



Enjoy the Hospitality  
of Scotland County

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SEPTEMBER 2016

Scotland County - The Soul of the Carolinas

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## Think of it as ESPN Meets Braveheart

Ever think about trying to flip a telephone pole in the air? It's called the caber, and Highland Scots have been tossing it around for over 500 years. If you've never experienced a Highland Games, you owe it to yourself to join us Saturday, October 1st at the John Blue Complex in Laurinburg (Take 401 to Laurinburg and turn at the Wal-Mart - The grounds are 1 mile up on the left)

Watch our athletes compete in traditional events such as tossing the Scottish hammer and stone throws. Ever heard of the sheaf toss? That's throwing a 20-pound bail of straw straight up over a high bar using a pitchfork. For the little pros out there, we have events that kids love to try – you can preregister for the kids games at [www.shgnc.org](http://www.shgnc.org) or the morning of October 1st at the event.

A full spectrum of events will be offered at the Games: Clan and Society tents, food and merchandise vendors, athletic competitions, Scottish musical and dance entertainment, sheep dog demonstrations, and EUSPBA sanctioned solo piping and drumming competitions. Again this year there will be pipe and drum band competition which will bring bands in from all over the southeast and provide spectators a firsthand look at the pageantry and precision of pipe bands.

Advanced ticket sales are \$12 for adults, \$3 for children (\$15 and \$5 at the door).

The day's festivities continue Saturday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. when we present "Rock on Scotland" – an "After Games Concert and Party" featuring Celtic music from Seven Nations that will have you dancing into the evening. The night will also feature pipe bands and food/beer vendors. Entry is \$5.00 if you only arrive for the concert and free if you are already attending the Games.

For more information, visit: [www.schgnc.org](http://www.schgnc.org)



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## Langston Hughes and Jazz - A Great Combination



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Presented Saturday, September 24th at the Storytelling and Arts Center in downtown Laurinburg, The Langston Hughes Project is a multimedia musical concert performance of Langston Hughes's kaleidoscopic jazz poem suite. The performance features "Ask Your Mama," Hughes' homage in verse and music to the struggle for artistic and social freedom at home and abroad at the beginning of the 1960s. This a twelve-part epic poem, which Hughes scored, features musical cues drawn from blues and Dixieland, gospel songs, boogie woogie, bebop and progressive jazz, Latin "cha cha" and Afro-Cuban mambo music, German lieder, Jewish liturgy, West Indian calypso, and African drumming -- a creative masterwork.

The program is brought to life by Ron McCurdy Professor of Music at the Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California (USC). Besides his teaching duties and creation and management of the Langston Hughes Project, Dr. McCurdy is internationally renowned as a consultant to the Grammy Foundation educational programs and also serves as director of the National Grammy Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Beginning at 7:00 on Saturday, September 24th, this special night of music, poetry and imagery is brought to you by the Scotland County Arts Council and will be hosted by the Storytelling and Arts Center of the Southeast (SACS). Located at 131 South Main Street in Laurinburg. The Center will hold only one showing of this traveling show before it returns to Los Angeles. This is the only presentation in the Southeast United States until it returns to Charleston for a single show in February.

Tickets for the show are only \$25 -- \$20 for students, military and seniors. For more information and to order tickets visit:

[www.storyartscenter.org](http://www.storyartscenter.org) or call **910-277-3599**.

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## The Fall Means Festival Season

**September 24** - Kuumba: Presented by the African American Heritage Committee, The annual celebration of our rich African-American culture is known as Kuumba. Kuumba means "creativity" and the festival lives up to that promise. Kuumba features dancing, drumming, storytelling and socializing, as well as a musical menu that runs from gospel to jazz. Held in Market Park in Laurinburg. Visit [www.kumbafestnc.org](http://www.kumbafestnc.org)

**October 1** – Scotland County Highland Games: If you've never experienced a Highland Games, you owe it to yourself to join us. Watch our lads compete in traditional events, and take in the piping and drumming, dancing, and Tartan glory associated with this unique culture. Held at the historic John Blue Complex in Laurinburg. For more information, visit: [www.schgnc.org](http://www.schgnc.org)

**October 8/9** – John Blue Cotton Festival: It's one thing to read books about rural life in the South 100 or more years ago. It's another to experience it for yourself and celebrate with descendants of the people who tilled the land here a century ago. And that's what the John Blue Festival is all about—bringing together the old and the new as we pay homage to our agricultural tradition. Also held at the historic John Blue Complex. Visit [www.johnbluecottonfestival.com](http://www.johnbluecottonfestival.com)

**October 15/16** – Storytelling Festival of Southeast: This unique and nationally famous festival includes multiple performance stages to assure you'll hear the best storytelling this side of Garrison Keillor. Get ready to be utterly spellbound as internationally renowned and honored performers spin their magic and touch every emotion from laughter to horror to tears. (Yes, they're that good). For more information visit: [www.storyartscenter.org](http://www.storyartscenter.org) or call **(910) 277-3599**.





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## Laurinburg Welcomes Our Visitors

The City of Laurinburg and Scotland County look forward to welcoming you to our community and showing our Southern hospitality. For more information on where to stay, please visit the Scotland County Tourism Web site at [www.visitnc-soul.com](http://www.visitnc-soul.com)



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### Hotels

Clinton Inn	910-276-6555	Pine Acres Lodge	910-276-1531
Comfort Inn	910-277-7788	Quality Inn	910-277-0080
Hampton Inn	910-277-1516	Scotland Inn	910-276-0632
Holiday Inn Express	910-291-3300	Thomas Walton B&B	910-276-0551
Oasis RV Park	910-266-8372		

### Casual Dining

215 on Main	910-361-4474
Captain Larry's Seafood House	910-276-1880
Champs Fine Food and Spirits	910-276-4386
Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano	910-276-0032
Sweet Expressions / Gill House	910-506-2126
The Main Table	910-361-4273
Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille	910-276-6632

### Quick Serve Dining

Dawg Haus Express	910-277-9303	Great Wall Chinese Food	910-276-9199
General McArthur's	910-276-1498	Jin Jin Chinese Food	910-277-1616
Golden Corral	910-277-1620	Little Fuji Grill	910-277-9922
Greek Village	910-277-7700	Miyako	910-506-4081
Jerry's Deli and Grill	910-266-9020	Taki Japanese Restaurant	910-291-9908
Huddle House	910-610-4100	Jesse's Pizza & Hot Sub	910-277-8538
Smithfield's Bar-B-Q	910-266-8700	Pizza Hut	910-276-1770
Waffle House	910-277-9259	Pizza Inn	910-276-6565
China Garden	910-266-8885	Moe's Chicken	910-506-2325
Golden Run	910-277-7734		