

Blending history and excitement with two NEW events!

Angles Camp CA, July 2007- Step back into a time long forgotten of Kings, Knights, and fair maidens when gates at the Calaveras Fairgrounds open on Friday September 21st, and the 5th annual Jousting Championships and Renaissance Faire begins. Enjoy this retreat into a simpler time when men were men in kilts and armor, women were as lovely as story-book princesses, and sports stars were found at the end of a 12 foot lance, in shining armor, atop a horse.

The Jousting Championships and Renaissance Faire is a unique event—it is the only event of its kind in California. The Faire offers something special that other events do not: real, non-choreographed contact jousting! Lances will splinter, armor can shatter, and Knights can be thrown from their mounts to look up at the competition from the tourney field's sand.

With such a large number of competitors this year, the Faire has added an additional day to the weekend's festivities to fully allow the media and patrons to experience all the event has to offer. The brave Knights will descend upon the tourney field for delightful displays of strength, cunning, and agility during the Knights Games on Media Day.

On Media Day, the Jousting Arena is open to the public, and will offer spectators the chance to watch knights up close, practicing and conditioning for real-hard hitting competition. Points that are accumulated throughout Friday's non-stop action will be added to the scores built during the weekend's competition. Spend the afternoon witnessing these medieval athletes testing each other's mettle (and metal) on foot, with archery, and upon horseback. Make predictions as to whom you think shall capture the title of 2007 Champion!

Later Friday night, at 6:30pm, you can eat like a king...or in this case, a Knight! Enjoy the Knight's Feast complete with turkey legs, ale, and serving wenches. Sit and dine with your favorite Knight, ask them questions about what they do; the distance falling from horse to ground, how heavy their armor is. And don't forget to let them know that you truly admire their courage. Cullan's Hounds will get the feast a-rockin', while Myth and Magic will keep the audience in stitches roasting the Knights. Doors will open for drinks and chat around 5:30 or 6:00, with dinner at 6:30. Things should wrap up around 9pm. Details are still coming, so check the website for the latest news.

Saturday morning gates open at 10am. Jousting will take place at 12noon and 3pm, along with numerous musical entertainers, The Sierra Spiral Dancers, jugglers, minstrels, and a professional show-off. The weather will be beautiful for strolling the Village and browsing the wares of the local merchants. From bodices to claymores, plush dragons to double-headed battle axes, patrons can expect to be dazzled by the colorful rainbow of goods available for purchase.

Ever wonder what pirates do for fun? Then join us Saturday at 6pm for the Pirate's Ball! Privateers will be princes at this party where headliners Stand Easy with John Allan, Cullan's Hounds, and Tempest will inspire you to dance the night away under the stars. Come in your plunderer's best and enter the costume contest to win autographed CDs. Wet your whistle with Pirate's Pleasure—a drink to put hair on any swabbie's chest. The treasure will be bountiful, with jewels and doubloons enough to satisfy the most lustful of buccaneers.

Friday Media Day hours are 1pm – 5pm (Jousting Arena only.) Media Day tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are free. The Friday Knights Feast runs from 6:00pm – 9:30pm. Knights Feast tickets are \$35 for all ages, available only in advance, online or from the Calaveras Fairgrounds. Seating is limited, so order early.

Saturday hours are 10am – 6pm, with the Pirate's Ball (free with paid faire admission) running from 6pm – 9pm. Adults are \$20 at the gate/ \$16 in advance, children 6-12 are \$10, and children 5 and under are free.

Sunday hours are 10am – 5pm. Adults are \$18 at the gate/ \$16 in advance, children 6-12 are \$10, and children 5 and under are free.

For any further information, including current news, directions, pricing, lodging, and full event schedule visit the website at <http://joustingchampionships.com/> or call (800) 350-1814.