

FACTION JOURNAL CARDS

This document includes seven Faction Journal Cards for Season 9 of the Pathfinder Society Roleplaying Guild organized play campaign. These are a special way to track your character's contributions to her faction. Each card is a half-page, double-sided handout so that you can keep it handy during play as a reminder of your faction's goals.

HOW TO USE

Your character can use the Faction Journal Card for her faction. Each card includes a summary of the faction's interests, three special boons on the front of the card, and multiple goals tied to earning the boons on the back of the card. Once per adventure that grants a Chronicle sheet and at least 1 XP—whether it is a Pathfinder Society scenario, a section of a Pathfinder Module, a Pathfinder Adventure Path volume, or other sanctioned content for the Pathfinder Society Roleplaying Guild—you can earn credit toward one of the goals on the back of the card and check one of the boxes that precedes that goal; even if you fulfill multiple objectives, you can check only one box per adventure unless otherwise stated. If a goal requires you to fulfill a second goal in a particular way, you receive credit for doing so even if you have already checked all of the secondary goal's boxes. A few goals this season are tied to playing Pathfinder Adventure Card Guild scenarios. For these goals, check a box on one of your Faction Journal cards each time you complete an Adventure Card Guild scenario.

Once you have checked all of a goal's boxes, you complete that goal. When you complete two, four, or seven goals, you also earn the corresponding boon on the front of the card. You can fulfill goals and use the earned boons only if you are a member of the faction; changing factions causes you to lose any benefits of your previous faction's card. Most of the boons provide a constant bonus or a benefit usable once per adventure, though particularly powerful boons may have limited uses.

Some faction goals require a successful check using a skill commonly associated with that faction; however, every faction agent has a different skill set, and not all agents can accomplish those tasks unaided. In place of attempting a goal's skill check, you can instead spend 1 Prestige Point to succeed through other channels (2 Prestige Points if the DC is higher than 15 + your character level).

For GMs: By design, the Faction Journal Cards include a variety of goals, some that include very precise instructions and some that rely on interpretation. This gives the PCs many opportunities to fulfill these goals, rather than forcing them to play a specific adventure to complete their cards. Err on the side of leniency when ruling whether or not a PC fulfilled a faction objective; for example, defeating an undead creature does not necessarily mean striking the killing blow, and someone who actively contributes to the combat almost certainly qualifies. Any skill check DCs associated with a goal are independent of and do not completely replace any other DCs that appear in a scenario. Several goals require a PC to recruit an NPC to join her faction. NPCs who already belong to another faction (including most venture-captains) and creatures especially hostile to the PCs or the Society (like most evil outsiders and Aspis Consortium agents) are not viable recruits. Each card also includes a special goal tied to being a GM for Pathfinder Society games.



ADDITIONAL CARDS

The organized play campaign releases Faction Journal Cards to reflect each faction's evolving goals and its ties to the current season's objectives at the beginning of each season. A PC joining a faction can acquire only the most recent version of a faction's card; however, a PC who has checked at least one box on an earlier season's faction card may still continue to fulfill its goals and earn its rewards even into the new season. Goals completed on previous Faction Journal Cards do not contribute to those on the new card, except as noted below.

Each Faction Journal Card provides one or more new rewards as well as at least one reward that appeared during a previous season. If a PC would receive a reward that she already earned on a previous card, she instead treats her effective number of goals completed on all cards as though it were one higher. These bonuses stack—if she earned a duplicate reward on two season's cards, she treats her effective number of goals completed as two higher. For example, Zarta Dralneen has completed five of the goals on the Season 8 Dark Archive card, and she begins working on the Season 9 card. When she fulfills two goals on the new card, she earns the Enduring Scholar boon—the same boon she earned on her previous card. Instead of gaining two uses of Enduring Scholar, she gains benefits from the boon as though she had fulfilled six goals instead of five. She does not unlock any other rewards on the Season 9 card, but she increases the benefit of boons that scale based on the number of goals completed.



THE CONCORDANCE

The Concordance of Elements is an ancient and diverse organization that concerns itself with the balance between the primal forces of the elements. Until recently, the Concordance had focused its efforts on the elemental planes. It now seeks to gain insight into Golarion's most unstable regions and teach its agents to harness the power of natural forces to their advantage. This year, Concordance faction members seek to grow their numbers and investigate several troubling elemental surges.

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SEASON 9 REWARDS

INURED TO THE ELEMENTS (2+ goals): Once per adventure before rolling a saving throw against an effect with the acid, air, cold, earth, fire, electricity, or water descriptor, you can gain a bonus on the save equal to 1 + half the number of goals you have completed.

ELEMENTAL RAY (4+ goals): Once per adventure, you can shoot a ray of elemental energy at a target within 30 feet as a spell-like ability. This is a touch attack that deals a number of points of acid, cold, electricity, or fire damage equal to 1d6 × half your character level.

ELEMENTAL AEGIS (7+ goals): You begin each day with a shield that functions as *protection from energy*. Whenever you or an ally within 30 feet of you would take acid, cold, electricity, or fire damage, the shield absorbs the damage. The shield can absorb a number of points of damage equal to 3 × the number of goals you have completed, after which the shield dissipates.



Once per adventure when you accomplish one of the following goals, you can check a box that precedes it. Once all of a goal's boxes are checked, the goal is complete. You earn special rewards based on the number of goals you have completed.

- Adventure either on another plane or in the Mana Wastes, the Shackles, or the Worldwound.
- Peacefully resolve an encounter with a creature with the air, earth, fire, or water subtype.
- Help grow the Concordance by recruiting a named figure with either a significant connection to the natural world (such as a druid) or a significant connection to elemental forces (such as a creature with an elemental subtype). Recruitment requires a successful Diplomacy or Knowledge (local) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
- Forgo your Downtime to map ley lines attuned to the elements. Doing so requires a successful Craft (maps), Knowledge (geography), Knowledge (planes), or Profession (cartographer) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
- Restore balance to an area by closing a planar portal or removing a significant elemental disturbance.
- Recover a valuable magic item that produces an effect that is strongly tied to air, earth, fire, or water during the course of an adventure. To qualify, this item must be worth at least 400 gp plus 100 gp × your character level.
- Have a number of ranks in one of the following skills equal to your character level (minimum 4): Diplomacy, Knowledge (nature), or Knowledge (planes).

/ Serve as the GM for an adventure that grants 1 or more XP, and apply credit and the Chronicle sheet to this character. Checking 3 boxes counts as one goal for the purpose of earning faction rewards; checking all 5 counts as two goals.

