

SUNDAY Schedule of Events and Activities

All events, activities and locations can be changed or canceled without notice. "The best-laid schemes o' Mice an' Men Gang aft agley..."

Highlighted activities mean that you can take part. You're invited: Try it.

Gates officially open at 9:00 a.m.

Scottish Heavy Events Athletes check-in: 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Highland Dance Competitor (morning session) check-in: 9:00 a.m.
Solo Piping Competitor check-in: 9:00 a.m.

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The Day begins with Scottish Athletic Events! Today, there are two classes of Men (Men's Light Weight, and Men's C) and one class of Women (Women's Open), plus several Adaptive Classes.

Come join Queen Mary as she tosses out the first Braemar Stone to open the Highland Games and this Festival for the day.

Every class competes in **nine different events:** The Caber, Light & Heavy Scottish Hammer, Light & Heavy Weight for Distance, The Sheaf Toss (tossing a 20-pound bundle of straw for height, with a pitch-fork), and the Weight over the Bar.

Special guest announcer, multi world record-holder Frances Brebner, from Scotland, makes it interesting and entertaining!

All Clans are open and welcoming: You can learn a lot at the Clan Village area. Over thirty clan societies are present today, and their tents have a lot of displays.

Children can participate in the **PASSPORT TO THE CLANS**, getting a stamp in their free Clan Passport from each clan! You can even get your Passport autographed by Her Majesty, Mary Queen of Scots, either at her tent or as she is "walking about." Prizes for the most "stamps!"

Check out the Living History Village:

Featuring The Renaissance Scots (Ren Scots), The 79th Highlanders* (American Civil War Scots & Irish), The Romans, and The Colorado Welsh Society.

*(*They were the founders of this Festival in 1993. It was originally part of the Elbert County Fair.)*

All vendors, merchants and artisans are open for business.

Children's Glenn is open: Lots of fun stuff for young children to do and try. There are historic Viking-era games; crafts, quest...

9:00 a.m.--Assembling for the March to the Kirkin' of the Tartans by the Front Gate. We step off with pipers leading, at 9:10 a.m. You can march/walk with us! Join in! Procession goes up Merchant's Row and around to Artisan's Row, then to the CALEDONIA STAGE.

9:15 a.m. at the CALEDONIA STAGE:

The Kirkin' of the Tartans (non-denominational Christian worship service)

In Scotland, the word "Kirk" means "Church." After Clan tartans ("plaids" to Americans) were outlawed following the failed Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, clansmen would bring a small, easily hidden scrap of their tartan to be blessed at church (at the "Kirk"), and to pray for their families, and for loved ones who might be far away— many were transported (that is, they were forced to move) to America. Our Kirkin' seeks to be a service of peace, renewal and hope. Join us for this non-denominational worship service.

10:00 a.m.

Solo Bagpipe Competition begins. Come watch solo piping competitors perform. The piping competition is near the Ceili Hall (at the "*The Pipers Woods*" Stage) and by the Main Gate. Featuring Grade V ("five"), IV ("four"), III ("three") and II ("two") and Grade I ("one") Pipers. Solo Pipers compete in several events, based in music type— Piobaireachd ("pea-brook") is the "classical music of the bagpipe. It flows like water... All of the other tunes move to a beat: Marches, Strathspeys, Reels, Hornpipes and Jigs, Slow Marches, and 6/8 Quick Marches. There's a tradition or story with just about every tune.

10:00 a.m. Continued:

Scottish Highland Dancing Competition begins at 10:15.

Come watch the wee Primary (age 6 & under) dancers compete with the beginning movements to the Sword Dance, along with the Highland Fling. This is how future champions are made. Beginner and Novice Class dancers compete in "The Scottish Lilt," and the "Flora MacDonald's Fancy." Each dance tells a story.

Master Dragonfly and his Flying Forest Guardians

Aerial and Martial Arts performance. *Near the Children's Glenn.* (10:30 a.m.) (20 min. show)

Live Steel Demos *at Ren Scots Village.* (10:30 a.m.)

