

HIGHLAND GAMES AND GATHERINGS 2009

Highland games have their origins in the Scottish Clan system and date back for over three hundred years. The Clan Chief would encourage his men to participate in feats of strength, skill and endurance to prove themselves skilled in battle. While the competitive elements of the games are still an integral part of the proceedings, the spectacle of Highland dancers and pipers, combined with the colour and grandeur of the Scottish scenery, make Highland games and gatherings a highlight for every visitor to Scotland. Highland games generally include the following events: throwing the hammer, tossing the caber, putting the shot, tug o' war, (collectively known as heavy events), athletics/track and field events (collectively known as light events), and dancing and piping competitions. There are usually side shows along with trade and refreshment stands. Highland games take place throughout Scotland between May and September.

10 May
GOUROCK HIGHLAND GAMES

Gourock Park, Gourock
12.00-18.00
Traditional Highland games, including the West of Scotland Highland dance competition, a pipe band competition and heavy athletics. These are all supported by a programme of events and attractions such as musicians, arts, crafts and sports.
Tel: 01475 715555
Email: lynda.cameron@inverclyde.gov.uk
www.inverclyde.gov.uk

16 May
SCOTTISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Levensgrove Park, Dumbarton
Pipe bands from across Scotland compete.
Tel: 0141 221 5414
www.rspba.org

24 May
**ATHOLL GATHERING AND
HIGHLAND GAMES**

Blair Castle, Blair Atholl
10.00-17.00 (gates open 10.00, march on 13.15)
March on by the Atholl Highlanders followed by a traditional Highland games plus events such as Highland dancing, solo piping and children's races, trade stands and beer tent.
Tel: 01796 481355
www.blair-castle.co.uk

30 May
BLACKFORD HIGHLAND GAMES

Games Field, Blackford
12.00-17.00
Highland games with a pipe band, track events, heavy events and stalls.
Email: alastair.pitcairn@virgin.net

6 June
**ABERLOUR HOUSE JUNIOR
HIGHLAND GAMES**

Gordonstoun School, Duffus, Nr Elgin
11.00-17.00
The Junior Highland games are especially tailored for children. There are stalls, games and attractions as well as Highland games competitions for primary schools. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity.
Adult £3
Tel: 01343 837971
Email: mcveanr@gordonstoun.org.uk
www.gordonstoun.org.uk

6 June
CORNHILL HIGHLAND GAMES

Cornhill Playing Field, Cornhill, Banff
11.00-17.00
A traditional Highland games with light and heavy events, tug o' war, Highland dancing, pipe bands, children's races, a road race and a hill race. There will also be refreshment stalls and a licensed bar.
Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2
Tel: 01466 751407
Email: shonahay@talktalk.net
www.cornhillgames.org.uk

6 June
60th SHOTTS HIGHLAND GAMES

Hannah Park, Shotts
13.00-18.00
This year is the 60th Shotts Highland Games. The day begins with the Chieftain's Parade through the town arriving at the games site where the Chieftain will officially open the games at 1pm. Events include Highland dancing, a pipe band competition involving over 40 pipe bands, traditional heavy events, a school sports and Highland games event and a number of novelty displays and attractions
Adult £3, Child/Concessions £2
Tel: 01501 823560
Email: helen.shotts@virgin.net
www.shottshighlandgames.org.uk

7 June**CARRICK LOWLAND GATHERING**

Victory Park, Girvan

12.00-17.00

Pipe band competition, dancing competition, heavyweights and junior heavyweights, the Sauch hill race, under 10's football competition, fairground stalls, charity stalls and a beer tent.

Tel: 01465 712667/07702 605133

Email: fitzsimmons391@btinternet.com

7 June**MARKINCH HIGHLAND GAMES**

John Dixon Park, Markinch

12.30-17.30

Traditional Highland games.

Tel: 01592 751667

13 June**BEARSDEN & MILNGAVIE****HIGHLAND GAMES**

West of Scotland Football Club, Milngavie

10.00-17.30

A traditional Highland games with pipe bands, Highland dancing, heavy events, wrestling, tug o' war, open haggis hurling, exhibits, displays and trade stands. Adult £4, Child/Concessions £1

Tel: 0141 942 5177

14 June**HELENSBURGH & LOMOND****HIGHLAND GAMES**

Helensburgh Cricket & Rugby Club

10.00-17.00

A traditional event which includes heavy events, Highland dancing, solo piping, pipe bands, athletic races, childrens activities, a beer tent and barbeque.

