



Welcome travelers to Stanislav Keep!

It is a time of uneasy peace between the kingdoms of France and England. A truce has been signed, plague and famine have subsided. Members of free companies across Europe have descended on a small village tucked beneath the trees.

This is the continuing saga of Stanislav Keep!

- **What is this?** This event is a place where reenactors, history buffs, and western martial artists can gather and live the life of our ancestors. (or at least a couple days of it.)
- **Where and when?** The event is set in western europe during the 14th-15th century.
- **Where are the shows?** There are no “shows” but scheduled interactive experiences where you can learn and participate.
- **How do I act?** Unlike Renaissance fairs and Medieval Times most participants will use their own voice and you should too.
- **Is there a Feudal System?** No, all titles are strictly for fun and have no real relevance during the event.
- **What is required to attend this event?** See below.

Period dress is required and is to be worn at all times when entering the event space!

- **Most clothing has a lead time to manufacture, be sure to order in advance!**

- **What and where to buy clothing:** Search the “Shop the look” section of the website for complete 14th and 15th century outfits. <https://historicenterprises.com/>
- Below are some examples of appropriate outfits. (courtesy of Historic Enterprises). If you have any questions about the right clothing, before you buy, email Gwen. gwen@historicenterprises.com
- Keep in mind it may be cold, especially at night, so wool hoods and coats are very helpful. Period eating gear can also be purchased at <https://historicenterprises.com/>
- 14th and 15th century Footwear can also be purchased from: <https://www.vikingleathercraft.com/>
- **One last thing!** We strive to stay away from anything not within the period or at least hide it from view during the duration of the event. This includes all sunglasses, watches, piercings/hair-dos, clothing, packaged food, cigarettes, etc. Please be discreet when taking photographs!





Events and Happenings at Stanislav Keep

(See Schedule Below)

Hosted by: California Warbow Society

Friday

- 11 am *Using the Longbow and Crossbow*

All participants are welcome to join this interactive workshop. Learn basic techniques on firing a crossbow and longbow at targets. A light poundage bow will be available for use as well as a crossbow.

- 3pm *Clout Shooting/Open*

See how the longbow performs over great distances. See the effectiveness of volley fire onto targets. Learn the secret to shooting a 100 pound longbow.

Saturday

- 2pm *Archery Tournament*

Now that you are familiar with the crossbow and longbow it's time to test your skill at the Wand and Wreath with only 3 arrows and bolts. This event is open to all participants, prizes to be awarded!



California Warbow Society We are dedicated to carrying on the skills and disciplines associated with historical English military archery of the Late Middle Ages. We combine these skills with a passionate desire to recreate the appearance and material culture of the common fighting man of that time. Our chief goals are to enhance our skills, while also being able to educate the public and fellow enthusiasts about this extremely tumultuous time in human history.

Hosted by: Chivalry Today

Friday

- 9 am *Introduction to Medieval Longsword Fencing*

All participants are welcome to join in a 30-minute introductory workshop on the basics of medieval longsword fencing. Learn the background and context of this combat art; get an overview of the basic rules and expectations of historical fencing; handle a replica longsword and learn the essential German fencing techniques.

- 10 am *Basic German Longsword Fencing Workshop*

Fencers of all skill levels are invited to take part in a group training session focused on the core concepts of German longsword fencing. We will explore and elaborate on several of the fundamentals of the Lichtenauer fencing system, in both solo and practical (i.e. partnered) training exercises. Fencing equipment will be required for partnered exercises; those who are new to the fencing art are welcome to participate in the solo exercises (also a great way to warm up and get some light exercise!).

- 11 am *Open Field Casual Bouting*

Come to the list field and spend some time bouting with new friends as we share our love of the fencing arts. Full protective equipment is required for bouting; fencers are encouraged to bring their own weapons (and spares to share!), although some “loaner” swords maybe available.

- 1-3 pm *Chivalry Today Accolade Blossfechten/Unarmored Tournament*

Take the field to demonstrate your honor and fencing skill in this casual, friendly fencing “competition.” Fencers who enter the lists will be given tokens to vote on “most chivalrous,” “best historical technique,” and “most enjoyable match.” Fighters who receive the most accolades from their fellow fencers at day’s end will be lauded for their achievements on the field.

- 2 pm *Historical Armored Fencing for Non-Fighters*

Those who want a front-row seat at Saturday’s Deed of Arms are invited to an orientation on historical fencing in armor. We will demonstrate the techniques behind medieval armored fencing (as documented in 15th century fencing manuals), and cover the rules and

conventions of Chivalry Today's Deed of Arms, so that you'll be able to fully appreciate what you are watching when the Deed begins!

