

# General Advice

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# Text Formatting Cheatsheet

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# Muting Channels

As we continue to evolve the server and improve the flow for new users, some information on this page may become out-of-date. This is a good thing! It means we're working on improved ways to make sure you aren't overloaded with information when you join, and maybe one day we don't need any guides like this since it will all be smooth as gravy.

If you notice something out of date, feel free to ping an Admin or Edgelord to have it updated!

Part of the concern may be that there are so many channels, but there actually aren't a lot you have to pay attention to regularly. So a little trick is to aggressively mute channels you aren't involved in, which also helps you focus down until you get more comfortable as you figure out more. Advice below is just my opinion, everyone can have their own. You can always read channels that are muted, but not be bombarded with them while something is happening.

## How to Mute

There is a method for muting an entire server. We recommend against that, as it highly encourages "out of sight, out of mind" which isn't fun for any of us! Instead, we recommend muting individual channels. A little bit of process now can make sure the server notifies you exactly as often about the things you'll care about.

On PC/Mac, right-click or command click on the channel and select **Mute Channel** then **Until I turn it back on**. Just do this process for each channel you want to not notify you about. On mobile, long-press the channel and select the mute option from there. To unmute, go through the process and select **Unmute**. It's that easy!

## What to Mute (or not)

This guide assumes you are interested in minimizing pings and alerts from the server to avoid overwhelm. As you get more comfortable with the server, definitely remove some channels off mute to engage more with RP opportunities and discussions!

## Macguffins Ltd - The Essentials

**Consider muting...**

- `#welcome` unless you want to see as new people pop on to the server and say hello!
- `#character-creation-discussion` after you have made your character, unless you are inclined to help out new players.

### Consider keeping off mute...

- `#announcements-weather` as one ping a day isn't bad, and it can be great to keep on top of daily cycles at Luna Pine!

### Don't mute...

- `#about-us` since it receives pings so rarely, but can be great for keeping abreast of the server.
- `#new-members` as it receives messages very rarely, but they can be very helpful (even for veteran players).
- `#server-statistics` as it is receives messages very, very rarely.
- `#notable-npcs` as it is receives few updates, but when it does, it is ... notable.

### ESPECIALLY don't mute...

- `#announcements-general` because they're incredibly important for staying on top of the

## Character Information

### Consider muting...

- `#character-sheet-checking` after you have made your character, unless you're curious about what builds new players are trying.

### Don't mute...

- `#character-descriptions` as it is valuable to see as new members join the server and have an understanding of who you may encounter in the world.
- `#character-backgrounds` as it is not updated too often and can contain interesting insight about other characters
- `#character-memorial` because you'll want to know who dies, obviously. That's kind of a big deal. Very rarely gets pinged, luckily.
- `#character-retirement` as it is rarely pinged and you'll probably need to pay attention as players change characters or leave.

## Avrae

### Definitely mute...

- `#avrae-playground` as it will receive a lot of random pings and messages as people test things out, unless you are an Avrae pro and would like to help. Most people will ping

`#avrae-talk-for-talking-about-avrae-but-not-for-actually-running-commands-in` if they need help, though

### Consider muting...

- `#avrae-talk-for-talking-about-avrae-but-not-for-actually-running-commands-in` unless you are looking for help or willing to help answer questions about Avrae

## Discussion Channels

As you can expect, discussion channels can be muted depending on your interest on the subject matter. This will be a subjective opinion.

### Consider keeping off mute...

- `#random-talk`, `#serious-talk`, `#art-show`, `#book-talk`, `#food-talk`, `#critical-role-talk`, `#pet-pics-and-talk`, `#game-mechanics`, `#macguffins-io` unless you don't care about the particular topic being discussed

### Don't mute...

- `#general-talk` because we are a community and a lot of important or fun conversations can happen here! If you do mute, you can also do so for a limited time if there's an active conversation you feel less compelled to engage in.
- `#server-meta-discussion` as even if you feel you have little to say about the server, you can always benefit from learning more about what *others* are saying.

