

## **Martial spirit and activity in the Northern Wei Dynasty**

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### **Abstract**

Jiang-wu, also known as the Da-jiao, Iao-yue, Yue-wu, Yue-shi, refers to the ancient military training and parade activities aimed at showing the martial spirit of the country. This article intends to explore martial spirit and activity in the Northern Wei Dynasty, such as military training, parade type; also through military training and parade situation, examine political changes and developments. Jiang-wu of the Northern Wei Dynasty had four patterns, including pre-war parade, hunting, horseback archery and array. Also, Jiang-wu of the Northern Wei Dynasty were added new content, as Emperor Wencheng incorporated Nan custom in the Jiang-wu; as Emperor Xiaowen would adjust the form of Jiang-wu, especially on Da-she ritual replace horseback archery.

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