

It's Fall



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of Scotland County

Scotland County - The Soul of the Carolinas



UPCOMING KEY EVENTS



Scotland County
Highland Games
October 2



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Whisky Tasting
October 1

Highland Games Return

The anxiously awaited Scotland County Highland Games are scheduled for October 2nd, with a record number of people expected to attend this year. The Games will be held at the North Carolina Rural Heritage Center and John Blue Historical Complex on X-Way Road in Laurinburg. For those who are unfamiliar with this event, its main purpose is to represent the Scottish culture by incorporating competitions, games, and traditions that are relevant to Scotland. Bill Caudill, director of The Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University and founder of the Games, stated that this year's event is going to be "bigger and better than ever", with a whopping 5000+ people scheduled to attend. In fact, their local motels and hotels are filling up fast for that weekend!

Registration began as early as June 1st, with a record number of people already signed up. This event has continually grown since it moved from Flora MacDonald in Red Springs to the city of Laurinburg in the year 2008.

This event brings in people from states far and wide, to watch and participate in various competitions, some of which consist of tossing the Scottish hammer, stone throws, and sheaf toss—throwing a twenty-pound bail of straw straight up over a high bar using a pitchfork! The caber toss is the most popular Scottish competition. It consists of flipping a caber (similar to a telephone pole) high up in the air. In fact, Highland Scots have been tossing it for over 500 years.



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In addition, the Game's band competitions are gaining more interest and attention than ever before. According to Caudill, "we already have in hand more than two-third of our normal number of Scottish clan registrations (and) a record twenty-four pipe bands are already entered, with competitor entries from as far away as New York and Florida". This means that the competition will be as fierce and interesting as they have ever been! These bands are brought in from all over the southeast to give spectators a close look at the uniqueness and precision of pipe bands.

Keeping with the Scottish theme there will also be Scottish musical and dance to showcase the intricacy and talent the dancers have, as well as food and merchandise vendors, sheep dog demonstrations, and Clan and Society tents.

The first event of the weekend is held on October 1st, where participants will indulge in Whiskey Tasting and Sponsor Reception. It will take place at the Brick & Mortar facility in downtown Laurinburg. October 2nd are the Games, and on October 3rd, the Old Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church will have a Sunday service to conclude the week's exciting events. Looking for a volunteering opportunity at the Games? If so, or if you have any questions, contact Bill Caudill at 910-318-1397 or email him at info@schgnc.org. As for the tickets, advanced ticket sales are \$12 for adults, \$3 for children, (\$15 and \$5 at the gate). Advanced tickets are available for purchase online at www.games-tickets.com.

For more general information, visit www.carolina-highlandgames.com. Lastly, to locate the Games, take 401 to Laurinburg and turn at the Wal-Mart. The grounds are one mile up on the left!

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Glenfiddich Sponsors Whisky Tasting

On October 1st from 3-5pm, downtown Laurinburg will hold its very special Scotland County Highland Games Whisky Tasting. Sponsored for the first time by world-famous Glenfiddich Whisky, the tasting will include the auctioning off two of their rarest and finest twenty-one-year-old bottles. In fact, this is the first time the event will be sponsored by a whisky brand, while in previous years it was led by locals who were familiar with the drink itself.

This year, the tasting presentation will be led by the North American Ambassador for Glenfiddich, who is extremely well-versed in the art of whisky and whisky drinking. And, if you have been to a wine tasting, then you know what to expect. You will learn all about how to pair whisky as well as learning about the different notes and tastes it brings to your palette, just like you would at a wine tasting event. And the best part—you get to take a tour of the best Scottish whisky samples without even leaving town!

This once-in-a-lifetime sponsorship came about through a friend of Bill Caudill's, Lorne Cousin, the brand manager for Glenfiddich North America. Cousin started out as a bagpiper and attorney in Edinburgh, who was invited to play at Paul McCartney's wedding in 2003. From there, he gained so much popularity that he caught the one and only Madonna's attention so much so that she brought him on her "Re-invention" world tour. This event certainly brings in the best of the best to give the people an unforgettable experience!

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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

Hotels

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| Comfort Inn | 910-277-7788 | Pine Acres Lodge | 910-276-1531 |
| Hampton Inn | 910-277-1516 | Scotland Inn | 910-276-0632 |
| Holiday Inn Express | 910-291-3300 | Oasis RV Park | 910-266-8372 |
| Quality Inn | 910-277-0080 | | |

Casual Dining

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| Captain Larry's Seafood House | 910-276-1880 |
| Fore's Family Restaurant | 910-506-2112 |
| Jerry's Deli and Grill | 910-266-9020 |
| Mi Casita Restaurante Mexicano | 910-276-0032 |
| Southernway Restaurant | 910-607-4057 |
| The Main Table | 910-361-4273 |
| Wooly McDuff's Neighborhood Grille | 910-276-6632 |

Quick Serve Dining

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| Golden Corral | 910-277-1620 | Golden Run | 910-277-7734 |
| Greek Village | 910-277-7700 | Jin Jin Chinese Food | 910-277-1616 |
| Smithfield's Bar-B-Q | 910-266-870 | Little Fuji Grill | 910-277-9922 |
| Zaxby's | 910-266-8700 | Miyako | 910-506-4081 |
| Huddle House | 910-610-4100 | Taki Japanese Restaurant | 910-291-9908 |
| Waffle House | 910-277-9259 | Jesse's Pizza & Hot Sub | 910-277-8538 |
| China Garden | 910-266-8885 | Pizza Inn | 910-276-6565 |