

# Knight's 'Hood

Jason Jones ignites the arena—and the crowd—  
at Medieval Times.

*He can  
rescue us  
from  
the castle  
anytime.*

What little boy doesn't want to grow up and play with swords as a grown man? "Fighting!" is certainly the reason that Jason Jones, 34, head knight at Atlanta's Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament (at Discover Mills in Lawrenceville), picked up a blade for the gig 12 years ago. In fact, it may be the only place in town where dudes can squire their damsels while doing battle with a massive turkey leg. Everyone has a good time, and no one gets hurt. What could be better?

"Every night, I still get goose bumps when I ride out—I try to get the crowd worked up as much as I can," Jones says. "It feels so great when 'kids' from 5 years old to over 80 [years old] are losing their voices cheering—or booing—for you!"

Jones has the background that allows him to slip right into the role of Medieval Knieval. He graduated from Fort Benning and joined the National Guard at age 17. After four years of active duty, he moved to Florida and began slinging axes and maces (his weapons of choice, because "the heavier ones make me feel more macho") in the Medieval Times arena.

When he's not on the attack, this hottie is getting ripped at the gym, making costumes (yep, even 220-pound studs sew), or hanging with his wife of just over a year at their Lawrenceville home. True story: They met at Medieval Times. She was the princess, he was her knight in shining armor. Hey, don't hate the happily ever after. —*Karina Timmel*

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