Adult £3, Child/Concessions £1, Family £7

Tel: 07835 403 508

Email: ian.macguire@googlemail.com

www.helensburghandlomondgames.co.uk

14 June**STRATHMORE HIGHLAND GAMES**

Glamis Castle, Nr Forfar, Angus

12.30-17.00

A traditional Highland games hosting 3 championship events; Scottish caber tossing, Scottish open tug o' war and Scottish 800 metres cycling.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3, Family £15, Parking £1

Tel: 01307 840319

Email: websterglamis@btinternet.com

www.highlandgames-sga.com

20 June**49th LESMAHAGOW HIGHLAND GAMES**

Craighead Football Stadium, Lesmahagow

Traditional events including heavy events, pipe band competition, haggis hurling competition, children's events, kids football tournament final, trade stands and a licensed bar. A great family day out.

Adult £4, Child/Concessions £2,

Tel: 01555 893100/07708 318278

Email: kevinavis@btinternet.com

www.lesmahagowhighlandgames.co.uk

20 June**NEWBURGH HIGHLAND GAMES**

Robbie's Park, Newburgh

Commences at 13.00

Traditional Highland games.

Tel: 01337 840740

www.newburghgames.co.uk

20 June**OLDMELDRUM SPORTS AND****HIGHLAND GAMES**

Oldmeldrum Pleasure Park, Oldmeldrum

10.30-17.30

Traditional Highland games, pipe bands, Highland dancing, 5 mile run, funfair, trade stands and displays.

Parking £2

Tel: 01467 624233

Email: oldmeldrum-sports@hotmail.co.uk

www.oldmeldrum.org.uk

21 June**CITY OF ABERDEEN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Hazelhead Games Field, Aberdeen

10.00-18.00

Events include Highland dancing and solo piping, RSPBA pipe band and drum major competitions, the Glenfiddich heavy championship. William and Dunn open running and jumping events, trade and charity stands, a mini Highland games, Scottish culture and traditions workshop and a beer tent.

Tel: 01224 523842

Email: cityevents@aberdeencity.gov.uk

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

27 June**DRUMTOCHTY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Drumtochty Castle Grounds, Auchenblae

11.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games.

Tel: 01561 378469

1 July**KENMORE & DISTRICT HIGHLAND GAMES**

Sports Field, Kenmore, Perthshire

18.00-21.30

Traditional Highland games.

Adult £5

Tel: 01887 830281**4 July****GAIRLOCH HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Sands Caravan and Camping Park, Gairloch

10.00-01.00

A fun day for all the family with a variety of attractions, stalls and refreshments. A traditional Highland get together with a Ceilidh dance in the evening.

Tel: 01445 712593**Email: fjcarn82@hotmail.com****www.gairloch-gathering.ik.com****4 July****GLENGARRY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Invergarry Shinty Field, Invergarry

13.00-17.00

A traditional Highland games with heavy, track and field events, hill race, children's races, tug o' war, Highland dancing and the Lochaber pipe band.

With children's mini games, trade stalls and attractions.

Adult £4, Child 50p, Concessions £1.50

Tel: 01809 511260**Email: gregandali@talk21.com****5 July****CUPAR HIGHLAND GAMES**

Duffus Park, Cupar, Fife

10.30-17.00

Traditional Highland games with events including Highland dancing, field and track events, pipe bands and various trade stands.

Tel: 01334 476413**Email: rosemarymid1506@aol.com****www.cuparhighlandgames.org****11 July****THE FAMOUS ALVA GAMES**

Johnstone Park, Alva

12.00-17.30

Traditional Highland games with athletics, Highland dancing, cycling, heavy events, hill races, pipe band display, fun fair, side shows, amusements and trade stands.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2 (under 5's free),

Parking £2

Tel: 01786 813523**Email: alvagamessec@btinternet.com****www.alvagames.co.uk****11 July****FORRES HIGHLAND GAMES**

Grant Park, Forres, Moray

12.30 -17.30

A traditional Highland games including massed pipe bands, Highland dancing, tug o' war, athletics, heavy events, solo piping, grass cycling, 10k road race, side stalls and refreshment tents.

