

## The Society for Creative Anachronism

Picture a meadow ringed with bright pavilions, with pennons flying overhead. Noble lords and ladies watch the center of the meadow where knights in armor strive with sword and shield. Minstrels play lutes and harps, singing songs of love or battle. In the shadows of one tent, a King and Queen confer soberly with richly-dressed advisors.

A historical romance? No, this is the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). The SCA is a non-profit, international, educational, organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th century Europe. Our "Known World" consists of 20 kingdoms with over 30,000 members.

Unlike a Renaissance Faire, the SCA is participatory - no one is simply a spectator. All attendees play a part in creating the atmosphere by reenacting whatever aspects of the Middle Ages and Renaissance Periods that interest them most.



## The Arts & Sciences

Members of the SCA learn about the past by researching period arts, crafts and traditions and then experience history by recreating it. There are many activities that can be learned and practiced in the SCA, including:

- ❖ Armoring
  - ❖ Calligraphy & Illumination
  - ❖ Ceramics & Pottery
  - ❖ Cooking
  - ❖ Costuming
  - ❖ Dancing
  - ❖ Fiber arts  
(weaving, spinning and etc.)
  - ❖ Gardening & Herbalism
  - ❖ Heraldry
  - ❖ Leatherworking
  - ❖ Medieval games
  - ❖ Metalworking
  - ❖ Music (vocal and instrumental)
  - ❖ Needlework
  - ❖ Poetry & Literature
  - ❖ Woodworking
- and many more!

Artisans can be seen practicing their skills at workshops and events. They may also display their work in exhibitions and contests at events.

## Martial Activities

Martial activities in the SCA include:

- ❖ Combat Archery
- ❖ Target Archery
- ❖ Armored Combat
- ❖ Youth Combat
- ❖ Equestrian activities
- ❖ Fencing
- ❖ Siege Weapons
- ❖ Thrown Weapons

Each activity may be pursued during practices, tournaments and competitions.

All of the activities are supervised by Marshals, who enforce SCA's strict standards, rules and safety measures. As in any other sport, participants are trained to ensure everyone's safety.

Minors may take part in Youth Combat, Target Archery and Equestrian activities.



## Events

SCA events are held somewhere almost every weekend of the year. Participants travel near and far to take part in the day's (or weekend's) activities.

Members, dressed in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance Periods, attend these events which may feature tournaments, royal courts, feasts, dancing, singing and other performances, classes, workshops, arts exhibits, contests and so much more.

Need something to wear to an event?

Contact our newcomers' liaison, who holds the Gold Key (loaner garb that can be borrowed).



## Contact us

Our local SCA chapter, the Shire of Caer Adamant, encompasses all of Delaware.

We host 2 to 4 events each year in addition to our monthly general meetings, practices and workshops.

Everyone is welcome to attend our local meetings and events and we encourage a visit to our website for a listing of activities:  
<https://caer-adamant.eastkingdom.org/>.

### Need more help?

Contact our newcomers' liaison, the Shire of Caer Adamant Chatelaine by email to [chatelaine@caer-adamant.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chatelaine@caer-adamant.eastkingdom.org).

More information on all aspects of the SCA are available online at [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org).

## Forward . . . Into the Past



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