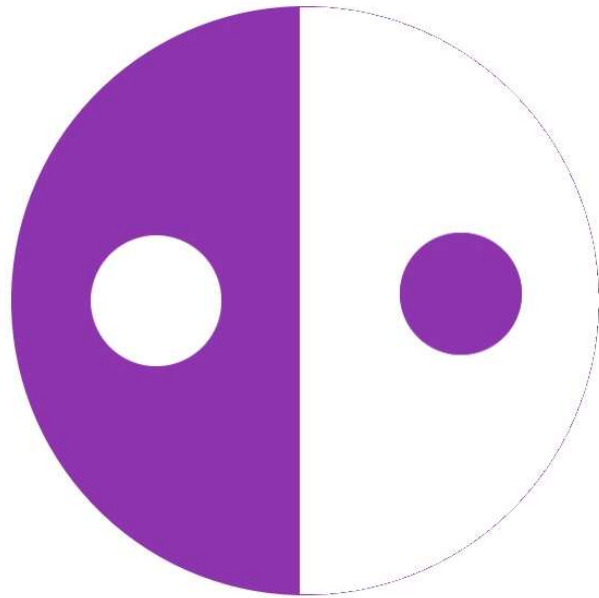


Ealdormere Page Fellowship

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Introduction

Welcome to the Page Fellowship!

This handbook is intended to tell you everything you need to know about Ealdormere's Page Fellowship. Youth and parents are welcome to read through this document. If you have any questions, ask your Kingdom Youth Minister at youthministerealdormere@gmail.com. To keep in touch with planning for youth activities ask the Youth Minister to add you to the email discussion group.

The purpose of the Page Fellowship is:

- To promote the involvement of youth ages 17 and under in the SCA
- Encourage study of pre-17th century history
- Encourage pursuit of arts and crafts
- Provide recognition for youth who are consistently involved in the kingdom.

The Page Fellowship itself does not run classes or activities. It is a tracking and recognition system for what youth do within the Society.

Joining the Fellowship

To be part of this youth activity group, prospective Pages must simply log their first activity in the Google Form (<https://bit.ly/EaldPageFellowship>). Once a Page has their first activity logged, they are automatically considered part of the Fellowship, and can continue to log subsequent activities, without waiting for the Belting Ceremony.

Belting Ceremony

We encourage every Page to celebrate their joining the Fellowship with a Belting Ceremony, coordinated between the Page, their parent(s), and the Kingdom Youth Minister. Belting ceremonies typically will occur at SCA events in court, shortly after their first activity is logged, but private or semi-private Belting Ceremonies can occur if the Page would prefer it.

At the ceremony, the new Page will receive a purple belt. The youth are then welcomed into the Page Fellowship. It's a great photo opportunity, and a great way for the kingdom to get to know who the new Page is. The purple belt identifies the Page as part of the Ealdormere Page Fellowship. We encourage Pages to wear their purple belts, as event staff, local officers, and youth officers may see opportunities to participate in activities as they might arise at events or local group gatherings.

Pages are encouraged to write their name on the back of the belt, and if they choose to return it to the Fellowship, the lineage of the belt given will be read when a new page receives that belt.

Pages do not need to wait until after the Belting Ceremony to begin reporting hours.

Pages' Way Books

Every new Page will also receive a Way Book to explain the Page Fellowship to them, and let them track their activities to help their Parent(s) log the activity when they can on the Google Form.

If a Way Book gets misplaced don't worry, just ask the Kingdom Youth Minister for another one.

Way Books can be given to youth with their parent as an invitation to join the Fellowship.

Reporting

The Page's activities are electronically logged through the Google Form (<https://bit.ly/EaldPageFellowship>). Please do not add any personal information, just use the youth's SCA name, and please use as full a name as possible (*Nathan might be confusing if there are multiple Nathans in the Kingdom, Nathan of Trinovantia Nova or Nathan the Archer, or Nathan Ericksson helps us keep records for the right youth*). For each activity, parent(s), officers or the Page themselves report:

- **Page's SCA Name**
- **Youth's Local Group or Household**
- **Brief description of activity**
- **Location:** Home or event/meeting/practice
- **Date of Activity** (estimate if necessary)
- **Hours Spent On Activity**

Reported activities should be no shorter than 30 minutes in length. (It is perfectly okay to try something and discover that you do not like doing it!). This activity can be ANYTHING that shows involvement in the SCA – participation in minor combat/rapier activities or archery, attending a class, participating in youth combat at a practice, doing research or studying a subject appropriate to the SCA, practicing an art or science activity or working on a project. Service counts such as working at set up, or cleaning up after an event, helping a local officer, working as a Porter at the door, (holding the door and assisting people as they arrive at an event), holding a spear in court – or other service of your choosing.

Parents will know their child's abilities and whether the activity or service is equivalent to 30 minutes for their individual youth. As an honour based Society we leave the discretion up to parents.

Activities reported for recognition are expected to have some substance and pertain to pre-17th century history or our Society. If there is a question if an activity would be appropriate for credit hours, please feel free to discuss with the Kingdom Youth Minister (youthministerealdormere@gmail.com).

