



Ceud Mile Failte – A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

It is our distinct pleasure to invite you and your family to the 44th Annual *Virginia Scottish Games and Festival* to be held this year over Labor Day weekend, September 2nd and 3rd at Great Meadow in The Plains, VA. We invite you to use the attached form to purchase a patrons package, trophy, or medal sponsorship. These are also available for purchase on the website with credit card, but will not be available for purchase after August 20, 2017. Please read the form carefully as we have made many changes to our Patrons packages.

Kids starting school making travel over Labor Day weekend difficult? Staying in town to avoid the nightmare of travel over another holiday weekend? Looking for something interesting to do that offers something for everyone in the family?

Are you an avid sports fan? See some of the top professional and amateur athletes compete in *Heavy Athletics*. What are Heavy Athletics you ask? Kilted men and women throwing heavy objects. Imagine picking up a small child's weight and throwing that for distance. Think you can pick up a tree that might as well be a telephone pole? Well, they toss them end over end.

Do you like music? We have several venues to bring out the music lover in you. *Glengarry Bhoys* will be rocking it on the stage in the Entertainment Tent. *Scooter Muse and Jil Chambliss* will also be there to give you a more traditional taste of music from Scotland. Love the sound of the pipes? *Bagpipe competitions* will be going on all day Saturday, with the full bands competing in the afternoon and flaunting their stuff at opening and closing ceremonies. Looking for some strings? We not only have fiddling competitions over the weekend, but a number of musical acts will also be playing in the Fiddling tent.

Was Riverdance more your speed? Check out the young men and women competing in the *Highland Dance* competitions on Saturday. Amazing athleticism on the stage with these folks. Square dancing more your speed? Check out the *Scottish Country Dance* tent and try your hand (even two left feet) at it during their participation sessions.

Perhaps you have a fondness for the four legged friends. Throughout the weekend we will have groups of *Scottish Dog Breed owners and Rescue Leagues*, thanks to the Westie Rescue League for hosting. Sunday morning the pups will get to try out competitions for themselves and you are welcome to bring your own canine competitor. The Border Collies will be doing *Shepherding Demos* all weekend as well.

Is the weekend your chance to tinker with your car or motorcycle? Wouldn't you rather check out a variety of *British Cars and Motorcycles*? We will have them on display all weekend. Have your own? You are more than welcome to pre-register on-line and bring your car so you can enjoy the weekend.

Your kids can get in on the action as well. *Scots 4 Tots* will once again feature children's games and activities. Who can forget our own Nessie Bouncy House? Perhaps show them how much more modern their tent camping is compared to the *Living History* area we have set up. *Kids 12 and under are free on Sunday*. Saturday there is a low price of \$5 for kids from 5 to 12.

It would be remiss not to mention the *shopping, food, and beverage* that will be available. We will have some incredible crafters in addition to vendors that will be selling their wares. We will have great *beer* and *Barefoot Wine* available. If you have a taste for the single malts, check out our website as we confirm our samplings for the *whisky tasting with Wm. Grant & Sons*.

We offer a discounted hotel rate at the Best Western Battlefield Inn, 10820 Balls Ford Road, Manassas, Virginia, 703-361-8000 (16 miles from the games at Rt. 66 exit 47A, Rt. 234, Sudley Rd.).

We thank you for being the lifeblood of the *Virginia Scottish Games*. It is only through your continued interest, generosity and support that we are able to bring the finest presentation of Scottish culture, heritage, crafts, and other activities to the general public. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail at info@vascottishgames.org or via our website www.vascottishgames.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours aye,

Alex

Patron & Trophy Form

(Note: this form is not for the purpose of registering a clan)

Trophies and Other Sponsorships

Trophy Sponsorship _____ @ \$ 80.00 \$____.____

Piping & Drumming Athletics Car Show Fiddling Highland Dance (please circle one)

In memory/honor of _____

Medal Sponsorship (One event, Gold, Silver, Bronze) _____ @ \$ 30.00 \$____.____

Piping & Drumming Athletics Fiddling Highland Dance (please circle one)

In memory/honor of _____

Òrbheart Circle donation (Total Òrbheart donation tax deductible) \$____.____

IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$____.____

Check made payable to the *Virginia Scottish Games Association* or to pay by credit card, visit www.vascottishgames.org
Patron's packages will NOT be available for purchase at the festival.

Flowers of the Forest (for Sunday morning's Kirkin') _____

Items with an * MUST be filled out in order to validate this form as completed

*PATRON NAME(S) _____

(As it will appear in program if received by August 1, 2017- Please print CLEARLY so we can avoid errors)

*Name #1: _____ Name #2: _____

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Name #3: _____ Name #4: _____

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