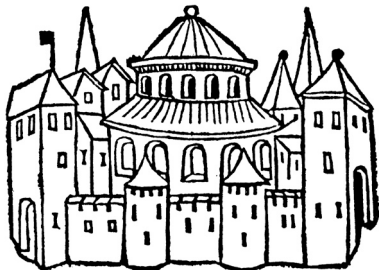


## Fun and Learning for the Entire Family!



*Here are just a FEW of the  
many historical things you  
can learn about!*

Historical Archery  
Costuming and Sewing  
Historical Combat  
Herbalism and Cooking  
Brewing and Vitning  
Music, Singing, and Writing  
Calligraphy and Illumination  
Wood and Metal Working  
Drama and Performance  
Philosophy and the Sciences  
Animal Husbandry and Farming  
Spinning, Weaving, and Embroidery  
Pottery and Glasswork  
Historical Games and Pastimes  
Historical Dance, and MORE!  
*(Just about any skill or activity  
they did, we do!)*

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**New folks are always welcome,  
so come and join the fun!**

- **Many styles of combat martial arts** to suit inclination and skill level. Use bamboo shinai, rattan wastewasters, theatrical rapiers, or fight with LIVE STEEL in fully armored combat! *Archery too! Do Longbow or Crossbow Target style, and/or combat style.*
- **Earn knighthoods** in Combat, Arts and Sciences, Archery, and Ministry (administration) by gaining objective points from participating in projects, competitions, and demonstrations.
- **Multiple memberships with other groups welcome!** Convert earned titles and points from other organizations into Avalon. Paid memberships are not required to attend events and have fun.
- **Regular activities** such as historically themed feasts, dances, campouts, concerts, competitions, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, movies, picnics, and other fun educational and social events.
- **Develop educational materials** and demonstrate history in schools and the community.

### **How do I learn more?? Its EASY!**

Visit the Realms of Avalon Web Site!

<http://www.realmsofavalon.org/>

And visit our Discussion/Announcement board:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/  
AvalonDiscussion](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AvalonDiscussion)

or E-Mail Your General Inquiry:

[Avalon@realmsofavalon.org](mailto:Avalon@realmsofavalon.org)

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**Or Contact Your Closest Chapter!**

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*Welcome to the*

# Realms of Avalon

An Historical Non-Profit  
Educational Organization



## Medieval and Renaissance Re-Enactment and Education



✧ Arts  
✧ Sciences  
✧ Combat  
✧ Archery  
✧ and MORE!

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Discover  
Wonder and Fun  
IN LIVING HISTORY!

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**Don't Just Dream It  
-- BE IT!**

## WHAT ARE THE REALMS OF AVALON?

A 'realm' is a regional chapter of the *Realms of Avalon, Inc.* a national non profit educational organization with 501c3 status. RoA is dedicated to actively teaching about historical skills and issues from the years 500 - 1603. Members of Avalon meet with fellow Avalonians and other folks interested in history all over the USA to share information, work on projects, and have fun.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

Local and regional chapters gather on a regular basis. There are candlelight feasts with historical foods, historically themed campouts, workshops on skills or topics, competitions in skills, lectures and movie nights, practice sessions on things like combat, dancing, and archery...and just about any type of historically themed gathering that sounds like fun.

When we gather together we wear historical costumes, use historically based tools and equipment and supplies, and even adopt the identity of someone who might have lived in history. Part of the fun is learning how to make your gear-- or you can buy, barter, or trade your stuff with someone else. There will be plenty of people around happy to help you get started.

## WHAT IS MEDIEVAL RE-ENACTMENT?

Medieval and renaissance re-enactment is the *active* study of historical subjects and skills. This means instead of just reading about activities or skills used in the past, we actually *do* them. In physically re-enacting these activities and environments we learn more, *and* have a lot of fun, too! Think of it like every-day experimental archaeology.

*Learning is best when it's fun! We not only learn skills, but have fun meeting people, trying new things, talking, and doing all sorts of fun games and activities. And that's why we call what we do 'playing'-- its so fun, you forget that you're learning history!*



## WHO CAN PLAY?

We are a family centered organization where anyone and everyone can play and learn at our events! Of course, minors require parental permission to attend events and engage in some activities, but there are many different things for kids and adults to learn. A lot of members join as a family, from kids to grandparents. No matter your age, you are likely to meet someone to be friends and learn with.



*We also go into schools  
and communities,  
showing and teaching  
what we know.*



## HOW DO WE LEARN?

There are many different ways to learn. One of the best is to just show up to whatever activity sounds interesting, and see what folks are doing. Then you can ask people questions. Everyone is more than happy to offer help in showing you what they are doing, and even getting you started on your own projects or needs.

If you really want to learn more about certain skills or areas of history, then there are also more formal exchanges of knowledge where those who "know" and those who "want to know" work together. *Guilds* are groups of people who study and promote certain skills and activities. *Pages, Apprentices,* and *Squires* are people who assist someone with advanced learning in exchange for long-term one-on-one, directed training. If you want to learn, this is the place!

