

After a year's hiatus the Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival returns to the Mississippi Gulf Coast on the grounds of historic Beauvoir in Biloxi on November 15-16. The festival is presented by the Highlands & Islands Association of Celtic Gatherings, Inc., a non-profit 501c3 organization. Festival hours are 9-5 on Saturday and 9-4 on Sunday.

The festival entertainers are sponsored by New Belgium Brewery & features Red McWilliams, Kracker Dan, Blarney Coast, the New Orleans Strathspey & Reel Society, the New Orleans Celtic Harp Ensemble, and Scoil Rince MacCrossan. Pipe bands include Father of Waters Pipes & Drums and Emerald Coast Pipes & Drums. Traditional and contemporary Scottish and Irish music will be presented all weekend. A Tartan Parade is planned for Saturday at noon. A Kirkin O'Tartan (church service) is planned for Sunday at noon. The popular **Saturday night Ceilidh** (pronounced kay-lee) **sponsored by Champion Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram** will start at 5pm on Beauvoir grounds.

Scoil Rince MacCrossan Irish Dancers performs on Saturday and dance instructor Julie Black will conduct an Irish dance workshop on Sunday.

In lieu of the Scottish heavy athletic competition, demonstrations will be conducted Saturday only with several athletes on hand to demonstrate the many events that athletes compete for medals and trophies. In an actual sanctioned competition athletes are judged and scored to determine the top athlete of the day. Scores are then recorded with the sanctioning board. Athletes go on to compete in regional and national competitions for top trophy awards. Levels are determined by the skill level of the athletes. Many top athletes go on to compete on the professional level where they can win cash awards. This year walk-up participants can try their hand in the sheath toss, the caber and weight toss, and the hammer throw.

Guinness® is the exclusive sponsor of the Knights of Valour jousting group which performs all weekend. The Knights of Valour is based in Canada and its team leader is Shane Adams who has been trained with horses all his life and holds many jousting titles throughout the U.S. and Canada. The troupe has been featured in History TV's Full Metal Jousting.

Other field events during the weekend includes the popular border collies and sheep herding. David Rogers of Perkinston trains the border collies by using hand signals and whistles to herd the sheep to their pens. A Renaissance Village will be set up with assorted depictions of Medieval life courtesy of the Society for Creative Anachronism. There will be face painting for the children. The Gulf Coast Blacksmiths will be demonstrating the art of blacksmithing. Matthew Troub will demonstrate carving Shillelaghs (travel canes) and the Clarks' family will demonstrate soap making.

The festival features traditional foods such as meat pies, sausage rolls and pastries. Other fair foods will be sold. Vendors offer unique Scottish and Irish gifts in time for Christmas. The Avenue of the Clans and a genealogy area for families wanting to trace their family roots is on hand. This year Clan MacKay (pronounced ma' k-eye) is the honor clan.

A single ticket price allows visitors to enjoy a day of all things Celtic and to also tour the home of Jefferson Davis, the Presidential Library and the memorial cemetery. This will be a grand weekend of Celtic culture for young and old. General admission is \$15.00 with discounts for seniors, military and students. Children under 5 is free.

The festival is sponsored by Guinness®, New Belgium Brewery, Champion Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, F.E.B. Distributing Company, Inc., Keesler Federal Credit Union, Triton Systems, the City of Biloxi, Beauvoir, Biloxi Family Dental Care and the Harrison County Supervisors. The event is partially funded by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

For more info visit the festival website: www.mshighlandsandislands.org

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Vendors

Hungry? Well we have all kinds of treats for you! If you're looking for that special Christmas gift for your loved ones then you're in the right place. Our vendors bring their best to this festival. Please patronize them, you'll never find these items anywhere on the Coast! We thank you! Today's vendors:

Merchants:

Celtic Tides, LLC

La Wren's Nest

Scots Corner

The Scotland Yard

The Scottish Armoury

Welsh Cookie Company

Highlands & Islands - festival tees

Food:

Highland Glenn Foods

House of Douglas

Oz Highland Farm,

LLC

Rollers, LLC

Drinks:

F.E.B. Distributing Co., Inc.

Highlands & Islands - Coke Products

Avenue of the Clans

Honor Clan ~ Clan MacKay ~ Katherine L. Gee

Genealogist ~ Anne Anderson

Clan Campbell Society ~ Randy Seale, Regional 6 Commissioner

Clan Carmichael ~ William "Billy Mac" Carmichael

Clan Donald

Clan Gregor ~ Rob Young

Clan Keith ~ Elizabeth Keith

Clan McNabb ~ Malcomb Lee McNabb

Clan McNeill

Clan Ross ~ Joe B. Adams

Society tents:

Caledonian Society of New Orleans - Wendy Grubbs

Ms Gulf Coast Pipes & Drums - Terry & Debra Campbell

Jones County Rosinheels SCV, Laurel MS ~ Carl D. Ford

Entertainment

Red McWilliams

Knights of Valour Jousting Troupe

Kracker Dan • Blarney Coast • Scoil Rince MacCrossan

New Orleans Strathspey & Reel Society

New Orleans Celtic Harp Ensemble

Father of Waters Pipes & Drums

Emerald Coast Pipes & Drums

David Rogers' Border Collies & Sheep Herding

Shire of Seelone presented by the

Society for Creative Anachronism

Scottish Highland Games Demonstrations

Gulf Coast Blacksmiths

Matthew Troub's Shillelaghs • The Clarks' Soaps

Flowers of the Forest

In Remembrance

We dedicate this year's Games to
former President and Games Chief

Carl Campbell

who passed away in March of 2014

We also remember Mary "Day" Lander, long time member of the Scottish community.

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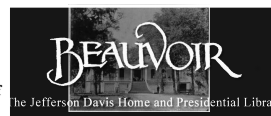
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Beauvoir, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Irish Coast Pub,
Super 8 Hotel, our Clansmen, participants, entertainers and
Calendonian friends from New Orleans, Mobile, Jackson, &
all points around the Gulf Coast.

May we continue the Tradition to meet here next year!

*Join us April 11, 2015 as we celebrate
National Tartan Day at Beauvoir Biloxi*



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Scottish Highland Games & Celtic



Music Festival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Honoring Clan MacKay

November 15 & 16, 2014

Beauvoir, Biloxi

Schedule of Events

Presented by the Highlands and Islands
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Ceilidh Tent

Field Area

Saturday

9 AM Red McWilliams Pipebands
10 AM Blarney Coast Jousting
11 AM NO Strathspey & Reel Sheep Herding

Noon All Pipebands Lead Tartan
 Parade to the Main Stage
 Roll Call of the Clans
 National Anthem
 Speech by Honor Clan
 Massed Band Performance

1 PM Kracker Dan Sheep Herding
2 PM NO Strathspey and Reel Irish Dancing*
3 PM Red McWilliams Jousting
4 PM Blarney Coast

5 PM Pipebands closes Games and
 Ceilidh begins
 Kracker Dan
 Red McWilliams
 Blarney Coast

Sunday

9 AM Red McWilliams Pipebands
10 AM Kracker Dan Jousting
11 AM Irish Dance Workshop Sheep Herding

Noon Kirkin o' the Tartan Service

1 PM Blarney Coast Sheep Herding
2 PM Celtic Harp Pipebands
3 PM Kracker Dan Jousting
4 PM Red McWilliams Jousting

* Irish Dancing performance at the Hayes Cottage