10:30 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Gobs o'Phun.

A family band that's family-friendly. Performing story-telling songs, providing historical notes and stringing it all together with humorous banter and audience participation. This year they'll be joined by violinist extraordinaire, Dame Peggy Fasing.

11:00 a.m.

11:00 In the CEILI HALL: Nerea the Fiddler.

Stepdancing + Fiddling—combined in a way you have never seen before

Parade of the Animals. Starting at the Main Gate and leading 'round past the Merchants and through the Clan Village, ending at the Animals of the British Isles Area (by the Ceili Hall). Come see (mostly) Dogs, and Alpacas and Highland Cattle.

TRY THIS: Learn Leather-craft— Leather-working Clinic. *At the Ren Scots Village.*

11:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Gobs o'Phun. Their second "set."

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12:00 Noon

Clans & Living History Groups PARADE THROUGH THE FESTIVAL.

Our "Mid-day Ceremony" begins like a "flash mob." Watch it come together over by *The Pipers' Woods Stage.* Pipe Bands and clans will then march in a parade through the Merchants Row, then up to Artisans Row, Passing in Review and saluting Mary Queen of Scots, then over to the Clan Village. Clans will peel off when they get to their tents, and before you know it, the parade just disappears... ("into the mist..." if we had mist).

TRY THIS: Family Ceili with the Heritage Irish Dancers. Learn easy group dances! Fun for all ages. *In the Ceili Hall.* (Running from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.)

12:00 Noon on the BASEBALL FIELD: RUGBY

12:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Avoureen.

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1:00 p.m.

Children's Parade. Each participating child gets a kazoo! Let's make some noise! Here come the kids! Join with our smoke-breathing dragon, pipers, and Mary Queen of Scots. March from the Children's Glenn, up to Clan Row and around the Festival. **At the end, everyone gets a frozen otter-pop! Starts and finishes at Children's Glenn.**

1:00 p.m. Continued:

Scottish Highland Dancing Competition afternoon session begins.

Come watch Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier Class dancers each compete in four different events. Among the dance events are a "Trophy" Highland Fling, plus the bold, driving "Half" Reel of Tulloch, the gracefulness of the Scottish Lilt, and the intricate footwork of the Earl of Errol commemorative dance. Each dance tells a story.

1:15 In the CEILI HALL: Nerea the Fiddler.

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1:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Avoureen. Their second "set."

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2:00 p.m.

Performing near the Whiskey Thistle Pub:

The Queen City Pipe Band

Colorado's premier pipe band comes to the Elizabeth Celtic Festival! Currently competing at the Grade III level, this year they have performed and competed at Highland Games in Albuquerque (NM), Costa Mesa (Orange County, CA) and San Diego.

TRY THIS: Learn Leather-craft— Leather-working Clinic. *At the Ren Scots Village.*

TRY THIS: A "Whiskey Tasting" conducted by whiskey expert Elliot MacFarlane. Five different whiskeys. Cost: \$40. *At the Pendragon Pub at 2:00 p.m.*

Bonny Knees Contest—In the Clan Village. All adult men (over 21), who are wearing a kilt may enter. Disclaimers: 1) Yes, the judges are women. 2) A bottle of whisky is rumored to be the prize.

2:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: The McDeviants.

Colorado's Premier Celtic Rock Band.

2:15 In the CEILI HALL: Heritage Irish Dancers

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3:00 p.m.

Live Steel Demos *at Ren Scots Village.* (3:00 p.m.)

3:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: The McDeviants.

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Aerial and Martial Arts performance. *Near the Children's Glenn.* (3:30 p.m.) (20 min. show)

4:00 p.m.

Our custom is to have a Pipe Band "march to the gate" to signify that the Festival is over. The assembled pipers then play "Amazing Grace." Join Queen Mary and the pipers and drummers, as we say "so long and farewell" to another year.

After that, everything starts to be taken down, and cars and vehicles are brought onto the field to be loaded with gear. **Stay and help! Many hands make light work!**

Join us next year on July 19 & 20, 2025—Always the "Third Full Weekend of July."