## Downtime

### Definitely mute...

- `#downtime-dice` unless you want to enjoy watching what dice results people roll

### Consider muting...

- `#downtime-proposals` unless you want to see what other players are attempting for their downtime for enjoyment
- `#downtime-crafting` for similar reasons as above
- `#downtime-discussion` to engage in conversation about downtimes and get inspiration
- `#downtime-rp` unless you have an active session or would like to see what others are doing as their interesting downtime

### Don't mute...

- `#downtime-overview` as it contains important information and updates about downtime

## Shops - Commerce Area

### Definitely mute...

- `#merchant-dice` unless you love watching people remove money from their pouches in Avrae

### Consider muting...

- `#abi-dalzims-horny-wildlings-shoppe`, `#bottle-shock`, `#general-nonsense`, `#kronks-krushers-and-kleavers`, `#temple-services`, `#unfamiliar-familiars` unless you are curious about what other people are purchasing or you have an active session there

### Don't mute...

- `#merchant-ooc` unless you really don't want to engage with other players regarding shop activity
- `#shop-of-secrets` because you may want the reminder whenever Mustard is back in town (you can temporarily mute if needed)

## Luna Pine Information

### ESPECIALLY don't mute...

- `#town-lore` because it doesn't update often, but when it does, you'll *definitely* want to know
- `#town-bulletin-board` because it doesn't update often, but when it does, it could be very valuable
- `#rp-voting` because we're here to have fun and play D&D! It doesn't get pinged often and can be a great way to engage in channels that you have muted

## Town RP Area

### Definitely mute...

- `#town-dice` unless you care about random and out-of-context dice rolls

### Consider muting...

- `#town-guard-house`, `#tavern-east-room`, `#tavern-west-room`, `#tavern-back-room`, `#town-the-library`, `#town-1`, `#town-2`, `#town-3` unless you have an active RP session there or want to watch others RP

### Consider keeping off mute...

- `#town-gates` as it is a valuable source of seeing new members to the town and give them a hearty wave!
- `#tavern-bar-room` unless you want to actively avoid the open RP opportunities

### Don't mute...

- `#town-ooc` unless you want to actively avoid discussion happening and you aren't engaged in any RP

## Edge of Town - RP Area

### Definitely mute...

- `#edge-dice` unless you really want to see out-of-context dice rolls

### Consider muting...

- `#temple-main`, `#temple-gardens`, `#temple-kitchen`, `#the-cemetery`, `#the-horse-farm`, `#the-roots`, `#the-grove`, `#the-hill`, `#the-pond`, `#the-edge-1`, `#the-edge-2`, `#the-edge-3` unless you have an active RP session there or want to watch others RP

### Don't mute...

- `#edge-ooc` unless you want to actively avoid discussion or get insight about what is happening with others

## The Colosseum

### Definitely mute...

- `#arena-dice`, and any other channel in here that isn't mentioned below (unless you are actively in an arena match there)

### Consider muting...

- `#arena-lobby` as you will get a ping when it is your turn to join and RP your entrance.

### Don't mute...

- `#arena-overview` as they update rarely but may be important if they do
- `#arena-queue` to keep track of where you are in the queue and it only updates as people check
- `#arena-ooc` as it mostly focuses around handling of the queue and asking questions about the arena, and not team chat

## The Arena: PVP

### Definitely mute...

- `#arena-pvp-dice` because - again - it's just random rolling

### Consider muting...

- `#arena-a-pvp` and `#arena-b-pvp` unless you want to watch others duke it out in here

### Don't mute...

- `#arena-pvp-ooc` unless you don't care about PvP and what anyone has to say about it

## Player Logs

### Consider muting...

- `#xp-log` unless you want the above, but for experience
- `#magic-item-log` unless you want to keep track of new items coming into the server and what goodies are in store
- `#spell-copying-log` unless you want to see the spells that others are trading around

## Quests

### Consider muting...

- `#request-board` unless you're curious about the journeys and interest of others
- `#request-discussion` unless you are engaged in a conversation there or want to see others chat

### Don't mute...

- `#quest-rules` as it is important and never receives posts
- `#dm-review` because you should see as reviews about the community come in, and it isn't too active
- `#dm-bio-channel` for similar reasons above, because our DMs are here for you and you should care
- `#completed-quests` because it can be real neat-o to see what other people are up to!

### ESPECIALLY don't mute...

- `#quest-board` unless you don't want to quest (but are you really going to D&D without questing?)

In the end, you should have a handful of places that you can focus on, and you can feel free to read the rest at your leisure!

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