



“My daughter isn’t old enough to fight, so what can she do?”

“My son wants to learn heraldry, who do I talk to?”

“My kids aren’t interested in the children’s activities. Will there be Wi-Fi at site?”

These types of questions, along with the prior SCA Census results, show that family involvement and the ability of children and teenagers to participate in the SCA ranks as one of the top concerns for members. In response to this need, the SCA has created the Youth and Family Achievement program – known as “YAFA” - for children from ages 5 to 17.

The SCA’s Youth and Family Achievement program (YAFA) is now online and ready for all interested Caidian families sign up. At present, mentors are being sought, and some topics are lacking mentors, so your patience is requested while we continue to build YAFA’s mentors list. Those current mentors are prepared to share their knowledge and the tokens of achievement are ready to be earned.

All topics will be overseen by parents and kingdom-approved mentors who have acknowledged expertise in the achievement areas. Those youth participants completing their individually chosen areas of study will be eligible to wear tokens of achievement. Each token is a metal disc embossed with a symbol identifying the area of interest. Each one will represent time invested in the Society and knowledge gained in the chosen area. These tokens are not awards but more like badges or tokens of achievement.



The YAFA program allows the participants to move through the clearly defined subject requirements at their own pace in a fun and interactive way. Additionally, families choose the subject-area activities that best suit each youth. The purpose is not to compete against others, but for participants to challenge themselves to go as far as their perseverance and curiosity will carry them. At present, mentors are being sought, and some topics are lacking mentors, so your patience is requested while we continue to build YAFA’s mentors list.

Sign up today and light the spark in your children’s eyes as they discover new interests and skills.

ABOUT YAFA

The mission for the YAFA program is to provide a fun and structured learning environment to encourage active participation by families with children and teens in the study of a variety of medieval subjects and activities. YAFA will aid in the development of the next generation of the Society's artisans and craftsmen.



YAFA is based on a foundation of the arts, chivalry and service to help encourage values important to the Society. The seven noble virtues of Courage, Justice, Mercy, Generosity, Faith, Nobility and Hope provide the core values that the YAFA program is based upon. In addition, the program is structured to help build positive associations with adults, encourage involvement and participation at SCA events, improve self-confidence and encourage personal growth by recognizing achievements, and develop the interpersonal skills that provide the foundation for future leadership both within and outside the SCA.

To get started, go to the "Sign Up Your Family" tab at the top of the [YAFA website](#).

For more information about the program, please click the "Resources" tab at the top of the [YAFA website](#). Included are links to videos describing all aspects of the program and a FAQ page. Please feel free to contact the Caid Kingdom Youth officer (youth@sca-caid.org) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Resources:

YAFA website: <http://yafa.sca.org>

YAFA FAQ's: <http://sca.org/YAFA-FAQ.pdf>

YAFA team: yafa@sca.org

