

## Traveling to Out-of-town Events

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As a new-comer in the SCA you may find that you are attending practices and meetings and learning all kinds of new skills. Now that you are figuring out how to fight, dance, shoot, or just have fun, where do you go to do all these fun new things?

Each group, including your own, holds events. You may find you have a free weekend with no local event to attend. You're in luck. In the Kingdom of Atenveldt there is something going on somewhere in the Kingdom almost every weekend.

Can you go to these events outside of your local area? Yes! The local groups welcome visitors from outside their area. As a participant in the SCA you are always welcome to attend any event that you would like even events in other kingdoms.

You can find out what is going on around Atenveldt by looking at the event articles in ***Southwind***, or visit the Kingdom of Atenveldt on-line calendar at: <http://www.atenveldt.com/Default.aspx?tabid=93>.

Before leaving for an event you should check out the "site rules" for the event. Site rules give information about camping, fires, permitted beverages, smoking, and pets. If it is an outdoor event, you will also want to make sure you are prepared for being outside in the lovely Atenveldt sun which means taking plenty of water and sun block -- all year round.

It's always more fun to go along with someone else. Find out if others from your own group are going by sending an email to the group elist or by contacting your local Hospitaler. Most of us love to take others with us to events and it usually works well to caravan together.

There are a few things that you will want to take with you:

- Driving directions from ***Southwind*** or the event's web page
- Garb and comfortable shoes
- Sun block, a hat (highly recommended), and water for outdoor events
- Mug and feast gear
- Your SCA membership card, if you have one

Traveling to events outside of your local area is an excellent way to make friends and practice your new skills with others in the SCA. Traveling with others is a great way to get to know them, too. Don't be shy about going to other group's events. More often than not, you'll be welcomed like family.

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