

# Medieval Games

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye

*Calling all knights of the Realm*

May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Knights of Tucson Waldorf, Desert Marigold, Desert Star, and Running River have heard the call and are looking forward to participating in the Medieval Games!

If you haven't already done so, please visit the Arizona Medieval Games website at [www.arizonamedievalgames.org](http://www.arizonamedievalgames.org). Here squires, parents and teachers can find information about creating tabards, Coat of Arms examples, the packing list and costume ideas for volunteers and teachers. You can also view the menu, read about Medieval life as well as testimonials from prior participants, plus so much more.



### Squire Attire

Each squire will wear a tabard during the Games with his/her shire shirt underneath. These tabards can be decorated with a coat-of-arms or a symbol, designed by the student. Each school needs to have their own color fabric for the squires to use to make their tabards with. Keep in mind when choosing a color to pick something from that time period if possible. Information about how to make these is at the end of the newsletter and is available on the [website](http://www.arizonamedievalgames.org). Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions to, [arizonamedievalgames@gmail.com](mailto:arizonamedievalgames@gmail.com).

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### *The Feast*

The feast, as described by Chaucer, was something beyond just sitting down to eat. Medieval Society revolved around the manners of the individual. Instruction in proper courtly behavior was as important for young children as learning to read or write. Each gesture, each food item, had meaning. The word *companion* derives from this literally meaning *the one with whom you share bread*. After our feast each class will have the opportunity to entertain the King and his Court with something special they have been working on.



*Squires, it will serve you and your shire well to commit this quote to memory:*

For likewise as chivalry gives to a knight all that to him appertains, in likewise a knight ought to give all his forces to honor chivalry.

Ramon Lull  
Book of Knighthood and Chivalry

# THE ORDERS



*Carmelites  
Coat-of-Arms*

**Franciscans (Friars Minor):** Founded by St. Francis of Assisi, these emphasized preaching. As a consequence, they were instrumental in the establishment of the University. Commonly called the “Greyfriars” from the color of their habits.

**Dominicans (Friars Preacher):** Founded by St. Dominic, these emphasized the pursuit of learning and intellectual activity for combating heresy, and were equally important to the development of the University. Commonly called “Blackfriars” from the color of their habits.

**Carmelites:** They were an urban mendicant order, but allowed more time for study and meditation than the others. Commonly called “Whitefriars” from the color of their habits.

**Knight Hospitaller:** Holy order of knights pledged to administer to the sick and protect holy places during the Crusades.

**Knight Templar:** Similar to the Knights Hospitallers, but more likely to provide protection and currency exchange for travelers to the Holy Lands. These were suppressed throughout Europe at the instigation of the King of France (who desired their wealth) in 1316.

**‘Ulama or ‘Alim:** A scholar, specifically in religious subjects. The term ‘ulama is used to describe the class of professional men of religious learning who form the nearest Muslim entity to a clergy.



*Knight Templar  
Seal*

*Seal of  
Dominica Order*



*Sign of the  
Franciscan Order*



## DID YOU KNOW?

### The minute, as a measurement of time, didn't exist.

During the Middle Ages, people used a combination of water clocks, sun dials, and candle clocks to tell time though none of those could tell time to the minute. While the best water clocks told time to the quarter hour, it wasn't until the wide use and improvement of mechanical clocks that people could tell time to the minute.

Even though the minute hand may have existed as early as the late 15<sup>th</sup> century, Jost Burgieven is credited with inventing it in 1577. Still, it took over a century for the technology to spread as the minute hand wasn't widely added to clocks until the 1680s.

Taken from [andreacefalo.com/telling-time](http://andreacefalo.com/telling-time)



This sculpture on the side of Chartres Cathedral shows an angel carrying a sundial, a device used to tell time during the Middle Ages.

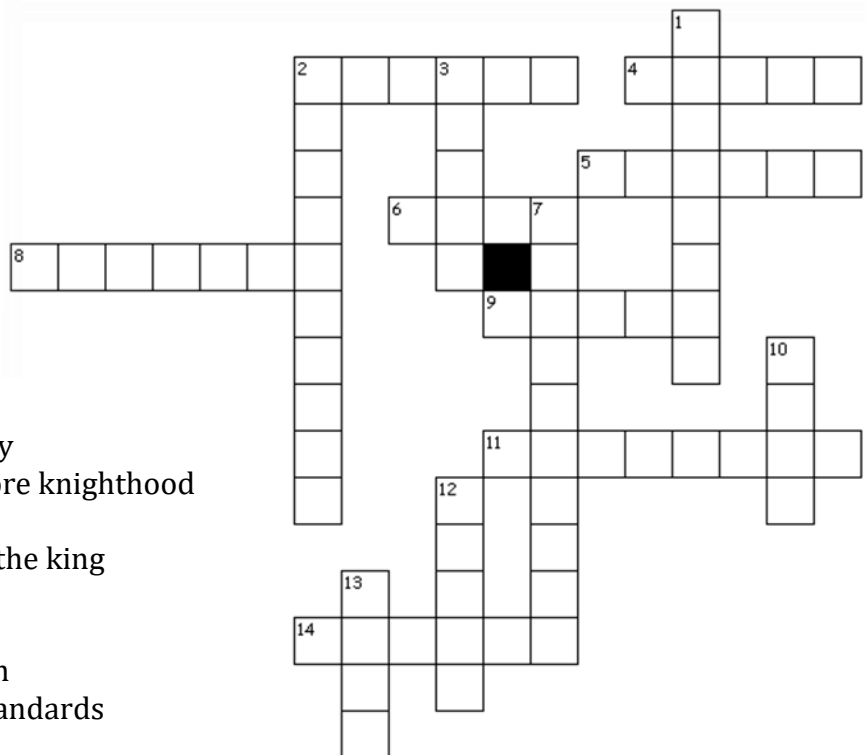
## Medieval Vocabulary

### Down

1. Medieval singer or musician
2. Moderation in all things
3. Worn for protection in battle
7. Pathway over a moat
10. Spiked weapon used in battle
12. Complete trust
13. Ruler of the land

### Across

2. Piece of clothing showing heraldry
4. Squire's quiet contemplation before knighthood
5. Dwelling for royalty
6. Man who held land directly from the king
8. To uphold what is right
9. Weapon used in jousting
11. To discipline oneself with reason
14. Behavior showing high moral standards



# Tabards



Each student will wear a tabard during the event, which is constructed from  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard of fabric, approximately 60 inches wide. Please visit the website, [arizonamedievalgames.org](http://arizonamedievalgames.org), for more information and examples.

The construction is simple:

- Cut the fabric into  $\frac{1}{2}$  yard (18") lengths.
- Fold the fabric in half with the selvage together and cut a head hole in the center of the fold.
- If the fabric unravels easily, you may need to hem the edges. Simply finish the sides of the tabard by folding over the edge approximately  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch and zigzag stitch.
- Make ties from extra fabric (or purchase bias tape) and attach at sides. Waist belts usually fall off, so side ties seem to work best.
- Label each tabard with the name of the school on the back.
- Students can paint, glue or sew their Coat of Arms onto the front.

We suggest each student create their own design, reflective of their interests, character and artistic sense.

Each shire wears its own colored T-shirt under the tabard.

