

2022 Planned Ligonier Highland Games

Schedule of Events

*TIMES AND EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday, September 17th, 2022

8:00 am – **Gates open** to the public, tickets available at the gate. Cash or credit/debit cards accepted at entrance. Bring your own chair(s), picnic basket/cooler and a blanket too! Handicapped parking available at **Parking Lot A** and **Parking Lot C**.

8:00 am – **Scottish Vendors** villages open at **Main Field** and new area in Splash Zone with vendors offering a wide variety of Scottish/Celtic goods, books, music, clothing and jewelry as well as equipment and instruments. Cash and credit cards accepted.

8:00 am – **Scottish Clans** tent area opens to public in new location by **Parking Lot D** (See Map). Come and find which Clan your family name is associated with and find out more about your extended family in the old country and its role in Scottish history.

8:30 am – **Highland Dancing** registration in **Pavilion D2**. Competitions begin later in the morning adjudicated by FUSTA sanctions judging guidelines. The Highland Dancing page contains a schedule of competition categories and links to the FUSTA website for rules.

8:30 am – 9:00 am **Scottish Fiddling** registration in **Pavilion C3**. Competitions are adjudicated by Scottish F.I.R.E. judging guidelines. Please see the webpage for Scottish Fiddling for links to the rules and requirements.

8:30 am - Heavy Athletics competition begins at **Main Field**. Traditional Scottish competitions test the strength and skill of our kilted competitors. Various competitions such as the stone throw, sheaf toss, hammer throw and caber toss (throwing the phone pole) take place throughout the day in varying order depending the condition of the ground and the number of competitors. Amateur men and women compete in a wide range of age groups.

9:00 am – **Scottish Fiddling** Novice/Intermediate competition in **Pavilion C3**. Competition event held according to guidelines of Scottish F.I.R.E., the governing organization for Scottish fiddling.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm **Highland Dancing** competition at **Pavilion D2**. Youth of all ages compete in multiple categories of traditional Scottish dances, like the Sword Dance and Highland Fling, for prizes and trophies as well as points for regional ranking.

9:00 am - Scottish Harp Event in **Pavilion C7**. All ages and skill levels work with and are judged by a master Scottish harpist in solo and group competitions playing traditional and modern Scottish tunes on beautifully hand-crafted instruments.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Scottish Genealogy assistance and guidelines for research at **St. Andrews Society tent group** near main field.

9:30 am – 4:30 pm Scottish tartans research at **St. Andrews Society tent group** near **Main Field** and vendor village. Find information on which Clan you might belong to and the traditional tartan pattern associated with those Clans.

10:00 am DENNIS DOYLE harp expert performs at the **Hillside Theater**.

10:00 am – Celtic spinning and weaving exhibit opens, directed by master weaver **Kathy Wells**, creator of the Pittsburgh Tartan at **Weaving Tent** on main field. Come and see how the traditional wool kilt was made on the looms and the various tartans were designed and the terminology used in describing the color patterns. And visit the sheep that have come along and are staying nearby.

10:00 am WATERHORSE acoustic duo of Sue Tillotson and Jim Cunningham perform at the **Daniel Tiger Stage**.

10:00 am - 11:30 am - Children's Games near the **Main Field**. A free activity for the little ones where they can try kid friendly versions of the athletic events. Best for those ages 10 and younger, all participants get prize ribbons.

10:00 am - Noon – Living History and military re-enactors exhibits near **Loyalhanna Limited** train stop (see map). Re-enactors in period costumes bring to life figures from Scottish military history from the colonial period to the present era.

10:45 am - Heavy Athletics continue at **Main Field** with Caber Toss. Watch our athletes attempt to throw the telephone pole and flip it end over end for a perfect score.

10:45 am MELINDA CRAWFORD & COMPANY trio built around expert Scottish fiddler Melinda Crawford, performs at the **Hillside Theater**.

11:00 am - Southminster Ringers kilted hand-bell team performs near **Carousel**. These talented young people are under the direction of Mr. Richard Pinkerton from the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and have traveled throughout Europe and the world giving performances that are astonishing in their graceful beauty.

11:00 am – Scottish Fiddling Open category competition in **Pavilion C3**. Competition event held according to guidelines of Scottish F.I.R.E., the governing organization for Scottish fiddling.

11:00 am WATERHORSE acoustic duo of Sue Tillotson and Jim Cunningham perform at the **Daniel Tiger Stage**

11:00 am – BARRA THE BARD traditional Scottish storyteller, performs at **Pavilion E1**. Barra tells stories handed down over generations in a form and rhythm that has endured in Scotland for centuries when many people could not read or write and relied on the stories to pass along histories and traditions and instruct people of all ages.

11:30 am - Scottish Harp prizes and awards event at **Pavilion C 7**. All are invited to see this year's champions in the various categories as they are recognized.