Adult £4, Child/Concessions £2

Tel: 01309 673289**Email: michaelwscott@lineone.net****www.forreshighlandgames.fsnet.co.uk****12 July****STIRLING HIGHLAND GAMES**

Bannockburn Heritage Centre, Stirling

11.30-18.00

Highland games and family fun day with Highland dancing, heavyweights, tug o' war, solo piping, wrestling and haggis eating competitions. There will also be centre arena attractions and displays including pipe bands.

Adult £8, Concessions £4

Tel: 07788 893600**Email: s-h-g@live.co.uk****www.stirling-highland-games.co.uk****12-18 July****ST RONAN'S BORDER GAMES**

Victoria Park, Innerleithen

A week long festival with various events taking place each day, culminating with the 182nd games on Saturday.

Adult £6

Tel: 01896 830703**Email: caerlee@globalnet.co.uk****www.innerleithen.co.uk****18-19 July****INVERNESS HIGHLAND GAMES**

Bught Park, Inverness

11.00-18.00

The biggest Highland games in the North of Scotland featuring the 2009 Masters World Championship with over 100 heavies.

Adult £7, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01463 663823**Email: gerry.reynolds@highland.gov.uk****www.invernesshighlandgames.com**

18 July**LEWIS HIGHLAND GAMES**

Tong, Near Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

10.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games event with added special events. Includes heavy events, Highland dancing, a piping competition, athletics, a fairground, stalls, parachutists and street entertainers.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2 (under 5's free)

Tel: 01851 705471**Email: margaret@boysbrigade.freeserve.co.uk****www.lewishighlandgames.co.uk****18 July****LOCHCARRON HIGHLAND GAMES**

Attadale Estate, Strathcarron, Ross-shire

11.30-17.00

Traditional Highland games.

Adult £5, Child £2, Concessions £3

Tel: 01520 722554**Email: gamesadmin@lochcarrongames.org.uk****www.lochcarrongames.org.uk*****18-26 July****MORVERN GAMES AND GALA WEEK**

Knock Park, Lochaline, Morvern

From 11.00

The Morvern Highland games takes place on the 18th July followed by a week full of events.

The Morvern Highland games are a very friendly, authentic games in a stunning rural setting.

They have been described as "the most scenic games in Scotland".

Tel: 01967 421774**Email: info@morverngalaweek.co.uk****www.morverngalaweek.co.uk****18 July-3 August****NORTH-EAST CLAN FORTNIGHT**

Various venues throughout Aberdeenshire

The North East Clan Fortnight starts off with a clan ball held in Haddo House. From here follow a journey of historical and ancestral insight into the region's distinct heritage at "Your North East"; a conference chaired by the University of Aberdeen. Continue this march with one of the world's oldest Highland games in Aboyne; meet your chief at your clan hospitality tent and join fellow clansfolk for the March of the Clans. The famous Turriff Show provides a fine finale to North East Clan Fortnight as one of Scotland's most spectacular agricultural fairs with special attractions for 2009 including Ally Bain and Phil Cunningham.

Email: homecoming@aberdeenshire.gov.uk**www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/homecoming****18 July****TAYNUILT HIGHLAND GAMES**

Sports Field, Taynuilt, Argyll

11.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games including piping and dancing competitions, heavy and track events and various stalls.

Email: sandy@amcbain.wanadoo.co.uk**www.taynuilthighlandgames.com****19 July****ROSNEATH PENINSULA HIGHLAND GAMES**

Rosneath Castle Park

Commences at 11.00

Traditional Highland games.

Email: g.44smith@btinternet.com**www.rosneathgames.co.uk****19 July****STONEHAVEN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Glenury Park, Stonehaven

11.00-17.30

Traditional Highland games with open and heavy events, the Grampian light events championship, an open and local tug o' war, Highland dancing, track events, piping events and trade stalls.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3, Family £12

Tel: 01224 879786**Email: mrkenscott@aol.com****20 July****BURNTISLAND HIGHLAND GAMES**

Burntisland Links, Burntisland

Traditional Highland games.

