



Siege! At Bolsover Castle

Kids Activities – Up and At Em History!

‘Children’s Sword School’ – throughout the day test out your skills and learn how to wield a sword like medieval knight in arms with our master sword instructor.

and

‘Children’s Mini Siege’ – Take part in your own Siege of Bolsover in our children vs adults mini siege! Who will win: kids or grown-ups?

Mini Siege Times: 10:30am, 1:30pm and 3:30pm

Arming the Knight/Medieval Football

Head to the Living History Encampment to hear how a knight is armed at his ease – the truth and myths of arms and armour will be explored as they head for battle. Or near the Besiegers camp at the Main Arena, watch our soldiers, as they enjoy a game of medieval football – with very few rules!

11am and 2pm

The Siege of Bolsover Castle 1217: Part 1

It’s 1217 and two local factions have fallen out over possession of Bolsover Castle. William de Ferrers is laying claim to the Castle as King John has awarded it to his master the Earl of Derby. Brian de Lisle is the Castellan of Bolsover and is refusing to hand it over. Will a peaceful resolution be found?

12pm

The Siege of Bolsover Castle 1217: Part 2

Join us in the main arena for the conclusion of the siege of Bolsover. Who will win: the determined knight Sir William de Ferrers, or the gallant Castellan Brian de Lisle and his Bolsover Garrison?

3pm

Archaedium: Meet the Instruments

Discover the weird and wonderful instruments of the Middle Ages, from shawms to vielles.

11:30am

Archaedium: Minstrel School

Do you have what it takes to be a Medieval Minstrel? Come and train with our professional minstrels Archaedium and learn how we do what we do!

1:30pm

Archaedium: Medieval Chillout

Unwind at the end of your visit and let us transport you back in time with medieval sounds.

4pm

Please do not cross any barriers or touch any weaponry unless invited to do so by a performer. There will be theatrical recreations of combat and drills using replica weaponry from the period; this may include unexpected loud noises. Children must be accompanied at all times.

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