



Scottish American Society of the Treasure Valley

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TREASURE VALLEY CELTIC FESTIVAL AND *Highland Games*



Saturday, September 17, 2011

9:00 am - 6:00 pm • Expo Idaho, Boise

Prepare to have your kilt lifted up! The Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games are back and better than ever!!

The games will again be held at Expo Idaho (formerly known as the Western Idaho Fairgrounds). *There will be dancing, piping, food and fun for the whole family.*

The Festival is excited to welcome back Swagger to rock out the Main Stage. Joining them this

year is a new group to our Festival, and we hope you will all welcome with great applause, the Heathen Highlanders.

As always we have several local groups performing, which include the Boise Highlanders Pipes and Drums, City of Trees Pipes and Drums, Celtic Sisters Folk Band, An Buille, Thistle & Ghilles Scottish Dance, and Irish Dance Idaho.

All day long you can check out

the Athletics Competition, Piping Competition and Vendor and Clan booths. Throughout the day enjoy Animal Demonstrations by local breeders and the Idaho Falconers.

We haven't forgotten the kids, so make sure they check out the Field Events for some childish fun.

We hope you all come to enjoy this special time with us, because it is going to **ROCK!!**

(For more information see pages 2 and 4)

TVCFFHG Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
8:00	Heavy Athletics Registration Begins	Athletics Field
9:00	Vendor/Clan Booths Open	Vendor Area
9:00	Heavy Athletics Competition (All Day)	Athletics Field
9:00	Children & Youth Events (All Day)	Field Events
9:00	Showcasing Animals (Throughout the day)	Dog Breed Area
9:30	Irish Dance Idaho	Dance Stage
9:30	Boise Highlanders	Piper's Field
10:00	Celtic Sisters	Local Stage
10:30	Heathen Highlanders	Main Stage
10:45	Thistle & Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers	Dance Stage
11:00	Celtic Sisters	Local Stage
11:30	Swagger	Main Stage
12:00	Opening Ceremonies	Ceremony Field
12:30	City of Trees Pipes & Drums	Piper's Field
12:30	Celtic Sisters	Local Stage
1:00	Bonny Knees Competition	Ceremony Field
1:00	Heathen Highlanders	Main Stage
1:00	Irish Dance Idaho	Dance Stage
1:30	Boise Highlanders	Piper's Field
2:00	Swagger	Main Stage
2:00	An Buille	Local Stage
2:30	Thistle & Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers	Dance Stage
2:45	City of Trees Pipes & Drums	Piper's Field
3:00	Heathen Highlanders	Main Stage
3:15	Irish Dance Idaho	Dance Stage
3:45	An Buille	Local Stage
4:15	Swagger	Main Stage
4:15	Thistle & Ghillies Scottish Country Dancers	Dance Stage
5:00	Closing Ceremony	Ceremony Field

There will be people from the Idaho Falconers Association with a couple falcons out for people to see. They will just be wandering with the birds and you can stop and chat at will.



Scottish-American Athletic Association

"Helping to Promote and Perpetuate the Best of Scottish Culture Since 1981"

For the third year in a row, the SAAA will be conducting our Athletics Competition. Here is a little bit of information about this organization:

Our mission is to educate the general public about Scottish history and culture. We are hired by Celtic festivals to run, sanction, and promote Scottish Highland Games. We also start our own events and build new festivals around our

new athletic venues. We are currently expanding out of California, north to Homer Alaska, and are now partnered with Pacific Northwest Scottish Association (PNSA) to encompass British Columbia, Canada, and as far east as Texas where we have a satellite organization set up. The SAAA also provides kids events and educational programs for children of all ages.

