



THE FILM ACADEMY



Get ready to be active and creative! This is a summer event with a medieval twist where everyone is an actor playing a role in a production by a professional director.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

INVITATION

A few weeks in advance employees receive an email invitation to attend casting for a new film “The Adventures of Robin Hood”. The invitation also includes information on the filming location (the venue of the event) and the date of the casting. It’s specifically noted that everyone willing to act will be given a role as so many actors are needed for the film.

WELCOMING OF THE GUESTS

The guests arrive to a real filming location (to make the filming as realistic and exciting as possible we suggest holding this event in a real film studio (if possible) or in the countryside where everything is prepared for the filming by professionals from a film studio).

The film crew should be authentic, and the costumes, the accessories, the furniture etc. should be rented from a film studio.

The new actors are randomly divided into two teams: Robin Hood’s band of ‘merry men’ (and women) and the Sheriff’s soldiers. The teams decide who is Robin Hood, the Sheriff, Maid Marian, Little John, etc.

ACTION!

The Host of the event greets the guests and congratulates them starring a new film. He introduces a professional director who is going to be the main person on the filming location all day long. He also introduces the film script that has been prepared in advance, simplified and adapted to the specific needs of that particular company. The Host explains that there are going to be no rehearsals and no second takes. The action is going to be filmed by several cameramen from different angles so that no one is left out (especially those who are not so keen on playing main roles and being in the spotlight).

Here is the script in a nutshell. Robin Hood escapes from the prison and returns home. He is seeking revenge for his father’s death and knows that the Sheriff of Nottingham is the guilty one. Robin Hood and his men hide in Sherwood Forest and try to make this world a better place by fighting against injustice. The life in Sherwood Forest goes on just like anywhere else: they build shelters to live in, cook food, and have fun.

The main heroes wearing medieval costumes participate in different types of activities which are filmed.

For starters, there is a Knights' Tournament. It begins with a performance by professionals and later the guests join the tournament and do their best to mimic the knights.

Then the guests compete in throwing axes and knives. Special axes and knives are thrown at a target picturing the Sheriff of Nottingham. At the same time, there is another quite similar competition going on: the guests use slingshots and stones, and the targets are earthenware pots placed on special stands.

Meanwhile, some of the ladies are learning the steps of Renaissance dances (there are professional dancers to teach them). Later the film director is going to film a proper Renaissance dance. There is also a competition for the likes of Little John: the participants compete in lifting barrels, and the one to lift the heaviest one is the winner.

Finally, everyone gets together to take part in (or to watch) an archery competition. The prize is very medieval: Maid Marian's hand. Thus it should come as no surprise that Robin Hood wants to compete as well (the archers use traditional bows, but the targets are made of straw).

Between taking part in various competitions, the main heroes also act in short scenes with dialogues (the script is prepared in advance). These scenes serve as the elements that join other scenes and also as the highlights of the film.

Afterwards, the guests are served a medieval dinner consisting of game in earthenware pots, a piglet roasted on the open fire, bread, ale, etc.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Once the filming is over, the guests are invited to have a rest by a huge fire. The film needs to be edited, so they can chat, share the impressions of the day and enjoy a drink of beer.

The evening continues with a performance of a popular band, and the guests get a chance to dance. At the same time, the photos picturing the best and the funniest moments of the day are being shown on a huge screen (a professional photographer has been at work all day long). The film itself later is written into DVDs and sent to the guests as a present to remember this summer celebration.



We wish you a stunning party!