



# School Visits for KS2/3 History The Vikings

Longship Traders are now offering a range of educational visits tailored to fit your individual requirements. Bookings now being taken for 2010-2011

We are specialists in the Viking period, with experience in re-enactment spreading over the past 20 years. We pride ourselves on our Living History and range of authentic style costumes, weapons and living quarters.

We are also very happy to set up our show at weekends for your School Open Day or School Fete. Bookings for these must be made early to avoid disappointment!

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## Activities lasting approximately 30 - 45 mins

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### Viking Raids & Viking rubbings

- Why the Vikings raided and where they went!
  - Students can make their own rubbings from our range of longships, warriors and scenes
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### Shield wall and battle line work

- This requires the Shield painting and decorating activity to be completed during the morning session.
  - Once shields are dry and straps have been attached we will teach students how to form a shield wall and follow simple commands
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### Bead making

- Using low temp oven firing coloured clays beads are made that can be strung into simple necklaces once completed.
  - Information sheet
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### Storytelling about the Gods, myths and sagas

- If you would like a particular focus please let us know and we will include that story
  - Information sheet and colouring sheets to fill in later
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### Storytelling about Alfred the Great

- Information sheet and colouring sheets to fill in later
  - All stories are read from our illuminated story book to add to the student's visual as well as auditory experience.
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### Storytelling about Skalligrim Ericsson at Stamford

### Bridge and Hastings

- Information sheet and colouring sheets to fill in later.
- Some parts of this are quite gory and hence usually enjoyed immensely by students!



## Our Basic Package for Schools

We can set up our scene inside or out, depending upon the weather, and are happy to provide this for a whole or half day. We are experienced and fully battle trained re-enactors and will include some weapons work displays with various hand weapons including the feared Dane Axe!

We set up a full 10ft 'A' frame Viking traders tent with full bed, chests, furs and outside living and trading quarters. Our foundation session involves students in learning how to set up a further Viking tent, a tour of the living area and various craft areas, including tablet weaving, cooking and food areas and woodworking.

We will leave you with a CD containing all of the worksheets and information sheets used on the day. Our staff have Basic Food Hygiene certification if the Flat bread and oat cakes option is chosen. We will include Risk Assessment sheets, on the CD, for all your chosen activities.

We can also provide students with the opportunity to purchase a range of small items including keyrings, colouring books and posters. Our standard price is for a group of approx. 25 to 30 students.



Village view



Trading stall

## Pick and Mix Activities

We provide a range of visits to suit your school and time-scale. A full day with two staff, a male and female, will cost in the region of £350. In addition there is a charge for petrol expenses @ £0.40 per mile from Wellingborough.

Some activities may incur a small additional charge per student over the class size of 25-30 which is covered for, this charge is to cover for the materials used for extra students. Because we provide a minimum of two staff, smaller groups can do some of the activities on a rota if this more appropriate for your students and staff.

From our pick and mix table of activities please choose how you would like the rest of your educational Longship Traders visit to go. Prices and approximate timings for activities are in two sections. We would recommend approx 3 hours of further activities for your full day in addition to the basic package. For all activities, unless mentioned, all items are provided.



The Family



Hak watching the food

### Activities lasting approximately 1 hour +

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#### Weapons and armor experience and javelin throwing

- In case of bad weather javelin throwing cannot go ahead, this must be done outside as it could damage flooring. To prevent damage to our weapons we would prefer a grassy area for this.
- Students who hit the boar get a certificate of Hunting Prowess

#### Shield painting and decorating

- We provide card shields ready for painting with designs
- Worksheet to help with design ideas
- Information sheet with examples of Norse designs and shields
- **NB: This requires the use of your usual paints and art equipment**

#### Travel, trading and longboats

- Using maps on skins we shown were the Vikings came from and moved to, showing trading routes.
- Simple longboat model from card to be coloured and made
- Information sheet covering where the Viking came from and where they settled
- Worksheets to fill in about travel, trading and longships

#### Flat bread and oat cake cooking (Smaller groups)

- This requires the use of at least two cooker rings, and a food prep area with worktops that can be wiped down.
- Authentic skillets and bowls are provided.

#### Games activities including Kubb, Fox and Geese, Hnefatafl and Morels or 9 Mens Morris

- Kubb involves large wooden blocks which are thrown and can damage inside flooring.
- Outside is best unless you have mats we can put down.

#### Leatherwork to make a bracelet with stamped runic names

- Sheet provided with the Elder Futhark runes and their associations with the English alphabet
- Stamps with the runes will be used to emboss a name onto a leather strap which will be made into a tied bracelet