Scottish Night in Honor of St Andrew

Sunday, November 27th 7 pm
 First Congregational UCC of Boise
 2201 Woodlawn Ave. Boise 83702
 208-344-5731
www.boisefirstucc.org

One of my favorite experiences during my tenure in Scotland as a Church of Scotland minister was the St Andrew's Day Service. St. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and is a focal point of Scottish identity. Each year near St. Andrew's Day (November 30th) many Scottish churches celebrate their heritage by having a service dedicated to St Andrew that celebrates their Scottish identity. In my church in Aberdeenshire, it was a Sunday for all men to wear the kilt and women to don some tartan. A piper piped the congregation into the church. The hymns were Scottish folk tunes that had religious words written for them, and the singing was accompanied by a ceilidh band instead of the organ. Readings were done in Scots and Doric instead of proper English, and we remembered the important qualities of faithfulness, loyalty, perseverance, courage and service – all qualities associated with St. Andrew. After the service we enjoyed refreshments of biscuits (cookies and shortbread), pancakes,

scones, tea, and coffee. It was a joyous celebration.

Since my arrival in Boise, I have continued this tradition at First Congregational Church. The Bru provides the music for the service, and my husband Bill Cran (an Aberdonian) reads in the Doric and Scots. A festive atmosphere prevails, and the offering is donated to a charity that embodies the values we associate with Scottish identity. This year the offering will be donated to Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter and Housing Services – an important local charity in Boise.

Please join us for this time to celebrate all things Scottish. The Bru will once again join us, and we will sing, laugh, listen, and at the end of the service, we will respectfully stand and remember absent friends as our piper plays a lament, then we conclude the service with a rousing rendition of Scotland the Brave! We hope to raffle off a handwoven traditional Scottish Wedding Blanket that evening to raise additional funds for Interfaith Sanctuary.

For more information, feel free to call me, Rev. Kim Cran, at 344-5731. See you in November, and wear your tartan with pride!



Social Networking

The Scottish American Society of the Treasure Valley is now on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Check us out and become a fan.

On Facebook we now have 200 fans! Our Facebook page is a great way to share photos and stories with others. Meeting and event information will be posted so you can keep up with what is happening in the Celtic community. You can post your own events and start up important or even frivolous discussions.



Our Twitter account is new, but we are having fun. We have 26 followers, but we'd love more. Get the latest news, fun quotes, jokes, and details about the Festival by following us on Twitter.

Although we've had the YouTube account for sometime, it is only this year that we are actively using it as a place to share the great things at the games. We have three videos up at the moment and more to come.

Don't forget, for full details of our events and organization go to our website at www.idahoscots.org.



The Scottish American Society of the Treasure Valley would like to thank **Celtic Plumbing, Metro Express Car Wash, and Meridian Ford** for all their help and support.

Thanks to these companies, we are able to promote and put on the Festival.

We are humbled and inspired by their generosity.





NOTICE:

Please **DO NOT** bring your pets to the Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

September 16 and 17

TVCFHG Ceilidh

Where: Plantation Golf Course

When: 7 pm

Cost: Members: \$8 anytime. Non-Members: \$8 if purchased before hand, \$10 at the door. Space is limited, so get your tickets early!

Treasure Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Where: Expo Idaho

When: 9 am - 5 pm

Cost: Members: \$8 for adults, \$4 for Kids (ages 5-15) and Seniors (60 and up). Non-Members: \$10 for adults, \$5 for Kids (ages 5-15) are \$5, Seniors (60 and Up). All Kids under age 5 are FREE.

Tickets for both events can be purchased at Aquatic Supply, 208-323-1503, 1925 N. Wildwood Boise, ID.

November 27

Scottish Night in Honor of St. Andrew

Where: First Congregational UCC of Boise, 2201 Woodlawn Ave, Boise, ID 83702

When: 7 pm

End of January

Burns Night

Where: Doubletree Riverside, Boise

For More Information: John McDade, 208-342-3453

Scottish American Society

New Membership/Renewal Form

Music, Highland Games and More! Join us and celebrate Scottish and Celtic heritage. Your support and participation are appreciated.

(check 1) New Member or Renewing Member

Date: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Clan Affiliation (optional): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Select membership type (check one)

Individual - \$20/year Family - \$30/year Student - \$10/year

Note: Annual renewal date is July 1.

All memberships January to July are at 1/2 rate.

I am interested in helping with:

Membership Graphic Arts Sponsorship
 Highland Games Concerts Mail/Phone Contact
 Media Ceilidhs Other

Please return this form with payment to:

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