

# Weapons & Warriors

Saturday, FEBRAURY 14, 2026, 9:00am-4:30pm

Ages 13-18

A high-energy stage combat intensive covering unarmed, single sword, knife, and quarterstaff—plus essential safety training. Learn clean technique, strong partnering, and how to tell a story through choreographed fights.

## Schedule

9:00am-10:00am	Fundamentals of Unarmed (Teens)
	15 Min Break
10:15-11:15am	Fundamentals of Single Sword
	15 Min Break
11:30am - 12:30pm	Fundamentals of Knife
	30 Min Lunch (Pizza Provided)
1:00pm - 2:00pm	A Matter of Knife of Death
	15 Min Break
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Fundamentals of Quarterstaff
	15 Min Break
3:30pm-4:30pm	Creature Combat

### **Fundamentals of Unarmed (Teen)**

Students will learn the basics of unarmed combat including but not limited to slaps, falls, punches, and kicks. Students will be taught how to safely and effectively use these techniques in fight choreography with a short phrase to be performed at the end of the class.

### **Fundamentals of Single Sword**

Students will be instructed in the SAFD fundamental techniques of Single Sword including but not limited to cuts, thrusts, parries and footwork.

### **Fundamentals of Knife**

Students will be instructed in the SAFD fundamental techniques of Knife including but not limited to cuts, blocks, checks, and hook.

### **A Matter of Knife of Death**

After learning fundamental knife technique, students will be tasked in exploring intention and the acting of the fight through a game and partner work.

### **Fundamentals of Quarterstaff**

Students will be instructed in the SAFD fundamental techniques of Quarterstaff including but not limited attacks and defense in both short form and long form, exploring rhythm, and combining it all with footwork.

### **Creature Combat**

In this stage combat class, students will first learn a short, dynamic fight sequence using swords. Then, through guided movement exploration, they'll embody a fantasy creature: orc, goblin, troll, or something of their own imagination and discover how it moves, stalks, and attacks. Finally, they'll

bring their monstrous forms to life in battle, exaggerating their choices to create bold, theatrical fights.

***Combat Instructor:*** Will Snyder

Will is a **Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD)** certified teacher. He has been active as a stage combat actor, teacher, and choreographer for over 15 years. His certification includes **all eight SAFD weapon disciplines**; unarmed, rapier & dagger, single sword, broadsword, broadsword and shield, smallsword, quarterstaff, and knife. He lives locally and is the founder of BattleKat Combat specializing in fight choreography and stage combat workshops for Chattanooga and it's surrounding areas.

## **BATTLEKAT WAIVER OF LIABILITY & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (ADULT)**

1. In consideration for my participation in this event I hereby hold harmless release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Will Snyder/BattleKat Combat, its trustees, officers, agents, affiliates, and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in such activity.
2. To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware of any physical disability or health-related reasons or problems, which would preclude or restrict my participation in this activity. I am fully aware of the possible risk and hazards connected with the physical demands of this Class and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death that may be sustained by me, or any damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity.
3. I have adequate health insurance necessary to provide for and pay any and all medical costs that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this activity. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Will Snyder/BattleKat Combat, its trustees, officers, agents, affiliates, and employees from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees that may be incurred, due to my participation in said activity.
4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind my family, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to sue Will Snyder/BattleKat Combat, its trustees, officers, agents, affiliates, and employees. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Tennessee.

### **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT**

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### **SIGNATURES**

I hereby certify and represent that I have read the foregoing and fully understand the meaning and effect thereof and, intending to be legally bound. In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing, understand it and agree to it voluntarily; no oral representation, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

PRINT YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **BATTLEKAT WAIVER OF LIABILITY & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT (MINOR)**

1. In consideration for my child's participation in this event I hereby hold harmless release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Will Snyder/BattleKat Combat, its trustees, officers, agents, affiliates, and employees from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my child, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in such activity.
2. To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware of any physical disability or health-related reasons or problems, which would preclude or restrict my child's participation in this activity. I am fully aware of the possible risk and hazards connected with the physical demands of this Class and I hereby elect to voluntarily allow my child to participate in said activity. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death that may be sustained by my child, or any damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity.
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PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_