

# Forging with Andreas Rimkus

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Einhard Gymnasium, Aachen

Today "the Mobile Forginglaboraty" has been at our school. Andreas Rimkus was the smith. He and his helpers showed us, how to forg. We all got gloves, a pair of protection goggles, a long nail and a black cole-stripe on our nose. Then we got a hammer and a gripper. We took the nail with the gripper at it's lower end and held it in a fire. When it started to glow yellow we took it out of the fire and beated it with the hammer. While we've been hammering, a helper holded the nail with the gripper. When the nail got grey, we held it in the fire again. Then we waited 'till it got yellow and beated it again. When we had a spike at the front of the nail, we held it at the spike and held it in the fire again. Then we did the same as before. When there was also a spike at the other end, we held it in the fire again. Then we took it with two grippers and turned it, so there was a coil. We did the same with the other side. Then we held it at the round end of the ambos and hammered one end so it was round. We spanned it into a spanning at one ambos. We took a steelbrush and brushed it 'till it shined. Then we took a pearl out of a wonderbox. We took it between both ends. There was a funny machine, where we've been able to test our "magic wand". After the magic wand we could build what we wanted to build. Some built another magic wand, some built birthday presents for their friends or family. There was also a steelwriting-machine, where we could make nameshields or something else with letters. We had a little bit too less time, but it was very nice and was a great fun. Go on like this, Andreas!

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