



Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Saturday, July 18, 2026
Saint Paul, MN



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Fàilte!

Welcome to the 2026 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games!

We are delighted you chose to join us today on the lovely Macalester College campus for a day filled with everything Scottish and Celtic. Hopefully, you will be able to see and experience everything these vibrant Highland Games have to offer.

We have bagpipe and drumming competitions happening on the Great Lawn. Four entertainment stages will fill the grounds with music and dance, as well as education on Scottish culture and history. Say hello to the Celtic canines and Highland coos as well as peruse the display of British cars and motorcycles. Learn about various Clans and Scottish history as you walk through Shaw Field and purchase a keepsake from the marketplace. Stop by the Children's Area for activities for the younger crowd, or stop in for a pint or two in the McCracken Pub. There is a spread of Scottish fare from the food vendors that is sure to delight. Don't miss the Heavy Games competition at the south end of campus - they are sure to amaze you with their strength! However you spend your time today, we hope you will be entertained, educated, and enriched.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, performers, athletes, Macalester community, and everyone who made this day possible. The event is not possible without you all and I am grateful for everyone's contributions.

Whether you are a longtime attendee or here for your first time, I sincerely hope that you enjoy your time at the 2026 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games!

Welcome, and let the games begin!



Allie Lewis
President
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games



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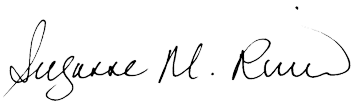
On behalf of the Macalester community, I'm delighted to welcome you to our campus for the 2026 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games! Many thanks to the excellent Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games leadership team, and to all of the Mac students, faculty, staff, and neighbors who helped plan this celebration.

Scottish connections and traditions have been part of Macalester's story for generations. I got a firsthand introduction to this legacy early in my presidency, when my spouse, Mike, decided to join the Macalester Pipe Band. In the years since, he has focused not only on learning how to play but also on celebrating the 75-year history of piping at Macalester. And I've gotten a wonderful "front-row seat" through my role as a devoted fan at many competitions!

On our campus, for alumni across generations, the sound of bagpipes is beloved. In the 1960s, pipe bands from around the country traveled to Macalester for the Highland Games. In the 1970s, that gathering evolved into the Scottish Fair, which continued until the early 2000s. Today, it's a joy to welcome the Scottish Fair & Highland Games back to campus for the third year in a row.

Thank you all for joining us today. I hope you have a wonderful time enjoying the festivities. We're so happy you're here!

Go, Scots!



Dr. Suzanne M. Rivera
President



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Colors dependent on available stock.



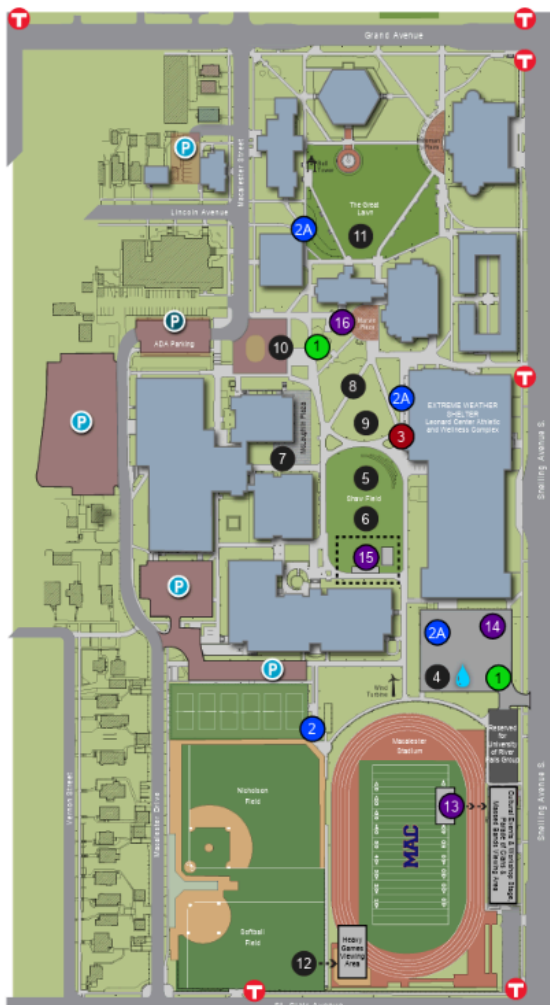


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- 3 First Aid/Security
- 4 Highland Fare Lot (Food Trucks)
- 5 Clan Row
- 6 Scottish Marketplace
- 7 Viking Encampment
- 8 Celtic Canines & Highland Coo
- 9 Children's Area
- 10 British Car Exhibit
- 11 Pipe Band Competition Area
- 12 Heavy Games Competition Area
- 13 Cultural Events & Workshop Stage*
- 14 Clan Cameron Stage*
- 15 M'Cracken Pub & Macalester College Stage*
- 16 Heather's Den Stage*
- P Parking
- 2A ADA Parking
- Hydration Station
- Metro Transit

*See schedule of events: mnsouthfair.org/schedule/



Learn bagpiping and drumming from the best!

