
Weyrling Bells (Daily Training Schedule)

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Life for the weyrlings is well regimented. An ingenious clock, crafted by one of Kadanzer's Weyrsmiths over two hundred Turns ago, triggers a heavy brass bell above the Barracks to ring out eight times a day.

Weyrlings have class for approximately six hours a day; two hours a day are spend doing chores around the Weyr.

First bell (6th hour): Rise and shine! the Weyrlingsecond of a class will rouse his/her charges out at bed at the first Weyrling Bell (approximately 6 a.m.); weyrlings dress quickly, then feed their dragons breakfast and muck out their wallows (adult dragons go *between* to defecate and urinate; weyrling dragons must visit the middens pit near the Barracks to relieve themselves; infant dragonets must be toilet-trained, and are pretty puppy-ish about their early housebreaking habits). Only after the dragonets have been fed and are taking their after-meal nap are weyrlings themselves able to bathe and run to the Weyrhall for their morning meal. Breakfasts normally consist of porridge, fresh fruit, bread, butter, milk, klah, or juice. Once they've eaten breakfast, weyrlings must return to the Barracks and bathe and oil their dragonets. They have approximately two hours (through the end of the second bell) to accomplish all of this.

Second bell (7th hour): Weyrlings bathe, catch breakfast in the Weyrhall; return to care and oil dragons.

Third bell (8th to 12th hour): Weyrling Training begins after the third bell (approximately 8 a.m.). The third Weyrling Bell lasts from approximately 8 a.m. to noon; during this time, a weyrling class is either involved in morning Ground Drills (later, formation drills on the wing) or in performing assigned chore duties.

Fourth bell (12th to 13th hour): The fourth Weyrling Bell (approximately noon to 2 p.m.) is a lunch break for the weyrlings. Weyrling dragonets are bathed again, oiled, then return to the barracks. After seeing their dragonets settled, the weyrlings head to the Weyrhall for lunch.

Fifth bell (13th to 18th hour): The fifth Weyrling Bell (approximately 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.) begins the second block of training or chore duties for a weyrling class. Often, this time is broken into one block of lecture time, following by a several hours more of drill or chore duties.)

Sixth bell (18th to 20th hour): The sixth Weyrling Bell (approximately 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) signals another

bathing/grooming session for the dragonets, followed by dinner in the Weyrhall.

Seventh bell (20th to 22nd hour): The seventh Weyrling Bell (approximately 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.) is a weyrling's free time. Weyrlings can spend this time socializing in the Weyrhall or the Barracks. Evening performance reviews for individual weyrlings often take place during the seventh bell; punishment chores are often assigned for the seventh bell.

Eighth bell (22nd hour): The eighth Weyrling Bell (approximately 10 p.m.). Lights out in the Weyrling Barracks; all dragonets and weyrlings are bedded down at this time.



RESTDAYS

The Weyrling Wing gets four restdays during a 28-day time period (usually days 07, 14, 21, and 28, unless postponed by Threadfall) to use as the weyrlings wish. Weyrlings in deep trouble will be required to spend this day doing punishment chores. Older weyrlings whose dragons have learned to fly may not leave the Weyr without prior approval of the Weyrlingmaster. With permission, however, they are allowed to visit Gathers, other holds, etc.