Tel: 01592 873234**www.burntislandhighlandgames.co.uk****21 July****INVERARAY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Winterton Park, Castle Grounds, Inveraray

09.00-17.30

Solo piping, Highland dancing, heavy, track and field events (including the World Caber Championships), cycling, wrestling and performances by pipe bands. Also includes a finfair and trade stands.

Adult £7, Child £2, Concessions £3

Tel: 01499 302458/302203**Email: secretary@inveraray-games.co.uk****www.inveraray-games.co.uk**

22 July**SOUTH UIST HIGHLAND GAMES**

Askernish Machair, Nr Lochboisdale

10.00-18.00

Highland games consisting of heavy events, junior events, senior and junior piping, Highland dancing, running and jumping events, various stalls and shows for children.

Adult £5, Child £1

Tel: 01878 700509

Email: ardachy340@aol.com

23 July**MULL HIGHLAND GAMES**

Erray Park, Tobermory

10.30-17.00

Traditional Highland games with piping, dancing, track and field events. A great day out for all the family.

Adult £6, Child/Concessions £4, Family £12

Tel: 01688 302270

24 July**DURNESS HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Shore Park, Durness, Sutherland

12.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games.

Adult £4, Child/Concessions £2, Parking £1

Tel: 01971 511255

Email: mary@mackaycountry.com

www.durnesshighlandgathering.co.uk

24 July*NORTH UIST HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Balelone, Isle of North Uist

10.30-17.30

Traditional Highland games events including piping, Highland dancing, heavy events, tug o' war and athletics.

Adult £5, Child £1

25 July**AIRTH HIGHLAND GAMES**

Northgreens Park, Airth, Falkirk

11.00-18.00

Highland games events including heavy events, running, cycling, tug o' war, Highland dancing, and piping.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3, Parking £1

Tel: 07712 385159

Email: alexj.dettlaff@virgin.net

www.airthgames.co.uk

25 July**BALQUHIDDER, LOCHEARNHEAD AND STRATHYRE HIGHLAND GAMES**

Games Park, Lochearnhead

12.00-17.30

A traditional Highland gathering of the Clans McLaren, Stewart, McGregor and McNabb.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01567 830268

Email: gus.dundhu@btinternet.com

www.lochearnheadhighlandgames.co.uk

25-26 July**CALLANDER HIGHLAND GAMES AND THE HIGHLANDER CHALLENGE**

Ben Ledi Park, Mollands Road, Callander

Traditional Highland games and strong man events.

Adult £6, Child/Concessions £4, Parking £2

Tel: 01877 330919

Email: myrtleinn@btconnect.com

25 July**DUFFTOWN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Mortlach School, Dufftown

11.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games with hammer throwing, tossing the caber, Highland dancing, track events, hill race, massed pipe bands and the overseas fun race.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2, Parking £2

Tel: 01340 820342/820567

www.dufftownhighlandgames.org

25 July**EUROPEAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Greenock

Pipe bands from across Europe compete.

Tel: 0141 221 5414

www.rspba.org

25-26 July**THE GATHERING 2009**

Holyrood Park, Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh

Be a part of history; join clan members from around the world to witness Scotland's largest ever Highland games in the inspiring Holyrood Park. See athletes battling to win the 2009 World Highland Games heavy events, enjoy the skills of the pipers and Highland dancers and the stamina of the hill runners. Sample contemporary Scotland with live music, top-quality arts and crafts, and the best local food and drink. Watch the centrepiece of The Gathering 2009, the colourful clan parade on the famous Royal Mile, culminating in a spectacular historic pageant on the Castle's esplanade.

Tel: 0131 561 1323

Email: info@thegathering2009.com

www.thegathering2009.com

25 July**HALKIRK HIGHLAND GAMES**

Recreation Park, Halkirk

12.10-17.20

Traditional Highland games including heavy and light field events, track and cycling events, tug o' war, Highland dancing, piping and clay pigeons. One of the top Highland games in the country.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2, Parking £1

Tel: 01955 606206**Email: mciengineering@aol.com****www.halkirkgames.co.uk****25 July****KILMORE AND KILBRIDE HIGHLAND GAMES**

Glenfeochan House Grounds, Kilmore, by Oban

10.30-17.00

A traditional Highland games with a full programme of events such as athletics, heavy events, high jump, hammer, shot putt, weight over the bar, caber tossing, tug o' war, tossing the sheaf, long jump, pillow fight, Highland dancing, piping, children's races and novelty events for all ages, haggis hurling, wellie boot throwing, side shows, refreshments, dog show and displays.

