

Welcome to the Domination podcast episode 15. The Midsummer fire festival is in full swing, and we're going to cover everything you need to know about how to get the most out of the festival and complete those pesky achievements.

As if what everyone wants to do is run around Azeroth in this heat and start bonfires. Shouldn't it be swimming pools or ice cream or something even resembling refreshing?

As you can tell, Money isn't a big fan of the heat folks. He's Mr. air conditioned room. But our illustrious and industrious engineer – Bonehammer seems un, um, inhibited by the heat.

Yah mon, Durotar is no place for sissie men.

Or women apparently

Calm down sir

I remember dah good old days in Zul Gurub mon. Steamy jungles and blazin hot deserts for me yah.

Who wants to see a troll in a bikini?

I asked you to calm down sir.

Don't make me kill you mon. What loggahed would want to see a gnome – wait a minute mon. Can you even tell da difference between a gnome female and a gnome male?

Sometimes, but Dun Murogh is so cold it can be tough through all the furs and hats. That's why I went night elf. Ellimace looks good in anything – even if it's her own fur.

Stop your lying, she doesn't even play that toon. You can't brag about dating an alt. I hear she's actually a shaman.

Ya see mon, always come after da voodoo.

You're still just jealous. Neither one of you have a main squeeze.

Dat's because you're da batty dat does dah script like der somtin big bout yah. We cant seem deestant dready witout lookin falla fashin wit dis ginnal iez haad. We just jamdung and kass kass – ya no see it?

Not again!

Raatid! Let's just get on with this shall we there mr soundbwoy?

Pretendin Raasta mon, now dat you're tiefin my lingo, be careful you don't end up wit the board too.

Calm down sir

Getting on wit da show!

It's a festival out there and make sure you don't miss this one. The Midsummer Fire Fest is a great way to make a pretty decent load of gold and it shouldn't take you much time at all either. So we're going to go over how to grab yourself a new title, a nice bankroll and use the festival to your full advantage. You still have about a week left, so there's plenty of time – even if you haven't started yet.

Outside most settlements in Azeroth and Outland and Northrend are festival bonfires. They look a lot like the ones in the major cities that I'm sure you've seen. Alliance and Horde both have their own fires burning. At both faction bonfires you will find a quest. At every friendly fire you will find an NPC with a quest called "Honor the Flame." At any level, this will grant you 5 Burning Blossom. Even better, if you're level 80, you will also receive 6g63s. At every hostile fire you will find that the fire itself gives a quest called "Desecrate this Fire!"

At any level this will give you 10 Burning Blossom. At level 80 you will also receive 13g23s. That's the same as many dailies! For both these quests all you have to do is talk to the NPC or fire and you complete the quest automatically. A very easy way to make gold. Now, last but not least, the four hostile cities. Within these are the big fires. These will be harder to put out, due to having to sneak past the guards as well as avoid combat with the opposing faction. However they are well worth it. For each one you will get a selection of some basic holiday items, 25 Burning Blossom and 9g93s. On top of all that if you turn in all of the opposing city flames, you will have received 49g65s and the item Crown of the Festive Fire.

Now you may think that's all well and good, but you might think that if the gold is similar to what you get from dailies, surely it's quicker just to complete all the quests in Ice Crown for the same amount of gold - wrong. Last year it took about 3 hours to hit every single fire in the game, and that includes the major cities. Add about 20 minutes for Northrend this time around and another 130+ gold and it's not a bad way to get a meta achievement nearly done for a title and pick up over 900 gold. As a Horde player at level 80, if you visit every bonfire you will gain a total of 910 gold 23 silver total. As an Alliance player at level 80, if you visit every bonfire you will gain a total of 897 gold 3 silver total).

After you've visited all the fires, you'll have a big pile of burning blossoms just (cough) burning a hole in your pocket. Use those to purchase the full festival suit and spend 60 seconds doing the ribbon dance and you'll be really close to the overall meta achievement and the flame keeper title. The only thing left is to turn in the fire stealing quests and a

little torch tossing and you're all done. Plus, you'll have almost an extra 1,000 gold in your pocket.

To complete the meta achievement you'll need to do the two torch tossing quests. For torch tossing you'll need to stand right next to the bonfire and hotkey the torch in your inventory. Now face the five nearby braziers. You'll see an arrow that looks exactly like hunter's mark hovering one of the braziers. Quickly hit your torch hotkey and move the small green target with your mouse until it's under the brazier and click. This tosses the torch at the brazier for a score.

Once that's done you'll be able to try torch catching. For that one you'll need to have your camera zoomed out as far as possible and look straight down on your toon from high above. Light the torch bundle at the big bonfire and then watch the torch as it sails into the air. Run under it and try to keep your toon right on top of the shadow of the torch on the ground. When you catch one it will get thrown right back into the air and you chase it down again. Four catches is a win in the first round. You can continue to complete this one as a daily, but you'll have to catch 10 in a row.

You may want to try to complete this one when there is no one else around tossing torches. It can get distracting when there are several in the air at the same time. Once you've completed this one, you'll get a small stack of regular juggling torches for the last achievement in the meta. To complete the torch tossing achievement, try to get a big stack of torches. Just ask around and someone will probably toss you a dozen or more. Once you're done with the achievement they are kinda worthless.

Go to Dalaran and stand in an out of the way place and then hotkey the regular torches in your inventory. These torches have a target spot just like the ones for the daily. Toss them straight up into the air by clicking the torch hotkey and clicking the target right below your feet. You have to go pretty fast to get the achievement so that's why we recommend having 30 or 40 torches – if you can get that many it makes this one a piece of cake. Just hammer your hotkey and mouse click and you should have no problem.

I'm gonna hammer dis clean outta time hotkey mon.

You have that hot-keyed?

Yah mon, let dah folks go get their gold and titles.

He's right Money – that's everything you need to know about the midsummer fire festival in short form. Now it's your turn to go grab yourself a title and a bit of loot along the way. Don't forget that you'll have enough blossoms leftover to get either the brazier of dancing flames or the spirit of summer pet as well. You can actually get both if you do the torch tossing dailies, but it will make you work. For those of you going for pet achievements, there's one more for you. Everyone have a great time at the fire fest, and we'll see you next week on the Domination podcast.

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