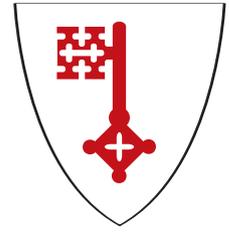


Die Goester Fehde



The siege of Soest

Next year, on 19.-23. August 2009, there will be the biggest representation of a late medieval siege in Germany to date: the reenactment of the siege of the city of Soest.

And you can be part of the action!

In the year of 1445 the city of Soest liberated itself from the rule of the archbishop of Cologne. Two years later the archbishop was standing in front of the city, together with 12000 soldiers. He was trying to force the city into giving up...but he failed.

From 20. until 23. August 2009 the anniversary of the siege of Soest shall be celebrated with a big city festival and theater performances. The Kulturforum of Soest has given us the opportunity to organize not only these events but also the reenactment of the siege and defense of the city as a staged battle.

We will provide the participants, the camp and plan the activities. The event will be sponsored by the city who will provide catering and the basic infrastructure.

We will reenact the battle at an original section of the city wall. This section has not been reconstructed and will provide an authentic 15th century background to the scene.

In the "Gräfte", which is the former rift of the city walls, we will set up a huge military camp. A lot of gunpowder and pyrotechnics will be fired during the battle. The walls of the city will be assaulted and part of the troops will encounter enemies and fight them face to face.

All in all, you'll find everything a reenactor's heart could desire!

The whole event won't be a „free battle“ as you might know them from other events. This one will be a completely choreographed reenactment of several battles of the siege as they have been passed down through history. This will be a reenactment in the true sense of the word.

In order to provide an authentic overall experience all participants are expected to adjust their equipment to the time of the feud of Soest, if not done already.

For any further information about the event, equipment or the registration form please send a mail to pott-zonsius@web.de.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!