Adult £6, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01852 316279**Email: lindy.walker@btinternet.com****www.kilmore-and-kilbride-highland-games.co.uk****25 July****LOCHABER HIGHLAND GAMES**

An Aird Shinty Park, Fort William

10.00-16.30

Featuring clan battle performances throughout the day, honorary chieftain Sir Jimmy Savile leads the pipe band to the games which include heavy events, track and field, dancing, piping, craft stalls, amusements and a beer tent.

Adult £7, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01397 703799**www.lochaber.com/highlandgames****25 July****SOUTHEND HIGHLAND GAMES**

Hotel Park, Southend, Argyll

18.00-21.00

Traditional, family orientated Highland games.

Tel: 01586 830235**26 July****LUSS HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Luss Games Field, Luss, Loch Lomond

11.00-17.00

Highland games featuring pipe band, caber tossing, Highland dancing, running, hill race, tug o' war, children's races, craft and food stalls.

Adult £6, Child (under 14)/Concessions £3, Family £14, Parking £2

Tel: 01389 762854**www.lusshighlandgames.co.uk****26 July****ST ANDREWS HIGHLAND GAMES**

Station Park, St Andrews

13.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games with heavy weights, running, cycling, Highland dancing and pipe band.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01334 476305**Email: ig2@st-andrews.ac.uk****www.highlandgames-sga.com****29 July****KILLIN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Breadalbane Park, Killin

10.00-17.30

Featuring traditional Highland games events including Highland dancing, piping competitions, strength events, side stalls and a funfair.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3, Parking £1

Tel: 01567 820342**www.killingames.co.uk****1 August****ABERLOUR STRATHSPEY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Alice Littler Memorial Park, Aberlour

11.00-17.00

Highland games with massed pipe bands, Highland dancing, heavy and light events, caber tossing, tug o' war, pets parade and stalls.

Adult £5 Child £2

Tel: 01340 871278**Email: scott@scottewen.wanadoo.co.uk****1 August****ABOYNE HIGHLAND GAMES**

The Green, Aboyne

10.00-18.00

Traditional Highland games with heavy events, light events, fiddle competition, piping and dancing.

Tel: 01339 886049**Email: secretary@aboynegames.com****www.aboynegames.com**

1 August**NEWTONMORE HIGHLAND GAMES**

The Eilan, Newtonmore, Inverness-shire

12.00-17.30

Traditional Highland games with Highland dancing, piping, heavy events, track and hill race competitions, 5 pipe bands, shows, stalls, food stalls and licensed tent. Also featuring the Clan MacPherson gathering and a spectacular march to the Games.

Adult £5, Child £1, Concessions £3, Parking £1

Tel: 01540 673348**Email: knockmalloch@onetel.com****www.newtonmorehighlandgames.co.uk****2 August****BRIDGE OF ALLAN HIGHLAND GAMES**

Games Park, Bridge of Allan

9.00-17.30

Highland games with athletic events, heavyweights, cycling, wrestling, pipe bands, Highland dancing, trade stands and a funfair.

Tel: 01786 822615**Email: rwmcmahon@i12.com****www.bofagames.i12.com****2 August****MALLAIG AND MORAR HIGHLAND GAMES**

Lovat Memorial Field, Morar, by Mallaig

12.00-17.00

Small traditional Highland games including heavy events, athletics, piping, Highland dancing, child and adult events and a cross country race.

Adult £5, Child £2, Parking £1

Tel: 01324 552841**Email: colins.buchanan@blueyonder.co.uk****www.mallaigmorargames.org****5 August****ISLE OF SKYE HIGHLAND GAMES**

The Lump, Portree

09.45-16.00

Traditional Highland games with a two day piping competition starting on Tuesday 4th August.

www.skye-highland-games.co.uk**7 August****DORNOCH HIGHLAND GAMES**

Dornoch, Sutherland

10.30-17.00

Open piping, dancing, track and field events, heavy events, cycling, amusements and trade stalls.

