

# SATURDAY Schedule of Events & Activities

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

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.

Solo Piping & Drumming Competitor check-in: 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Highland Dance Competitor (morning session) check-in: 9:00 a.m.

## 9:00 a.m.

**The Day begins with Bagpipes!** Come watch solo piping competitors perform. Two piping competition areas, one by the Main Gate, the other near the Ceili Hall (called *"The Pipers Woods" Stage*). Featuring Grade IV (four) and V (five) Pipers. Also: **Solo Drumming** (accompanied by a piper or two) taking place near the south edge of the Living History Village.

## The Day also begins with Scottish Athletic Events!

Today, there are four classes of Men (Men's A, Men's Super A, Men's B, and Men's Masters) and two classes of Women (Women's Light Weight, and Women's Masters).

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

**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.

Our 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 and information.

**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, Queen Mary of Scots, either at her tent or from her as she is "walking about." Prizes for the most "stamps!"

## Check out the Living History Village:

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

*(\*They are 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, and the fairy forest.

## 10:00 a.m.

**Scottish Highland Dancing Competition begins.** Come watch the Primary (age 6 & under), Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Premier Class dancers compete in the Highland Fling, the Sword Dance, and the Seann Triubhas ("Shawn Trews"). Each dance tells a story.

**You might meet the Queen,** as she progresses through **The Clan Village** on her way to the Royal Pavilion Tent.

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

## 11:00 a.m.

**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.

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## 11:00 a.m., continued

**TRY THIS: Hands-on Celtic Harp Clinic,** with Marianne Goodland. *In the Ceili Hall.* Space is limited. People may have to share. This is popular.

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

## 11:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Skean Dubh.

Neo-Traditional tunes & songs.

## 12:00 Noon

**Parade through the Festival** by pipe bands, clans & living history groups

Our "Opening Ceremony" begins like a "flash mob." Watch it come together over by *The Pipers' Woods Stage.* Bands and clans will then march in a parade through the Merchants Row, then up to Artisans Row, Passing in Review and saluting Queen Mary, 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.* (runs from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.)

## 12:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Skean Dubh.

Neo-Traditional tunes & songs. This is their "second set."

## 1:00 p.m.

**Scottish Highland Dancing Competition afternoon session begins.** Come watch Intermediate and Premier Class dancers compete in the spectacular Sailor's Hornpipe. After that, see a special event: The "Christmas in July" choreography. Each dance tells a story.

**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.**

**1:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Tri s Slua.** (pronounced "TREE ISS SLOO-uh") is Irish for "three is a crowd." Irish traditional music.

## 1:15 In the CEILI HALL: Marianne Goodland Celtic Harp.

The magic of the Celtic Harp is spell-binding.

**1:40 In the CLAN VILLAGE: *There's actually going to be a real wedding!***

Bride-to-be Gabrielle Long ("Red" to her friends) is going to be piped up the path from the Clan Buchanan Tent to the Queen's Pavilion. Well-wishers may line the path and then view the brief ceremony from outside of the Queen's Tent, as Gabrielle marries Jonathan Williams. Huzzah!

## 2:00 p.m.

## In the CEILI HALL: Heritage Irish Dancers

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

**Pipe Band Competition:** Near the Front Gate, in the shade, on the road to the Ceili Hall. This is a Western U.S. Pipe Band Association sanctioned competition. Bands perform at 10-minute intervals. Our pipe bands are:

Castlewood Lion Pipe Band (Grade V), Parker, CO

Ciorcal Cairde ("Kir-ka Care-de") Irish Pipes and Drums (Grade V), Centennial, CO

Pikes Peak Highlanders Pipes & Drums (Grade V), Colorado Springs, CO

Northern Colorado Caledonia Pipe Band (Grade V), Longmont, CO

Denver and District Pipe Band (Grade IV), Denver, CO

Michael Collins Pipes & Drums (Grade IV), Denver, CO

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**2:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Tri s Slua.** (pronounced "TREE ISS SLOO-uh") is Irish for "three is a crowd." Irish traditional music. This is their second set.

**TRY THIS: A "Whiskey Tasting"** conducted by whiskey expert Elliot MacFarlane. Five different whiskeys. Cost: \$40. *At the Pendragon Pub at 2:30 p.m.*

## 3:00 p.m.

**In the CEILI HALL: Scottish Fiddle and Song—Lida & John**

Returning favorites who are from Elizabeth! This is home! Authentic music in the Scottish tradition.

**Live Steel Demos** at *Ren Scots Village.*

**Pipe Band Competition, continues—This is the Second Round:**

Near the Front Gate, in the shade, on the road to the Ceili Hall. This is a Western U.S. Pipe Band Association sanctioned competition. Bands perform at 10-minute intervals.

## 3:30 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Bleed'n Green.

Foot-stomping Celtic Rock.

## 4:00 p.m.

**In the CEILI HALL: Song/Tune Circle.** Come join us in making music! We're using a "round robin" format and embrace both songs and tunes. So, bring your instruments, or come and sing. You can also just come and enjoy. Let's pack the hall!

## 4:15 On the CALEDONIA STAGE: Bleed'n Green.

Foot-stomping Celtic Rock. This is their "second set."

**By the Whiskey\* Thistle Pub, near the main food area:**

Pipe Bands waiting for the competition results. Different bands and pipers may perform some. Where better to wait, than at a pub? This is also a time where we remember friends and family now departed. Yes, attending pipers will play "Amazing Grace." If you don't cry, you need to buy another beer. **Queen Mary will lend some regal dignity to this closing event.**

\*In Scotland, they spell it "Whisky." In America (and everywhere else), it's "Whiskey." Who do you think is right? The Thistle, of course, is the official flower of Scotland.

## 5:00 p.m. The Festival is officially closed for today.

No one is going to chase you out of the park, but scheduled events are over. Performers, Clans, and Volunteers are going to start relaxing. **Come again tomorrow. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. and the event runs until 4:00 p.m.**

*(Plan ahead: Dates for next year are July 19 & 20, 2025-- Always the "Third full weekend of July.")*

## 7:45 p.m.

**Free (after hours) concert as people gather for "The Calling of the Clans"--** Featuring **Castlewood Lion Pipe Band** with additional performers on Electric Guitars, Electric Bass and Drum Kit. We're not quite as good as the Red Hot Chili Pipers, but this is what we did to make money on St. Patrick's Day (and it worked).

## 8:30 p.m. After hours... near the Whiskey Thistle Pub.

**If you're staying late, join us for "The Calling of the Clans."**

Torch-light ceremony, where people remember the past, and proclaim the present (with some swagger, perhaps!). We join together and welcome one another, as people, as friends, as neighbors, and as family. The word "clan" means "children." You can join a clan for this event, or you can be your own clan! Our tradition here is to have S'mores (chocolate and marshmallows softened over a campfire, and put between two Graham Crackers) afterwards.