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Foot Soldier Costumes

Currently the Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc uses several costumes for different roles: monks/nuns (security), livery tunics (burgundy tunics with crest at left — security), ensign tunics (white tunics, banner carriers), jesters (birthday cake carriers) and wall tunics (Gates of Orléans prop shepherds). All the costumes require you to provide your own **“medieval shoes”** — see next page. Most people will be able to find suitable shoes in their own closets, but we mention it early in case you wanted an excuse to find some tall boots. Payless Shoes has some affordable tall boots. The route is 1.2 miles — an easy walk compared to most parades, but still we want you to be comfortable as well as decorative!

Medieval pants (YOU provide): Most of the costumes involve a knee-length tunic that shows your pants, and you need to provide your own dark, solid-color “medieval” pants. Medieval pants were either hose (“men in tights”) or loose fitting trousers. Dark, solid-colored leggings, cycling pants, opaque dress tights, or running tights can pass as hose and look great with any medieval shoe, as do loose-fitting sweats with gathered cuff. Dark, solid-colored sweatpants, dress pants or business casual pants tucked into tall boots also look great. **No jeans, khakis or light-colored pants.** These stick out like a sore thumb in photos.

Keeping warm: Most of our Foot Soldier costumes include a hat or hood. Although we have had a few bitterly cold years, most years the temperature is around 40 degrees which is comfortable if you’re dressed for it. Your costume should be your TOP LAYER (no coat). Use several thin layers underneath to keep warm. **Gloves are recommended.**

Carrying personal items: **Do NOT put a bag or purse** on top of your costume, and keep your hands free for your assigned task. Please plan to keep your personal essentials (car keys, wallet, phone) in your pockets inside your costume. The short parade ends at its starting point at Toulouse & Decatur. We do have bathroom access during the line-up in the Shops at Jax Brewery, but on the route bathroom access ranges from inconvenient to impossible, so you’d probably rather not carry water or alcoholic beverages! The entire parade — including line-up time — will be over in about 3 hours, and then you can return your costume.



Medieval Shoes



Although plenty of tempting medieval replica shoes are available online or at the renaissance faires, plenty of affordable, practical and comfortable modern shoes can easily pass for medieval, probably even from your own closet.

If you're going to invest in a costume shoe, you might

rather have one with a modern fit, sole and arch support. Medieval shoes were mostly matte finish leather flats; ladies' slippers could be cloth and quite fancy. **Parade-OK:**

buckles, toggles, primitive laces, moderate heels, clogs, sandals (sandals with wool socks for winter especially for monks and peasants), tall and short boots, fur, ballet slippers, loafer styles, stamped leather, embroidery.

AVOID: visually prominent zippers or Velcro (a discreet zipper in a boot is ok), very high or spiked heels, laces with metal eyelets or tongues, oxfords, cowboy boots, neon colors, obviously synthetic materials (artificial leather is fine), hiking or work boots, Victorian lace-up or button-up shoes. **NO TENNIS SHOES.**

If you MUST have tennis shoes medically, make them a discreet SOLID black.