Adult £5.50, Child £1, Concessions £3.50, Parking £1.50

Tel: 01463 223745/07774 023917**Email: joan.buchanan@hotmail.co.uk****8 August****ABERNETHY HIGHLAND GAMES AND CLAN GRANT GATHERING**

Games field, Nethybridge, Inverness-shire

10.30-17.30

Friendly, traditional Highland games, featuring massed pipe bands, solo piping and drumming, Highland dancing, athletics and heavy events, RSPB 10 mile race and a morning programme of children's events. Full catering service, amusements, craft and trade stands.

Adult £6, Child/Concessions £4, Family £16

Tel: 01479 821042**Email: highland.games@nethybridge.com****www.nethybridge.com/highlandgames****8 August****ATHOLL AND BREADALBANE HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Wade's Park, Aberfeldy

09.30-17.00

Highland games and agricultural show with cattle, horse and sheep show.

Adult £6, Child £3

Tel: 01796 482376**Email: jrlogierait@btinternet.com****www.aberfeldyshowandgames.co.uk****8 August****BRODICK HIGHLAND GAMES**

Ormidale Sports Ground, Brodick

11.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games with athletics, Highland dancing, heavy events, tug o' war, pillow fights, stalls and children's entertainment.

Adult £3, Child/Concessions £1

Tel: 01770 601382**8 August****DUNDONALD GAMES**

Dundonald Castle, Dundonald, Ayrshire

10.00-18.00

Highland games – pipe band contest (grades 1 to 4), Highland dancing contest, solo piping contest, heavy events display, side stalls and entertainment.

Tel: 01292 500350**Email: info@dundonald-games.org.uk****www.dundonald-games.org.uk****8 August****MEY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Queen's Park, John o' Groats

13.30-17.30

Traditional Highland games with heavy events, track and field events, tug o' war, Highland dancing and junior piping.

Adult £4, Child/Concessions £2, Parking: £2

Tel: 01955 603660**Email: k_charlie@tiscali.co.uk**

8 August**MOREBATTLE BORDER GAMES**

Morebattle Tofts, Morebattle, Kelso

13.30-17.00

Track running events and a hill race.

Adult £3, Child £1, Concessions £2, Parking £1

Tel: 01573 440329**Email: johnmabon431@btinternet.com*****8 August****NORTH BERWICK HIGHLAND GAMES**

Recreation Park, North Berwick

10.00-18.00

A great day out for all the family with fun, history and spectacle combined with picturesque coastal scenery.

Activities include pipers and piping competitions,

solo piping, heavyweights and Highland dancing.

Various craft stalls, sideshows and children's amusements.

Adult £5, Child £2, Parking £3

Tel: 01620 893865**Email: nbhg@btconnect.com****www.northberwickhighlandgames.co.uk****8 August****STRATHPEFFER HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Castle Leod, Strathpeffer

10.30-17.00

Full Highland gathering with heavy events, tug o' war, caber, hill race, cycling, running, dancing, piping, charity stalls, side shows, a beer tent and catering.

Adult £5, Child/OAP £2, Parking £2

Tel: 01997 421348**Email: mrgspark4@aol.com****9 August****THE BORDER GAMES AND COUNTRY FESTIVAL**

Park Farm, New Abbey Road, Dumfries

12.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games including a Highland dancing competition, piping competition, traditional music tent, trade, craft and clan tents, research tent, real ale and food tents

Adult £6, Concessions £6

Tel: 01387 810439**Email: mckerrellofillhouse@btinternet.com****www.bordergathering.co.uk****9 August****PERTH HIGHLAND GAMES**

South Inch, Edinburgh Road, Perth

10.30-17.30

Traditional Highland games with heavy weights, Highland dancing, solo piping, running, cycling, tug o' war and pipe band competition.

Adult £7, Child £4

Tel: 01738 627782/07710 678400**Email: andrew@highlandgames.org.uk****www.highlandgames.org.uk****10-16 August****PIPING LIVE! MUSIC OF THE CLANS**

Various venues, Glasgow

Hear the best in piping music from around the world in Glasgow. Discover your roots and perhaps even a love of piping both traditional and contemporary at the Music of the Clans – a special series of Homecoming events dedicated to Scottish heritage and piping. It will be a piping spectacular!

