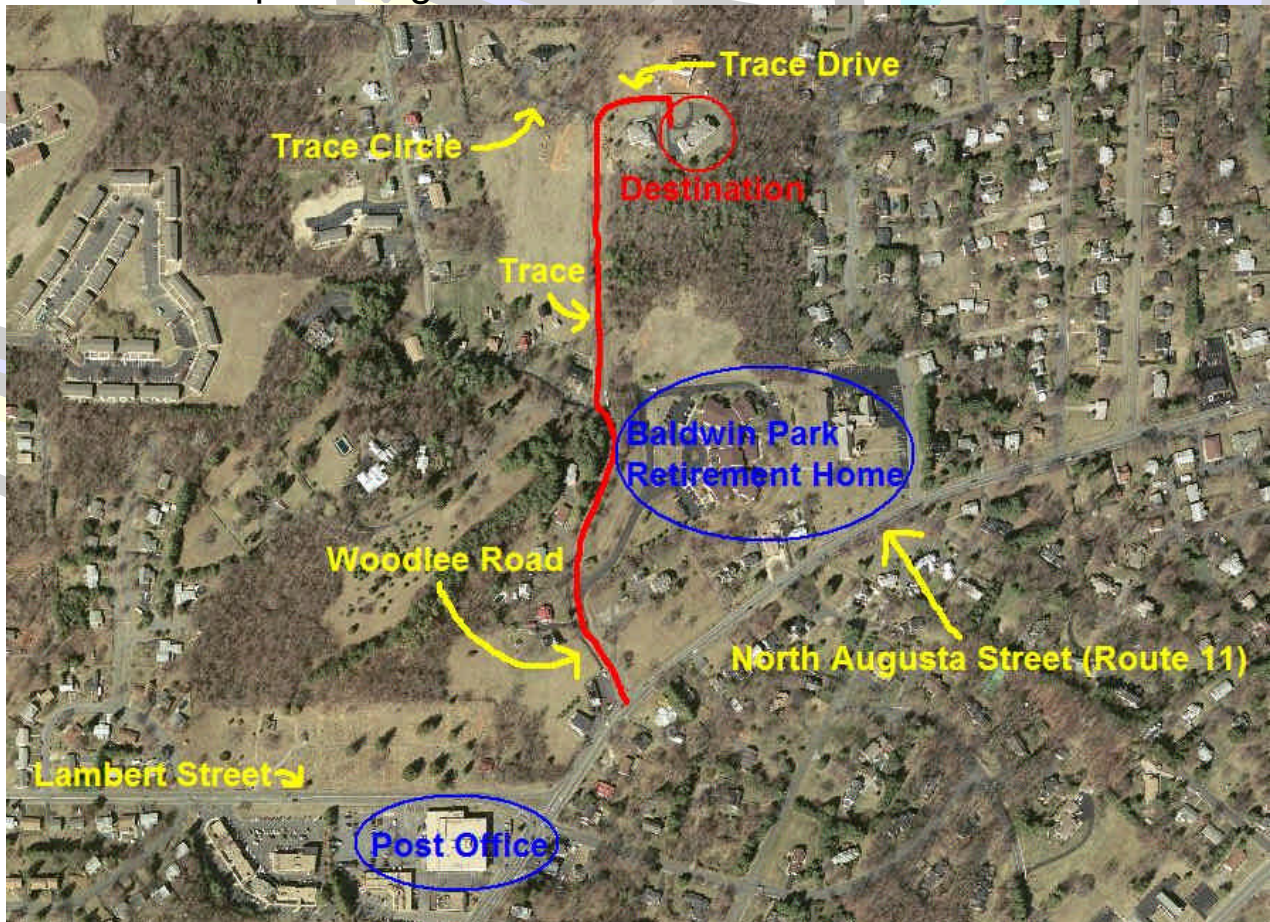
- Set the workgroup to "BIGELOW" (without the quotes). For 2000/XP (or yucky ME), this can be found in the system properties (right-click my computer, properties) under the Network Identification/Computer Name tab. For (ulgh) 95/98/98SE it should be in the network neighborhood properties under the identification tab. Make sure the computer name is not a default name like "OEMcomputer" or "PreferredCustomer" or "Computer" or "IMASTUPIDRETARD", etc. Be creative.
- Make sure that the only protocol bound to the Ethernet adapter you intend to use is TCP/IP. If you're running an NT-based OS (NT/2000/XP) you may leave the other protocols there, but uncheck them. (right-click my network places, properties, right-click appropriate adapter (usually local area connection), properties) Otherwise (right-click network neighborhood, properties), remove them. If you do not have TCP/IP installed for the appropriate adapter (for some odd reason), simply add it.
- Set the TCP/IP to DHCP mode (obtain IP address automatically) if it is not already so. You may find this option in the properties of the TCP/IP list item.
- Turn off any DHCP (server) services you may be running. This includes internet connection sharing!
- Scan your ENTIRE computer for viruses using an UPDATED antivirus program and defragment it for best performance. Also make sure your computer is in WORKING condition – we are not here to provide tech support for you. If you need help, contact the hosts well beforehand.

Directions

Here are the directions to the location of the LAN Party:

- 1) Somehow get on North Augusta (Route 11) and head towards the Staunton Post Office
- 2) If you're coming from the south, turn left after you pass the post office, Lambert Street, AND Maurice's Seafood Market.
- 3) If you're coming from the north, turn right BEFORE you reach the seafood market and Lambert Street.
- 4) You should be on Woodlee Road
- 5) You should pass the Baldwin Park retirement home on the right.
- 6) You will see a deer crossing sign, a few mailboxes and a sign that says "The Trace Private Drive" – Turn right.
- 7) You will go down and up a hill then hit a fork
- 8) Turn right at the fork (where another sign says "Trace Drive")
- 9) Continue on up the hill and it is the SECOND driveway on the right (and thus the SECOND house, too)

Here is a map of the general area with the final destination circled:



Miscellaneous

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Expected number of people attending LAN Party v3.12.29:

15 (including host(s))

