

## MEDIEVAL JOBS: SQUIRE

Training began at an early age when a young noble, called a squire, started out as a helper to a knight. By the time he was fourteen or fifteen years old, the squire learned to ride a horse and use weapons. Once a squire had mastered the skills and duties of the knight, he became a soldier for a lord and was given the opportunity to prove his ability in real battle.

The typical jobs of a squire included:

- Carrying the knight's armour, shield and sword
- Maintaining the knight's equipment
- Scrubbing armour
- Taking care of the horses
- Replacing an injured or killed horse
- Guarding prisoners
- Accompanying the knight to tournaments and the battlefield
- Dressing the knight in armour
- Carrying the knight's flag
- Protecting the knight
- Ensuring an honourable burial of the knight if killed

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