Tel: 0141 353 0220**www.pipinglive.co.uk****13 August****BALLATER HIGHLAND GAMES**

Monaltrie Park, Ballater

12.30-17.30

Traditional Highland games instituted 1864 including dancing, piping, field events, heavy events, pipe bands. A family day out in the heart of Royal Deeside.

Adult £6, Child £2, Parking £1

Tel: 01339 755771**Email: info@ballaterhighlandgames.com****www.ballaterhighlandgames.com****14 August****ASSYNT HIGHLAND GAMES**

Culag Park, Lochinver

12.00-17.30

The games begin as the chieftain's barge is welcomed to Lochinver by the pipe band. Events include tossing the caber, hammer throwing, races, solo piping, fly-casting and a baking competition.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £1

Tel: 01571 844350**Email: macaskillbell@btopenworld.com****15 August****GLENFINNAN GATHERING AND HIGHLAND GAMES**

Jacobite Monument Field, Glenfinnan

11.30-17.00

A well-established local event which adheres to the traditional sort of Highland games. Set in an exceptionally beautiful part of the country we will be extending a special welcome to any local descendants returning home for the year of Homecoming in 2009.

Adult £6, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01397 722234**15 August****HELMSDALE HIGHLAND GAMES**

Coupar Park, Helmsdale

10.00-17.00

Traditional Highland games.

Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2.50, Parking £2

Tel: 01431 821489**Email: sincy@sky.com****www.helmsdalegames.info**

15 August**WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Glasgow Green, Glasgow
 Pipe bands from across the globe compete.
Tel: 0141 221 5414
www.rspb.org

16 August**CAITHNESS HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES**

John o' Groats, Caithness
 13.00-17.00
 Traditional Highland games.
 Adult £4, Child/Concessions £2, Parking £2
Tel: 01847 841268
Email: pbain@live.co.uk

16 August**CORTACHY HIGHLAND GAMES AND FLOWER SHOW**

Cortachy Castle grounds, 4 miles north of Kirriemuir
 13.00-17.00
 A traditional event which has taken place since the 1800's, it is held in the beautiful grounds of Cortachy Castle. An afternoon of family entertainment featuring traditional Highland games, childrens races, dog show, flower show, vegetable show, photographic competition, food and drink, an auction and a grand prize raffle.
 Adult £3, Concessions £1.50
Tel: 01575 540291
Email: mark@tighnacraobh.plus.com

16 August**CRIEFF HIGHLAND GAMES**

Market Park, Crieff
 10.30-17.30
 Traditional Highland games with heavy weights, Highland dancing, solo piping, running, cycling, tug o' war and pipe band contest.
 Adult £7, Child £4
Tel: 01738 627782/07710 678400
Email: andrew@highlandgames.org.uk
www.crieff-highland-games.co.uk

22 August**BUTE HIGHLAND GAMES**

Public Stadium, Rothesay, Isle of Bute
 10.00-18.00
 A day of traditional Highland games with pipe band championships, drum major competitions, Highland dancing championships, schools athletics, 10k road race, Bute heavyweight championship (for the Duke of Rothesay Trophy, kindly donated by HRH Prince Charles), wrestling championships (four British and one Scottish) and a junior shinty tournament. Trade stalls, kiddies attractions, snacks and a licensed bar.
 Adult £6, Child/Concessions £4, Parking £2
Tel: 01700 505256
Email: david.anderson71@btinternet.com
www.butehighlandgames.org.uk

22 August**GLENURQUHART HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES**

Blairbeg Park, Drumnadrochit
 10.30-17.00
 Highland games with heavyweights, track and field events, piping competitions, dancing displays, hill race, tug o' war, a fun fair and stalls.
 Adult £5, Child/Concessions £2
Tel: 01456 476367
Email: info@glenurquhart-highland-gathering.co.uk
www.glenurquhart-highland-gathering.co.uk

22 August**INVERGORDON HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Recreational Playing Fields, Invergordon
 10.30-17.00
 Highland dancing, piping, light and heavy events, cycling, tug o' war, pipe band, craft stalls, beer and tea tents and a funfair.
 Adult £5, Child/Concessions £3
Tel: 01862 893952