Noon - Welcoming Ceremonies, Massed Bands and Parade of Tartans at **Main Field**. The Scottish Clans, escorted by the Scottish regiment from Fort Ligonier in 1758, lead the procession onto the main field, with a multitude of Scottish Clans present, followed by all the attending Bagpipe bands marching onto the field in formation and playing several traditional tunes. Hear the stirring sounds of pipers and drummers echoing through the surrounding valley.

12:30 pm – Ladies Haggis Toss on Main Field. A perennial fan favorite. Ladies of all ages are invited to sign up (at the HQ Tent) and compete for cash prizes. Best of two throws of a 2 pound sandbag haggis is measured for distance. Longest throw wins.

12:45 pm - Heavy Athletics competition resumes at Main Field. Finals of the Caber Toss and stone weight throws for distance and other events, field conditions permitting.

1:00 pm - Scottish Harp performance at Clan Forsyth tent in **Scottish Clans Area**. The Ringold Ensemble performance sponsored by Clan Forsyth Society USA.

1:00 pm RICHPATRICK CELTIC TRIO performs at the **Daniel Tiger Stage**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Children's Games afternoon session activities near the **Main Field**. More of the children's versions of the events the heavy athletes compete in, with ribbons for all participants.

1:00 pm RED McWILLIAMS & BRUCE GOLIGHTLY perform together at the **Water Park Pavilion**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Highland Dancing Competitions resume at **Pavilion D 2**. Dancers perform traditional Scottish gambols such as the Sword Dance, Highland Fling and Seann Triubhas, in all age and skill levels.

1:00 pm – PITTSBURGH SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY traditional Scottish dancing demonstration, performance and workshop at **Pavilion E1**. Sometimes called the ballroom dancing of Scotland, it is the ancestor of square dancing and contra dancing. Watch experienced practitioners and try it yourself during their open demo.

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Living History and military re-enactors exhibits resume near **Loyalhanna Limited** train stop, See how the soldiers of Scotland have served around the world throughout the past three hundred years.

1:30 pm ABBOTS CROSS duo performs a Celtic take on modern and Jazz music at the **Hillside Theater**.

2:00 pm - Scottish Harp workshop **Pavilion C 7**. The adjudicator leads the participants in learning more advanced techniques in the traditional Scottish Harping.

2:00 pm – Scottish Fiddling Novice/Intermediate workshop in **Pavilion C3**. Work with a master Scottish fiddler to learn new techniques and gain insight as to what is expected in the traditional tunes required in the competition.

2:00 pm – BARRA THE BARD traditional Scottish storyteller, performs at **Pavilion E1**. Barra tells stories handed down over generations in a form and rhythm that has endured in Scotland for centuries when many people could not read or write and relied on the stories to pass along histories and traditions and instruct people of all ages.

2:30 pm MIKE FLAHERTY acoustic performer at the **Water Park Pavilion**

2:30 pm - Scottish Harp freestyle music session **Pavilion C 7**. With the competition over, the harpists play tunes with some of the techniques they've learned today.

3:00 pm DEVILISH MERRY performs fusion of Celtic and Appalachian music at the **Hillside Theater**.

3:00 pm DRUIDSONG acoustic performer Bruce Golightly at the **Daniel Tiger Stage**

3:30 pm - Tug-of-War event at **Main Field** open to all children. Groups of youngsters can either form their own teams/groups or be helped to evenly divided teams by the Games staff. All participants receive a souvenir Tug of War button.

3:30 pm – Scottish Fiddling Intermediate/Advanced workshop in **Pavilion C3**. Work with a master Scottish fiddler to learn new techniques and gain insight as to what is expected in the traditional tunes required in the competition.

3:45 pm RED McWILLIAMS acoustic performer at the **Water Park Pavilion**

4:00 pm Southminster Ringers kilted handbell team performs near **Carousel**. The final afternoon performance of one of the best handbell choirs in the nation.

4:00 pm SEAN PATRICK REGAN champion bag piper performs at the **Daniel Tiger Stage**

4:00 pm – PITTSBURGH SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY traditional Scottish dancing demonstration, performance and workshop at **Pavilion E1**. Sometimes called the ballroom dancing of Scotland, it is the ancestor of square dancing and contra dancing. Watch experienced practitioners and try it yourself during their open demo.

4:30 pm The Low Kings a six piece Celtic rock band performs at the **Hillside Theater**.

5:00 pm - Awards Ceremony at **Main Field** and **Final Massed Bands performance**. All the participating bagpipe bands march onto the field in formation and play a massed performance. Winners of the piping and drumming competitions are announced and trophies and prizes awarded, followed by the hundreds of pipers and drummers giving a stirring rendition of Amazing Grace before marching off in formation of waves.

5:30 pm –Keg Toss competition on **Main Field**, open to any willing participants. Our final event of the day with cash prizes for men and women of various age groups. Best of two attempts to throw an 18 pound sixth keg for distance, longest throw wins.