- 3 pm *Armored Fighters Meeting*

-Mandatory for All Deed of Arms Participants-

This -brief- meeting will cover the basic conventions and expectations for Saturday's Deed of Arms, and tenans and venans will select their bouts for the first round of combat.

Saturday

- 9 am *Fighters To Arms*

Arming begins for the Deed of Arms (location to be determined)

- 10 am *Fighters presentation upon the field of honor*

A chivalric procession through the encampment as the knights journey to the lists field

- 10:30 am - 1 pm *Deed of Arms*

Chivalry Today will host a formal Deed of Arms, held under a modified version of the DeKoven Concords. All fighters must present themselves in full knightly harness of the period. Fighters will be divided into venans (challengers) and tenans (defenders) teams. Spectators are most welcome, and encouraged to cheer on the combatants from the comfort of the nearby viewing stands, in the shade of the forest glen. Upon the conclusion of the lists, accolades may be awarded by one team unto the other, as well as by the spectators of the gallery. Fighters and spectators alike are encouraged to bring small tokens to acknowledge fighters whose skill and comportment upon the field is particularly worthy and inspiring.



Chivalry Today Teaches medieval fencing through its weekly classes in San Diego, CA, and provides educational demonstrations of knightly armored combat. They have worked with conferences, museums, and organizations throughout California, including the Getty Center, the Bowers Museum, the San Diego Shakespeare Society, and the California State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Hosted by: The Right Noble Order of the Upper Crust

Food!



The Right Noble Order of the Upper Crust Is a group of historical cooking enthusiasts who research and recreate medieval dishes based upon surviving cookbooks and other historical documents. Our goal is to bring the past to life and give diners a truly immersive experience.

Hosted by: Wendy Creek and friends

Music and Songs!



Wendy Creek Multi-instrumentalist and singer who has been playing for 25 years. Her passion is music from the middle ages, specifically the 12th-15th century.

Hosted by: Annie Hartl and Eric Floen / Shannon and Bruce Miller
Tavern Games and Dancing!



Eric and Annie have spent several decades learning a variety of historic dances. They honed their teaching skills by helping with beginning Lindy Hop classes at their local venue in Los Angeles, then started teaching medieval and Renaissance dances within the SCA.

Stanislav Keep: Q and A

- Where is this happening?

- Turlock, CA. This is a private residence and an invite only event, you will receive the exact address after registration.

- What are the nearest hotels?

- Travelodge by Wyndham Turlock 201 W Glenwood Ave, Turlock, CA 95380 (209) 417-6130
- Hampton Inn Turlock 1821 Lander Ave, Turlock, CA 95380 (209) 664-9729
Off-Site Accommodations 6 miles away

- What's the general schedule?

Here are the scheduled events, smaller demos and activities will also be going on.
(times subject to change)

- **Wednesday**

10pm Staff arrives on site

- **Thursday**

10am Gates open, Set-up and Registration

5pm Dinner (for those with tickets)

- **Friday**

8am Breakfast (for those with tickets)

9am CT Group Historical Longsword Fencing Lesson and Open Boutng Time

10am Medieval Arts and Crafts Intro w/ Annie

11am CWS Longbow and Crossbow Archery Lesson

Noon Lunch (for those with tickets)

1pm CT "Accolade Tournament" for unarmored fighting, and "Spectators Guide to Historical Fencing" talk for non-fighters

3pm CWS Open Shooting/Clout

5pm Dinner (for those with tickets)

6pm Intro to Medieval Dance

8pm Intro to Tavern Games

9pm Tavern Sing w/ Wendy

- **Saturday**

8am Breakfast (for those with tickets)

9am CT Arming the Knight

10am CT Parade to Armored Deed of Arms

1pm Lunch on the Tournament Grounds (for those with tickets)

2pm CWS Archery Tournament

5pm Formal Dinner (for those with tickets)

7pm More Dancing

9pm More Games

- **Sunday**

8am Breakfast (for those with tickets)

9am Begin Pack-up

4pm Gates Closed

- What are the expectations for camping? Only period encampments? RV spaces? Is there water and/or electricity? Can people “drive on” for unloading?

- All period encampments will be set up adjacent to the village. Please ask staff for exact set-up locations.
- All non-period camping will be in the “hobo camp” located just on the outside of the village.
- All unloading this year will be done via golf cart (no car drive-ups). Please contact staff before the event to schedule a time for parking lot assistance.
- The site has no electricity and no water please pack accordingly.
- RV parking is available in the parking lot area. There are no hook-ups.
- Personal campfires are not allowed. The village has designated areas where fires will be set.

-Will there be vendors?

- There will be no scheduled vendors on the site.

-Any more questions?

- Contact: theweekendstrikesback@gmail.com



See you all at the Keep!