
DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING SPECIAL?

Yes. Most of these events are wars, and more information can be found in **FAQ 24**. The **New Member's Guide** has a section on camping at a medieval event.

ATMOSPHERE

Make every effort to hide what is mundane. The goal is to step back in time, and that is hard to do with Coleman lanterns and lawn chairs everywhere.

HIDING THE MODERN

- Put rugs on the ground to make it more comfortable.
- Cover your ice chest with blankets.
- Cover your lawn chairs with blankets or cloaks.
- If you're going to smoke, use an ashtray made of a small dish with sand in it.
- Put your soda in a tankard (so we don't have to see the can).
- Use candles and candle lanterns instead of flashlights
- Bring your drum or guitar (and leave the boom box at home)
- Step behind a pavilion if you're going to smoke a cigarette
- Try to keep modern conversations away from other people
- Try using a hat with a brim to shade your eyes, instead of sunglasses

KITCHEN HINTS

- Keep your ice in zip-lock bags. As it melts, you can use the water.
- Use a feast basket to keep your feast gear in. (Throw in a candle or two.)

CLOTHING HINTS

- Keep your clothes in zip-lock bags (waterproof, and easy to find).
- Plan for all types of weather (it can get cold at night).

CAMPSITE HINTS

- Keep a bucket of water nearby (for campfires, kitchen fires and cigarettes).
- Usually you may park close to the campsite, even if it is just to unload.

PERSONAL HINTS

- Don't forget the sunscreen and the water (can't emphasize that enough).

HERE IS A CHECKLIST OF ITEMS THAT ARE GOOD TO BRING

SLEEPING

- ___ Pavilion (or tent)
- ___ Poles, stakes and ropes
- ___ Tarp (or other ground covering)
- ___ Rugs (or other floor covering)
- ___ Strips of cloth to mark the ropes

TOOLS

- ___ Matches (lots)
- ___ Hammer (or mallet) for pavilion
- ___ Shovel for fire
- ___ Broom (with dustpan)
- ___ Torches (with extra fuel)
- ___ Lantern (if torches aren't allowed)
- ___ Fire bucket
- ___ Fire extinguisher
- ___ Firewood (or charcoal brickettes)
- ___ Camp stove (with extra fuel)
- ___ Flashlight (with extra batteries)

KITCHEN

- ___ Cooler
- ___ Water bottles
- ___ Paper towels
- ___ Dish towels
- ___ Wash rags
- ___ Wash basin
- ___ Steel wool (or scrubber sponge)
- ___ Bleach
- ___ Cutting board
- ___ Cutting knives
- ___ Pot holders
- ___ Pots, pans (include skillet)
- ___ Measuring spoons, cup
- ___ Large bowls (for mixing, serving)
- ___ Large plates (for serving)
- ___ Spoons, forks, tongs, spatulas
- ___ Plates, bowls (for eating)
- ___ Knives, forks, spoons
- ___ Goblets, tankards
- ___ Can opener, bottle opener, corkscrew
- ___ Aluminum foil (heavy duty)
- ___ Zip-lock bags (large)
- ___ Trash bags

COOKING

- ___ Salt and pepper
- ___ Sugar (honey, or sacchrine)
- ___ Other spices, herbs
- ___ Coffee (or tea)
- ___ Oil (vegetable oil, or equivalent)
- ___ Ice and water

FIRST AID

- ___ First aid kit
- ___ Prescription medications
- ___ Sunscreen (High SPF)
- ___ Bug spray
- ___ Allergy medicine
- ___ Intestinal medicine
- ___ Aspirin (ibuprofen or tylenol)
- ___ Copies of your prescriptions

COMBAT

- ___ Armor bag with armor
- ___ Crash kit for repairs
- ___ Gambeson and hood
- ___ Shields
- ___ Weapons
- ___ Archery equipment

CLOTHING

- ___ What you will wear
- ___ Rain gear (poncho and boots)
- ___ Cold weather gear (cloak, heavy socks)
- ___ Hot weather gear (liteweight clothes)
- ___ An extra change or two
- ___ Shoes (bring extra and include boots)
- ___ Head gear (hats, veils, coronets)
- ___ Extra belts, lacings, pins
- ___ Jewelry (and a bag to keep it in)
- ___ Athletic cup (and supporter)
- ___ Pouch (with belt knife)
- ___ Favors that you wear
- ___ Staff (cane, or walking stick)

PERSONAL

- ___ Mirror
- ___ Toilet paper
- ___ Safety pins (lots)
- ___ Scissors
- ___ Hairbrush (or comb) and hair ties
- ___ Tooth brush (and toothpaste)
- ___ Mouthwash
- ___ Shaving kit (razor and foam)
- ___ Wet wipes
- ___ Soap (biodegradable)
- ___ Shampoo (biodegradable)
- ___ Washcloths
- ___ Towels
- ___ Deodorant (or antiperspirant)
- ___ Chapstick
- ___ Hand lotion
- ___ Nail clippers
- ___ Feminine hygiene products
- ___ Glasses (extra)
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Basic sewing kit (needle, thread)
- ___ Ear plugs
- ___ Watch (or clock)

MUNDANE

- ___ Wallet (with identification)
- ___ Money (and your ATM card)
- ___ Phone card
- ___ Emergency info (inc. phone numbers)
- ___ Spare keys
- ___ Event registration information
- ___ Maps, directions to event
- ___ Plane tickets
- ___ Hotel reservations
- ___ Proof of membership
- ___ Combat authorization card