Just like adults in the SCA, some activities are done mostly at home (scrolls for Court, pell/dummy work, practicing a musical instrument) but the majority of education should be completed at SCA functions (events, demos, practices, meetings, etc.)

Rules and Guidelines

1. All youth of the Kingdom, under 18, are welcome to participate in the Page Fellowship. Membership in the Society for Creative Anachronism is NOT required.
2. There is no fee to join the Page Fellowship. It is expected that the parent/guardian will support their youth by providing the supplies, gear or garb needed to participate in the SCA. Contact your local group to see if loaner items are available in your area.
3. Pages are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner, and follow the rules of the SCA, including listening to Marshals, making an attempt at pre-17th century clothing at events, and not violating any SCA policies for safety, bullying or harassment. Youth Officers or Marshals have the right to remove a Page from an activity and the youth will not earn credit hours.

Advancing in the Page Fellowship

To advance in the Page Fellowship, Pages are required to log a certain number of activity hours. When a Page completes all the requirements for advancement, they will be invited to receive a scroll of achievement at the next convenient court.

Page Titles and Requirements

There are three levels that can be achieved in the page fellowship:

Messenger: After 40 hours of activity hours are logged.

Warden: After 80 hours of activity hours are logged

Reeve: After 120 hours of activity hours are logged

In the moving up ceremony the new roles of each level may be mentioned in the ceremony as well as in the scroll:

- A messenger would pass word to others. Youth at events might choose to help run to let kids know when youth activities are to begin, or try event heralding.
- A Warden would historically protect something (like a forest, a herd of animals, or a village). Youth at events might choose to help attend royalty or baronial nobles, or offer to hold a spear in court.

- Reeves were responsible for governing villages, and taking a leadership role. Youth at events might choose to take on volunteer roles and lead activities, such as classes, help marshals with youth marshal activities, or coordinate groups of youth volunteering.

If a Page turns 18 but hasn't advanced to the Reeve level and they wish to continue, by all means they are welcome to do so!

On completion of the Reeve level, if the Page wants to return their purple belt to be passed on to the next new Page, or keep it and continue to proudly wear it, it's completely up to them ... whatever their preference is.

Pages that participate beyond the Reeve level should be considered by parents, officers or youth officers for recommendation for baronial or kingdom recognition – for example, an Award of Arms has no minimum age limit, and if a Page is participating at an adult level, they should be considered for adult recognition.

Page Fellowship Patrons

Note to Parents, Guardians, Officers and Volunteers: *It takes a village and there are ways that adults can help encourage youth in Ealdormere.*

Patrons are welcome to contribute purple belts, or fundraise to cover material costs. You can also help scribe advancement scrolls.

Patronage is a way to creatively encourage specific endeavors among the Fellowship.

Belt mounts or tokens can be made and given as recognition for specific achievements or as a personal thank you – these can either be presented in court by the Youth Minister or a deputy, or personally by the Patron. Royalty or the Baronial Nobles can also award specific service this way.

*Please make sure that any decorative items have dull, rounded edges, as kids will be rough and tumbling in their belts.

The Kingdom Youth Minister will need deputies to help administer this program. To volunteer, speak with them or email them at youthministerealdormere@gmail.com.

For all current requirements for background checks and safe conditions for youth activities please refer to the SCA Seneschal Handbook.

Proposed Scroll Wordings

Messenger

Let all here know, in the presence of the Crown, King (name) and Queen (name) who wish to see recognized a member of the Fellowship of Pages. (recipient) has proven themselves with effort, diligence and many hours of labour to improve our Kingdom, and as such shall be named a Messenger of the Fellowship.

We encourage (recipient) to herald youth activities, and carry messages entrusted to them to deliver.

Done this (day) of (month), Anno Societatis (year) in our (group name) upon the occasion of (event name).

(name),

Chancellor of the Fellowship of Pages

Warden

Let all here know, in the presence of the Crown, King (name) and Queen (name) who wish to see recognized a member of the Fellowship of Pages. (recipient) has proven themselves with great effort worthy of acclaim to improve our Kingdom, and as such shall be named a Warden of the Fellowship.

We encourage (recipient) to guard what our Kingdom holds dear, speaking up for those smaller persons, attend the Royal Family, or offer their vigilance to those in need.

Done this (day) of (month), Anno Societatis (year) in our (group name) upon the occasion of (event name).

(name),

Chancellor of the Fellowship of Pages

Reeve

Let all here know, in the presence of the Crown, King (name) and Queen (name) who wish to see recognized a member of the Fellowship of Pages. (recipient) has proven themselves with such effort to improve our Kingdom, they have achieved the highest honour of the Fellowship and shall be named a Reeve henceforth.

We encourage (recipient) to take up the mantle of leadership, guide those in the Fellowship who might walk the same path as them, and try to serve as an example to our Kingdom as a dedicated and committed noble might.

Done this (day) of (month), Anno Societatis (year) in our (group name) upon the occasion of (event name).

(name),

Chancellor of the Fellowship of Pages