



Love the board game Root? Like creating fan content? Want to earn some cash for charity AND yourself? Well we've got the event for you!

RootJam is a game-jam with a twist: Creators will have one weekend starting Friday, May 14th to create a fan faction based on a theme. Finalists will have their factions put the test in an invitational match!

50% of the prize pool will go to Doctors Without Borders, a charity helping those around the world access the medical care they need. The winning fan faction creator will receive the remaining 50%. There may be some additional prizes as well, so stay tuned!

Here is the link to the prize pool: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8yWzdNUB57>. The starting amount is \$300 USD, provided by myself. Anyone may contribute any amount of money, so feel free to donate!

For more info on the charity, check out www.doctorswithoutborders.org.

UPDATE for 5/14/21:

This year's theme is....

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Good luck! Interpret the theme any way you see fit! Flip tokens? Cards? Warriors?!? Bats or possums hanging upside down? Whatever you can come up with!

UPDATE for 5/16/21:

Submissions are closed! Here's the list of the judges for RootJam2021!

S.P. Shaman

Resident shiposter of the Woodland Warriors discord

Bott_Bott

Streamer, owner, and CEO of WeirdRoot

Lord of the Board

Youtuber and streamer of board games, board game strategies, and just about anything board game adjacent

Slugfacekillah

Root fan faction and TTS mod creator

RULES

1. **The design phase of the contest starts when the theme is announced Friday, May 14st at 3:00 PM EST (GMT-4), and finishes on Sunday, May 16th at 3:00 PM EST.**
2. You cannot work on your fan faction before the contest starts on Friday, and it has to be finished before or at the deadline Sunday. **You CANNOT use any previous fan factions you've created in the past.**
3. **You fan faction must include the following:**
 - a. A backside to your faction board listing all of the factions pieces, their setup, and their estimated reach.
 - b. A "Law of Root" style rule page.
 - c. An email address with PayPal on either your Faction Board or "Law of Root" page.
4. You can create your own art for your fan faction, or may re-use art from Leder Games or royalty free images. You must credit any source for art that isn't your own.
5. You can have up to two other collaborators on your project; Make sure to credit all your teammates on either the faction board or the "Law of Root" page!
6. **When your fan faction is ready, upload them to this link:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczsWz55CJep0fWGCs7I3osxj8U_4G7C4WFMT7-ERRqLFhhEA/viewform?usp=pp_url.
7. After the finalist match, the 50% will be sent to the listed PayPal email address. If there's more than one email listed for your collaborators, the money will be split as evenly as possible. The remaining 50% will be donated to Doctors Without Borders through their online donation system via PayPal; I will provide screenshots as evidence that this donation was sent.

FAQ

What is the theme of the contest?

The theme will be announced as soon as the contest begins!

How will the fan factions be judged?

The fan factions will be judged in these categories:

Are your faction's mechanics unique? Do they bring something new to the table or the world of Root? If they implement other faction mechanics, what makes them different?

Is your faction thematic? You can interpret the theme in as many ways as you want, from mechanics to what animals make up your faction.

How complicated is your faction? How high is the skill ceiling? How low is the skill floor? Does it take a single playthrough to learn how they play, or several?

Do they interact with other factions? Can they police the winning player? Can other players police them? Are they military, insurgents, or opportunists?

Other factors like faction board art won't be a major factor for judging: That being said, make sure that your faction board is cleanly presented and your Law of Root page is precise in wording.

Who will be judging the fan factions?

Myself as well as a few volunteers from the Woodland Warriors discord will be judging the fan factions entries, such as Bott_bott and slugfacekillah of WeirdRoot fame. More info on the full lineup of judges will come once submissions are final.

What can I use for a starting template?

Vuoripeikko on the Woodland Warriors discord has created this template for fan faction creators: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/n2oi43e5unpmd1d/Root%20Assets.zip?dl=0>

You don't have to use the Root fonts for your player board; that being said, they are Baskerville 10 Pro and Luminari.

My region doesn't support cash giveaways, but I would still like to get a prize!

One option I can do for you is a virtual gift card to any reputable board game website, such as CoolStuffInc. If your region doesn't accept *any* contest prizes, such as Quebec, then I will donate the remaining amount to Doctors Without Borders. If you have any concerns about your region, *please* contact me in advance prior to you receiving any prizes.

I want to donate my prize winnings to Doctors Without Borders!

You can! You can either note on your faction board or Law of Root page you would like to do so, or just choose not to list an email address. *If you do not put an email address on your faction board, I will assume you want the prize winnings to be donated!*

Have any additional questions? Feel free to DM me at S.P. Shaman#2666 on Discord, and I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.