Macalester College Pipe Band has top instructors to teach you the Highland arts.

Contact **Mike Breidenbach**, Director of Piping
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Schedule of Events



MINNESOTA SCOTTISH FAIR & HIGHLAND GAMES

Gates open at 8am

8am - 12pm:

- Solo Piping & Drumming Competitions
- Highland Dance Competition on the Cultural Events & Workshops Stage
- Clan Row
- Scottish Marketplace
- British Car Show
- Celtic Canines & Highland Coo
- Children's Area: Games and Crafts
 - **11am:** Storytelling with Sir Gustav Doc'Tain
- **9am:** Heavy Games Competition begins
- **10am:** McCracken Pub opens
- **10am:** Celtic Music on the Heathen's Den Stage begins
- **10:30am:** Vikings Weapons Demonstration
- **11am:** Celtic Music on the Clan Cameron Stage begins
- **11am:** Celtic Music on the Macalester College Stage begins

12pm: Official Welcome & Parade of Clans

Marching from Shaw Field to Clan Cameron Stage

12:30pm - 5pm:

- Clan Row
- Scottish Marketplace
- British Car Show
- Celtic Canines & Highland Coo
- Celtic Music on Clan Cameron Stage
- Celtic Music on Macalester College Stage
- Education & Workshops on the Cultural Events & Workshops Stage
- Celtic Music on the Heathen's Den Stage
- Children's Area: Games and Crafts
 - **1pm & 3pm:** Storytelling with Sir Gustav Doc'Tain
- **12:30pm:** Heavy Games continues with the Tossing of the Caber
- **1:45pm:** Pipe Band Competition begins
- **2pm:** Vikings Fight Show

5pm: Massed Bands & Closing Ceremonies on Macalester Field

6:30pm - 8:30pm: Ceilidh at the McCracken Pub with the Gunn Slingers

Event closes at 8:30

Celtic Music & Dance Performance Schedule

Macalester College Stage <i>Location: Shaw Field/McCracken Pub</i>	Clan Cameron Stage <i>Location: South Lot/Highland Fare Lot</i>	Cultural Events & Workshop Stage <i>Location: Macalester Stadium</i>	Heathen's Den Stage <i>Location: Marvin Plaza</i>
11:05 am Stephanie Claussen	11:00 am Dórain	8:30 am - 12:30 pm Highland Dance Competition	9:00 am Lochtune
12:30 pm Eira	12:30 pm Dalwhinnie with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Fligmagearie Step Dancers	12:30 pm Wool Preservation Workshop	10:20 am Ten Penny Tunes
1:40 pm Dick & Vic	1:40 pm Dalwhinnie	1:00 pm Great Kilt Folding	11:40 am Inland Seas
2:50 pm Eira	2:50 pm Sproule & Sutter	1:30 pm Country Dance/Ceilidh Lesson	1:00 pm Ten Penny Tunes
4:00 pm Dick & Vic	4:00 pm MacKenzie, Sproule, & Sutter	2:30 pm Harp Demo	2:20 pm Inland Seas
6:30-8:30 pm The Gunn Slingers		3:20 pm Border Piping	3:40 pm Lochtune
		3:50 pm Gaelic Language	4:40 pm Lochtune, Ten Penny Tunes, & Inland Seas Sing-Along
		4:20 pm Vikings Storytelling	

British Car & Motorcycle Exhibit



British cars & motorcycles of many makes and models will be displayed. Owners would love to talk with you about their cars, many of which have been lovingly restored and maintained. Stop by and vote for your favorite vehicle. The owner of the car with the most votes will receive a prize!



Heavy Events

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games Heavy Events Competition features 9 events and our Minnesota and Dakotas throwing contingent includes competitors aged 18 to 70+! Multiple athletes today have competed internationally; with multiple athletes holding current world records!

Stop by the Heavy Games viewing area in the stadium to witness spectacular sporting events. The famous caber toss will be directly following the Official Welcome and Parade of Clans Ceremony at noon.



Special thanks to Ascend Chiropractic for providing onsite support for our Heavy Games participants.

Scottish Highland Dance Competition

*Cultural Events & Workshops Stage in the Macalester Stadium
9am - 12pm*



Scottish Highland Dancing is an ancient art form dating back at least as early as the 1200s. Traditionally done in the military, Highland dancing allowed soldiers to demonstrate their strength and stamina. Dances like the Fling and Sword were performed in victory or before battles, keeping the soldiers agile.

Dances like the Lilt and Flora were originally done by women and are more balletic in nature. Highland dances are traditionally performed solo. In competition, dancers are individually judged on their technique, timing, and deportment.



