

Intermediate SCA aka Congratulations, you're not a n00b! aka Useful Stuff

Events! A basic packing list:

Tourney & Feast

- Armour and weapons
- Garb
- Feasting kit
 - Plate
 - Bowl
 - Drinking vessel
 - Cutlery
- Any non-water you want to drink
- Membership card/money/ID
- Camera

War

- Tourney & Feast kit
- Bedding
- Spare garb
- WARM THINGS!
- Spare mundanes
- Archery mesh
- Handsbusy/ current projects/ games
- Toiletries
 - Deodorant!
 - Soap
 - Toothbrush/paste
- Any drugs you need

Festival

- Everything for Feasts and War
- MORE WARM GARB
- Spare shoes/socks
- A tent
- Something to sleep on
- Notebook and pen
- Torch
- Suncream
- Hat

Court/High Table FAQ/Rules of Thumb

- When in doubt, "My Lord" or "My Lady" is *a/ways* appropriate – "Hey you" is not.
- If within minimum range of the Royal Presence, bow/curtsey as you go past.
- A quick and dirty list of modes of address (for more info, ask a herald):
 - King/Queen: Your Majesty
 - Prince/Princess: Your Highness
 - Duke/Duchess: Your Grace
 - Count/Countess: Your Excellency
 - Baron/Baroness: Your Excellency
 - Knight: Sir/Dame (many females use "Sir", military-style)
 - Pelican: Master/Mistress
 - Laurel: Master/Mistress
 - White Scarf: Don/Donna

- When called up to court, approach, bow/curtsey when you reach the edge of the cleared space, approach, bow/curtsey, kneel, get up when told, walk backwards (if possible), bow/curtsey, turn, walk away. If that's too hard, remember to bow/curtsey when you go in, and again when you go out.
- STFU while court is in session. Really.

Tokens and Consorts

- Nice, but not necessary, unless you're entering Crown, or fighting in Fighter Auction
- You don't have to be dating!
- If asked to be a consort (and you accept), the following is expected:
 - Be inspirational! (Aka, try to pay attention while they're fighting, or at least during the salutes.)
 - Give them a token to wear. It can be simple, it just needs to be something.
- F.A. Tourney is different. If you buy someone, the following should happen:
 1. You won the auction! Yay! Stay where you are, the fighter will come to you.
 2. Go with your fighter to the payment table. Exchanging names at this point is nice.
 3. Pay the nice people money.
 4. The next day, try to find your fighter before the tourney.
 5. Give them a token – it can be anything from an embroidered artwork, to a tabard, to your Festival token on a pretty string. *Something* is all you need.
 6. Have a chair and some water for them – they're fighting to get you presents, after all.
 7. Be supportive!
 8. After the tourney, thank your fighter.
 9. Listen for the announcement that they'll be giving away prizes.
 10. Go to the prize tent, wait for your fighter's (or yours, sometimes) name to be called.
 11. Calmly and quickly pick a prize, and leave.

Modernisms: Concealment and Euphanism

- If you can, cover it up.
- Sunglasses don't count if you need them – try to take them off for court, though.
- Cameras!
 - Put them away when you're not using them. Hanging off your neck is not "away".

- DO NOT USE FLASH.
 - It is *sometimes* ok to use flash if you have permission, and warn people first.

Other tidbits unique to SCA culture:

- People spend a lot of time on their stuff, and get antsy about lending it out. Don't be offended if someone refuses to lend you something. If they do lend you something, try to get it back to them promptly, and in good condition. If you break it, fix it – if you lose it, replace it.
- Most people will happily tell you at length about what they're working on/interested in.
- Don't stress about people telling you that something isn't period (unless it really isn't, like a radio you're blasting). Most people aren't that rude, and if they are, get their name, and report them to someone like me, Paddy, or your seneschal. We'll sort it out.
- Remember, the SCA is a society of volunteers. In order for it to work, **you** need to help out – but that isn't necessarily a huge/scary thing. For example:
 - Go to AGMs! Also, baronial meetings are open to the populace.
 - Take up an office. It's easier than you think!
 - Help with set up/take down/ in kitchens in feasts. The kitchen is often the best place to hang out.
 - Learn something, then teach people. You don't have to be an expert.
- We're a society of volunteers, and everyone likes recognition of their hard work. If you think someone is being awesome, send in an award recommendation. It's as easy as sending your seneschal (or Baron & Baroness) an e-mail, telling them who is awesome and why. It's ok if you have no idea what award is appropriate – let the higher-ups deal with the details.