

# MPC Yule Feast: Notes for Costume Creation

Our Yule Feast harkens back to Yule Feasts of 14th century Europe. When thinking about a medieval costume, remember how many occupations there were then. Many people were poor.

Tavern-/Innkeeper	Serving Maid	Blacksmith	Goldsmith
Merchant	Prince/Princess	King/Queen	Peddler
Lord/Lady	Servant	Priest	Nun
Monk/Friar	Miller	Peasant	Pilgrim
Hunter/Archer	Musician/Minstrel	Court Jester	Knight in Armor
Farmer	Dairymaid/Shepherd	Judge	Urchin



Look to popular shows and movies like *Game of Thrones* and *Lord of the Rings* for ideas. Search “medieval people” on Pinterest. See the Yule Feast web pages for photos of past feasts. Costumes can range from medieval to Renaissance/Elizabethan (think Ren-Faire). Shop in your own closet! Thrift stores, vintage shops, eBay, or halloweencostumes.com may yield something inexpensive. Check with the Yule Feast committee about costumes you may borrow from the Costume Closet (limited supply).

Costumes add to the fun and transport us back to an earlier era, but please do not feel you must purchase something expensive or dress up if costumes are not for you.

## **Costume suggestions for men:**

1. Shoes - sandals, leather shoes and boots, hiking boots
2. Pants - dark long underwear covered by dark sport shorts. Knickers/breeches - cut old pants below the knee or tuck long pants into bright colored knee socks. Shakespearian pantaloons and tights! How about a kilt?
3. Shirt - Pirate-style shirt with open neck, long sleeves, sash or belt at waist, or worn with tunic or vest
4. Cape, hooded bathrobe for monk
5. Head - raggedy hat, knit cap, pointed “Robin Hood” hat, fur hat, oversized beret, crown, armor helmet
6. Jewels - Gaudy costume jewelry like chains, beads

## **Costume suggestions for women:**

1. Shoes - flats, ankle boots, lace-up boots
2. Dress - Calf or ankle length full skirt or dress. Add apron, overskirt/overdress. Velvet, satin, fur, metallic trim, embroidery
3. Tops - pair a skirt with peasant shirt, vest, bolero jacket, cape
4. Accessories - wide leather belt, lace-up belt, bright sash, gaudy, large jewelry
5. Headwear - crown, tiara, wreath of flowers, mob cap, pointed hat with netting/tulle or ribbons trailing down, rolled headpiece, fabric covered headband