

Sample Letter to Parents of Teens

Dear Parents:

Your child has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA). We know that you are concerned about the welfare of your son or daughter so we would like to provide you with some information about our organization.

The Society for Creative Anachronism is a non-profit educational organization which studies the history, culture and arts of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The SCA is part of the "living history" movement that you be familiar with through the American Revolutionary War and Civil War groups. This means that we take a hands-on approach to the study of history. Our members learn about the history of the Middle Ages through selectively recreating the culture of the period.

The SCA was founded in 1966 in Berkeley, California by a group of college students who staged a tournament in one student's backyard. Since then the group has grown to include approx 100,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, Western Europe, the Far East and Australia.

This region is referred to as the Kingdom of Aethelmearc. It includes West Virginia, most of Pennsylvania, and Upstate New York. We have about 50 local chapters in this region. The local chapter you are geographically living in is called _____ and includes the areas of _____.

There are many activities in which your child may participate. Armoring, costuming, music, theatre, embroidery, cooking, painting and weaving are a few of the areas that our members study. There are a few restrictions due to age. Your minor child will not be allowed to participate in archery. Older teens may want to start making armor so that they can begin training in martial arts when they reach legal age. Be assured, as contact sports go, ours is very safe and we require special training of all our fighters to assure that they will not hurt themselves or other participants. Accidental injuries have been few and are usually minor, such as bruising.

Many parents have found the SCA to be a valuable and constructive part of their children's lives.

Please take time to attend at least one event with your child- you may find that the SCA is a pleasant addition to your life, as well. It offers many activities that families can enjoy together. Even if you are not interested for yourself, you will have a better understanding of why your teen wants to join if you see our activities first hand.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or attend one of our business meetings.

Notes:

Include regular meeting times and places if you have them. If not, at least include information on your next meeting.

Sign your 20th century name only and include a phone number. Persona and SCA names are usually easier to explain in person.