

BASIC KIT GUIDE FOR RAVENSBERG EVENTS RETURN OF THE SUN AND DEAD



Purpose for this Guide

Ravensborg is a historically based Viking Age ring fort, located somewhere along the trade routes between Iceland and Constantinople. The timeframe that we try to

portray is the Viking Age, roughly 793-1066 AD. To attend and fully participate in the full event, one must dress in proper clothing and attire of the time. Ravensborg prefers that attendees portray the Viking cultures/peoples (Danes, Swedes, and Norwegians) or those directly descended from the Scandinavians (Kievan Rus, Normans, and Icelandic). Other cultures that interacted with the "Vikings" (Anglo-Saxons, Irish, Franks, Slavs, etc) may be allowed but will require prior permission from event leadership.

This short guide is meant to demonstrate acceptable basic kit for people new to Living History or Ravensborg events. It will also show some Upper Class kits as an example to aspire to. It is highly encouraged and recommended that the attendee researches their kit thoroughly so they may accurately portray their choice culture.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK QUESTIONS!

Basic soft kit

Basic soft kit is generally divided between Western (Scandinavia, England, Ireland, Central Europe, and more) and Eastern (Eastern Europe such as Russia, Ukraine, Poland and the Eastern Roman Empire). Basic soft kit differs slightly across the Viking Age world, but this division will allow a new participant to decide which direction they wish to go.

Female Basic Kit will consist of a dress, tablet woven belt, and shoes. Additional items would also include a head covering (hat, wimple, etc), cloak or coat/kaftan, or apron.

Male Basic Kit will consist of a tunic, trousers, boots, and proper leather belt. Additional items would also include a hat, cloak, and pouch.

- **Visual examples**

In this section, we will display some visual examples of kits used at Ravensborg.

Scandinavian Men



Scandinavian Women



Eastern/Rus Men



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Norman Men



Norman Women

