

Junior Training Ground - Half Day 2-4:30pm

Sunday, FEBRAURY 15, 2026. 2:00-4:15pm

Ages 12-13

A safe, age-appropriate intro to stage combat. Learn a few foundational unarmed moves and how to speak up for safety and good choreography in rehearsal and performance.

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Schedule

2:00-3:00pm	Stage Combat Safety & Advocacy
	15 Min Break
3:15-4:15pm	Fundamentals of Unarmed (Pre-Teens)

Stage Combat Safety and Advocacy

Everyone has heard horror stories of actors being placed in unsafe working conditions but OF COURSE THE SHOW MUST GO ON! Full Stop: No! This is a lecture, conversational and scenario-driven based class where students will learn how to ensure the combat choreography they are learning is safe, how to advocate for skilled fight choreographers, and how to speak up and rally the troops if you find yourself in an unsafe production.

Fundamentals of Unarmed (Pre-Teen)

Students will learn 3 moves: Out-of-distance stage slap, Sit Fall with Shove, and A Hair Pull. These are the baseline safest bits of choreography that can be taught to younger students.

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 Child's Name

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____