

Going to events is a major source of fun in the SCA. It is a time to meet new people, show off your work, and see old friends. It takes a little bit of planning though to make sure you enjoy the event (and you have what you need).

Identify the event you want to attend and read the flyer. Flyers are there to help you understand what the event is and what you will want to bring in order to make it a successful trip. Reserving for the event allows the staff to plan appropriately for attendees and makes life a lot easier for them and you!

We do several kinds of events in the SCA: one day events (generally on a Saturday) and weekend long events and even a few week long events. They can be held almost anywhere – churches, schools, hotels, convention centers, campsites, fairgrounds, etc. So again, reading the flyer is very useful when it comes to preparing properly for your trip.

Once at an event, there will be scheduled activities like fighting, classes, displays of arts and sciences, and competitions. Generally on Saturday night, there is a feast for dinner. The flyer or website will have a basic schedule of these activities so you can identify what interests you the most. Some activities, like the fighting, require that you be a member and for you to pass a basic safety test. Other activities, like classes and displays, do not require membership or training. The officers in your local group can help you understand which activities you can jump right into and which require some training first.

Questions to ask yourself:

How far away is the event?

Is this a weekend long event or a one day event?

Will we be mainly inside a building or outside in the weather?

Will there be food available or do I need to bring my own?

If this is a one day (Saturday) event inside, then you know that the temperature will be controlled, you do not need waterproof containers, etc. If you are outside, you know you will need a chair, some way to transport your things, plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and maybe even an umbrella.

For a weekend event, look to see if there are cabins, tent spaces, or if you will need to book a hotel room. Will they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner, or will there just be a feast on Saturday night? Is this a modern camp where you can drive to the cabins or a more rustic camp where you will have to hike?

Very Basic Packing list for a day event:

Clothing (Garb and shoes)

Chair

Sunscreen/Bug spray

Umbrella/parasol

Cooler & food

Dishes/silverware/cup

Very Basic Packing list for a camping event:

Tent if needed

sleeping bag & pajamas

shower/bath supplies

bug spray/sunscreen/umbrella

cooler & food

dishes/silverware/cup

Clothing (garb and shoes)

Good luck and have fun!