22 August**STATHARDLE HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Bannerfield, Kirkmichael
 09.30-16.00
 A traditional games which includes caber tossing, piping and Highland dancing competitions, various races and other events including a famous agricultural show.
 Adult £5, Child £2
Tel: 01250 881227
Email: mjo@strathardle.org
www.strathardle.org

23 August*CUMNOCK HIGHLAND GAMES**

Broomfield Playing Fields, Cumnock
 11.00-17.00
 Heavy events, Highland dancing, pipe band competition, tug o' war, hammer throwing, caber tossing and many other attractions.
 Adult £3, Child £1, Family £6
Tel: 01290 424541
Email: mcmillan419@btinternet.com
www.cumnockhighlandgames.org

23 August**GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Heathfield Park, Grantown-on-Spey
 11.00-17.00
 Traditional Highland games.
Tel: 01479 873237

23 August**LONACH HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES**Bellabeg Park, Strathdon, Aberdeenshire
09.30-17.30

March of the Lonach Highlanders and a traditional Highland games.

Adult £5, Child £1

Tel: 01975 651297**Email: enquiries@lonach.info****27-29 August****COWAL HIGHLAND GATHERING**

Dunoon Stadium, Dunoon

09.00-18.00

Traditional Highland gathering which includes the World Highland dancing championships, Cowal pipe band championships, solo piping competition, heavy athletics and wrestling competitions as well as a Ceilidh tent.

Adult £6-£12, Child £1-£2,

Concessions (Saturday only) £8

Tel: 01369 703206**Email: info@cowalgathering.com****www.cowalgathering.com****29 August****BIRNAM HIGHLAND GAMES**

Recreation Park, Little Dunkeld, Perthshire

12.00-17.00

Old traditional Highland games (Est. 1864), caber tossing, pipe band, Highland dancing, high quality food and trade stalls, fun fair, cycling, track events, Scottish 800m flat race, and the World haggis eating championship.

Adult £6, Child/Concessions £4, Parking £1

Tel: 01350 728826**Email: birnamhighland@aol.com****www.birnamhighlandgames.com****5 September****BRAEMAR GATHERING**

Princes Royal and Duke of Fife Memorial Park, Braemar

09.30-17.00

Highland gathering.

Adult £8, Child £2

(Advance booking necessary for seats)

Tel: 01339 755377**Email: info@braemargathering.org****www.braemargathering.org****6 September****BLAIRGOWRIE AND RATTRAY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Bogles Field, Essendy Road, Blairgowrie

Traditional Highland game events including heavyweights, running, Highland dancing, piping, hill race and tug o' war. There will also be a dog show and trade stands.

Tel: 01738 827064**Email: lgourlay@tiscali.co.uk****www.blairgowriehighlandgames.co.uk****12 September****PITLOCHRY HIGHLAND GAMES**

Recreation Ground, Pitlochry

11.00-18.00

Traditional Highland games with piping, Highland dancing, heavy events, track and field, grand pipe band contest for grades 1 to 4 and novice juvenile. There will also be a grand finale of massed bands.

Tel: 01796 473488**Email: secretary@pitlochryhighlandgames.co.uk****www.pitlochryhighlandgames.co.uk****13 September****THE ROYAL BURGH OF PEEBLES HIGHLAND GAMES**

Hay Lodge Park, Peebles

11.00-17.00

Pipe band contest, Highland dancing, traditional heavy events, trade stands, craft tent and beer tent.

Adult £4, Child/Concessions £3

Tel: 01721 722129**Email: kenny537@btinternet.com****www.peebles-highland-games.org****19 September****INVERCHARRON HIGHLAND GAMES**

Balblair Farm, Bonar Bridge

10.00-17.30

Traditional Highland games including piping, Highland dancing, heavyweight events, light field events, cycling, hill race and tug o' war.

Adult £5, Child £1, Parking £1

Tel: 01863 766726**Email: mjbaird@btinternet.com****24-27 September****CLAN SCOTT SOCIETY GATHERING 2009**

Throughout the Scottish Borders

The first ever international gathering of Clan Scott at its ancestral home, Bowhill, in the Scottish Borders. Join us for a historical re-enactment of the Carterhaugh Ba' game, displays of archery and horsemanship and a performance of 'The Minstrel and the Shirra', a play about Sir Walter Scott.

Tel: 01750 22204**www.bowhill.org**** denotes a provisional date*

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