

Class title: "Counting Coup- the Modern Sport of Padded Swordplay"

Description (This can be shortened): Learn swordsmanship and earn the respect of your opponent by using padded boffer gear in full-contact combat! The Native American tradition of counting coup lives on in this modern sport, where players compete in realistic combat using professionally constructed padded swords, spears, shields, arrows, and other gear. The sport lies in striking your opponent without being struck, and thus your opponent admitting their defeat with respect given to the victor. This emulates the tradition of Native American tribes of The Great Plains in striking their enemy with only a coup stick in order to earn respect and leave both people unharmed.

Beginner and advanced level tactics will be taught with swords, shields, spears, and archery. Fun group games will be played, and individual competitions will take place! Taught by Phil Ferguson, leader of The Wandering Swordsmen and founder of The Valley of Ashes, the Asheville team that practices on Sundays at Carrier Park and travels to compete nationally. Join us, and fight with us for honor and glory!

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Proposed schedule and class variations:

Friday afternoon:

Counting Coup- The Modern Sport of Padded Swordplay (Kids under 16)

Saturday afternoon:

Counting Coup- The Modern Sport of Padded Swordplay (Ages 16+ Beginners)

-Kids under 16 who feel too old for the kids group can join with special permission.

Sunday Afternoon:

Counting Coup- The Modern Sport of Padded Swordplay (Ages 16+ Advanced)

-Beginners are welcome. The combat in this class will be at a much higher physical level.

Maximum class size: 20

Minimum class size: 6

I can work with less than 6 people if necessary, it just becomes much harder to run group games.

Space requirement: at least 40x40, preferably 100x100.

Waivers must be signed by participants or legal guardians.

Also, I'd like to run games during some of the free times so that people who couldn't do the class get a chance to try it out.