

# Medieval Fair

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Igniting the spark of curiosity that leads to lifelong learning through educational entertainment.

## Medieval Fair School Day

Although the first Friday of the fair has been designated a “school day” with extra educational activities and performances for students, it is still open to the general public. Designated bus parking is at Lloyd Noble Center located on Jenkins Avenue and Imhoff Road. Lloyd Noble Center charges \$5 for car parking but school buses will not be charged. Admission to the Medieval Fair is free. Let us know you’re coming by emailing [ameckart@ou.edu](mailto:ameckart@ou.edu), so we can send you updates and information as they become available.

### Guidelines

- It is recommended that there be at least one adult supervisor for every 8 children.
- Students should use the buddy system and/or stay in assigned groups.
- It is helpful if students are identified as part of a group (e.g. nametags or labels with school name and contact information on their person).
- Have an agreed upon meeting place and time, such as the Cleveland County Veterans Memorial in the Southwest section of Reaves Park.

### Storyline

The year is 1360, and King Edward III and Queen Philippa have decided to visit the town of Avalon’s first market fair of spring after a long and dreary winter. The black plague is believed to be gone, and England has just signed the treaty of Bretigny with France after 20 years of war. Everyone is ready to celebrate victory and peace (this will later be referred to as the Hundred Years War, if students want to research it).

**Educational Entertainment** A complete entertainment schedule will be available at our website closer to fair. Special presentations for School Day will be highlighted on the School Day Information page of the website. Some past teacher and student favorites include the Birds of Prey Show, Brizeus’ presentation on music from the 14<sup>th</sup> century and how music and politics interacted in Europe, Redland Rogues’ presentation on historical German Long Sword Techniques, the jousting presentation on Chivalry and the Society for Creative Anachronism’s presentations on the culture, arts and sciences of the middle ages.

## Must See Presentations & Demonstrations

**Arthurian Order of Avalon:** The mission of the Arthurian Order of Avalon is to educate its membership and audiences in Arthurian ideals, history and culture in order to instill, preserve and promote concepts of Chivalry, Courtesy and Honor. At fair, there will be an interactive display with games and pastimes of the Middle Ages. Students can also learn about the elements of heraldry and see the research projects of AOA's members on display at their Education Tent. In addition to the Medieval Fair, the AOA conducts educational seminars for school and library groups throughout the metro Oklahoma City area. These presentations can be customized to any audience and allow the members of the Scholar's Guild to develop their skills in public speaking and research. If you are a local teacher or librarian who would like to incorporate a seminar or demonstration into your curriculum, please contact them for more information, [RoyalHeraldofAOA@gmail.com](mailto:RoyalHeraldofAOA@gmail.com), website [www.arthurianorderofavalon.com](http://www.arthurianorderofavalon.com).

**Saltfork Craftsmen Artist-Blacksmith Association:** A non-profit organization of amateur and professional artists and craftsmen whose purposes are the sharing of knowledge and education and the promotion of a more general appreciation of fine craftsmanship everywhere. See science in action as heat and force transform metal. Website [www.saltforkcraftsmen.org](http://www.saltforkcraftsmen.org)

**Society for Creative Anachronism:** An international non-profit organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17<sup>th</sup>-century Europe. Medieval and Renaissance style combat, dancing, art and science demonstrations. Websites [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org) and [www.baronyofnamron.org](http://www.baronyofnamron.org).

**St. Gregory's University:** Educational exhibits on the Middle Ages, labyrinths, Benedictine monasteries, brass rubbings and medieval-styled woodblock prints. (There is a small fee for the brass rubbings to cover the cost of supplies.)

**UCO Medieval Society:** The students of the University of Central Oklahoma bring a new display every year to the Medieval Fair. Check our website closer to fair to see what their 2017 display will include.

**Vendors:** Many vendors will be sharing history, knowledge and demonstrating how their craft is made. These will be identified on the School Day page of our website closer to fair.

## Food

A variety of food and drink is available from over 40 vendors. In 2016, Jumbo corn dogs were \$6, turkey legs were \$9, and pizza by the slice was \$4, just to name a few. A student will need about \$10 to eat a meal at the Medieval Fair. A complete listing of food vendors and their menus will be available on the Artists & Crafters page. Sack lunches are permitted, however refrigeration (or other storage) is not available for students' lunches at Reaves Park.

## Weapon Policy

***Schools are responsible for enforcing and informing their students of school policies regarding weapons.***

All weapons, real or play, must be in a sheath and peace-tied at all times. All demonstrations involving weapons are allowed only in secured and pre-approved areas. Weapons are sold at the fair, but no weapons may be sold to minors. While vendors have been informed of school policy regarding weapons, it is the responsibility of the school to enforce and inform students of their policy.

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# Medieval Fair Free Lecture Series

Come learn more about the middle ages just for the fun of learning!  
No papers, no tests, just interesting information about life long ago.



## Fortifications and Siege Warfare in the Middle Ages

**\*\*Note Date Changed to September 30!\*\***

**Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**, Norman Public Library Central, 225 N. Webster, Norman, OK 73069

**Alfred G. Striz**, Ph.D., OU Gallogly College of Engineering

## Medieval Meals: Food, Drink, and Gender

**Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**, Norman Public Library Central, 225 N. Webster, Norman, OK 73069

**Theresa A. Vaughan**, Ph.D., UCO Dept. of Humanities & Philosophy

## Walking the Camino de Santiago in 2015 and 2016, through a Professional Medievalist's Eyes

**Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**, Norman Public Library **West**, 300 Norman Center Court, Norman, OK 73072 (Next to Sam's Club.)

**Joseph M. Sullivan**, Ph.D., OU Dept. of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

## How St. Francis and the Franciscans Changed the Medieval World

**Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**, Norman Public Library Central, 225 N. Webster, Norman, OK 73069

**Emily Graham**, Ph.D., OSU Dept. of History

## Astrology from Damascus to Rome, 950-1520

**Friday, March 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**, location tba

**Margaret Gaida**, Ph.D. Candidate in the History of Science at the University of Oklahoma

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