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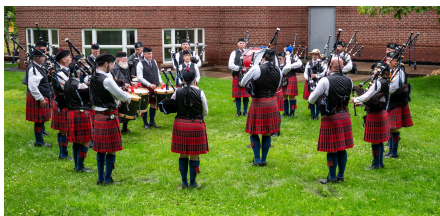
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Piping & Drumming

Solos - 8am-12pm

Bands - 1:45pm-4:30pm

Pipe and drum bands originated in the Scottish Regiments of the British Army in the 19th century and flourished due to the enthusiasm of Queen Victoria. Pipe bands comprise bagpipe and percussion sections. The percussion section includes a snare line, bass drum, and tenor drums.

Competition bands are divided into five grades. Grade 5 bands compete with a selection of quick marches. Bands in Grade 4 and higher compete with a "March, Strathspey, and Reel" (MSR), as well as a timed medley. MSRs consist of three technically demanding, more traditional tunes. They test a band's musical and technical fundamentals in the three classic idioms of bagpipe music. A competition medley is a selection of traditional and contemporary tunes, tastefully arranged with innovative bridges, harmonies, recurring themes, and other musical elements to showcase a band's creativity and execution.



Four adjudicators (two piping, one drumming, one ensemble) will assess each band's sound, execution, musicality, and unison. They listen for how the individual corps play together as well as how the pipes and drums create a cohesive musical package. Each judge will assess how well the band captures the musical idioms. The final placings will be determined by combining the judges' rankings, and the awards will be announced today at the Closing Ceremonies.



Our pipe bands today come from as far as Kansas City and Madison. They represent diverse musical traditions and bring their unique styles to the competition. They will be delivering their best performances under pressure today in the hopes of bringing home some prize money, and more importantly, winning bragging rights over their rivals!



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McCracken Pub

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while listening to some great music.



Patrons must have a valid ID and obtain a wristband for \$2 BEFORE purchasing an alcoholic beverage.

*You must be 21 or older to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages,
but everyone is welcome in the Pub.*

All alcohol must stay within the confines of the Pub area.

Our 2026 Beverage Sponsors:



The McCracken Pub is proud to serve these and more!

**Finish your evening with us in the McCracken Pub at the Macalester
College Entertainment Stage for a ceilidh with the Gunn Slingers!**

From 6:30 - 8:30pm, it is the perfect way to close out the Scottish Fair.



*Formed by Scottish accordionist Neil Gunn, The
Gunn Slingers have exploded on to the Minnesota
ceilidh scene. They play a mix of traditional
Scottish tunes with a hard groove and high energy
to create a night of dancing and craic you will
never forget.*

Clans & Nonprofits

Taking place on the Clan Cameron Stage at noon, the Parade of Clans is an exciting, colorful tradition. Local Scottish Organizations and Clan and Family Societies will march with banners flying as each unit is called and recognized. Visit your clan's booth early if you are interested in joining them for the Parade.

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Clan Baird

Clan Buchanan

Clan Cameron

Clan Cummings

Clan Cunningham

Clan Elliot

Clan Johnston/e

Clan Kennedy

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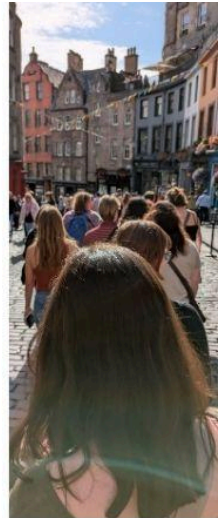
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Thank you to all our incredible volunteers for your time, energy, and dedication. Your hard work and generous spirit have made a meaningful difference, and we truly couldn't have done it without you. Whether behind the scenes or on the front lines, your contributions have had a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for everything you do.

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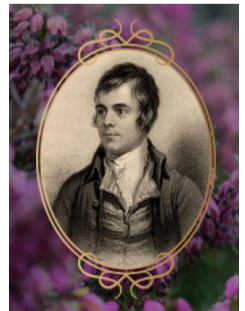
Robert Burns Night **Save the date! January 23, 2027**

Tickets include:

- A formal dinner - with haggis!
- Whiskey for toasting
- A program highlighting Robert Burns' songs & poems, Highland dancing, a Pipe Band, Scottish Country Dancing, and more!
- A raffle and/or silent auction
- A Scottish Ceilidh

Check the website for tickets in November.

mnscottishfair.org



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The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games would like to thank Macalester College for their sponsorship of the grounds and facilities and the numerous staff and volunteers that helped plan this event.

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Thank you to everyone who came.

Thank you to everyone who performed, competed, educated, exhibited, volunteered, and worked so this event could be a success.

Thank you to everyone at Macalester College that helped plan, who volunteered, and who opened the campus to us, making this event possible.

Thank you to the members of Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games, the Board of Directors and the Committee members.

Thank you all for supporting the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games with your time, talent, money, and presence.

**Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games
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