



Office of the Chatelaine  
Shire of Rokkehealden  
Middle Kingdom



LETTER TO PARENTS OF MINORS INTERESTED IN THE SCA

Dear Parent,

Your child has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA). We know that you are concerned about the welfare of your son or daughter so we would like to provide you with some information about our organization.

The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the study of the history, culture and arts of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The SCA is part of the "living history" movement that you may be familiar with through the American Revolutionary War and Civil War groups. This means that we take a hands-on approach to the study of history. Our members learn about the history of the Middle Ages and Renaissance through selectively recreating aspects of life from the period.

The SCA was founded in 1966 in Berkeley, California by a group of college students who staged a tournament in one student's backyard. Since then the group has grown into an international organization, with members and local groups throughout the world.

In the context of the SCA the world is divided into eighteen Kingdoms. The Middle Kingdom includes Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, parts of Iowa, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada. The Middle Kingdom is then further divided into about 90 regional and local branches. The local group is called the Shire of Rokkehealden.

There are many activities in which your child may participate. Armoring, costuming, music, theater, embroidery, cooking, painting and weaving are just a few of the areas that our members study. There is also a variety of martial activities such as armored combat, fencing, archery, and equestrian activities that your child may or may not be allowed to participate in, depending on their age and whether you give your consent.

Many parents have found the SCA to be a valuable and constructive part of their children's lives. Please take time to attend at least one event with your child - you may find that the SCA is a pleasant addition to your life. It offers many activities that families can enjoy together. Even if you are not interested for yourself, you will have a better understanding of why your child wants to join if you see our activities first hand.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or attend one of our Shire Moots (monthly business meetings).

Sincerely,  
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