Capital District Scottish Games
Altamont, New York
INVITATION 2018

Greetings to all Clan and Society Representatives!

We cordially invite you to participate in our two-day Highland Games, **Sept. 1st and 2ʳᵈ** (Labor Day weekend), held at the Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY, about 20 minutes from Albany, New York. Games will be held **RAIN OR SHINE.**

You will be allowed to drive your car in to the clan area between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 am on Sat. and Sun. This year we recommend you use Gate 1, which is closest to the Clan area. The field will also be open on **Friday (Aug. 30ᵗʰ) between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm**. If you arrive <u>after</u> 9:00 am on either day you will have to walk your gear in or we will attempt to access a golf cart to help you move your gear. **All cars must be removed from the field before 9:00 am.** There will be reserved parking in the general parking area unless you are in possession of a handicap parking pass issued by a state DMV. **For those of you who have been with us in past years, please note that the Clans & Societies area will be in the same location as last year at the end of the fairgrounds near the Beer Tent. Please look for signs when you arrive.**

The registration fee for Clans and Societies is $30.00

For this fee, The Capital District Scottish Games <u>will provide</u>:

- ✓ Tent Space in the clan area. (if needed, a $60.00 fee will reserve 2 tent spaces)
- ✓ **Two** complimentary tickets for each day and **one** vehicle pass for both days. (Sunday tickets and passes will be distributed on Saturday).
- ✓ A crowd of up to 10,000 to 12,000 in beautiful surroundings.
- ✓ Competition for dancers, pipers, drummers and bands from the US and Canada.
- ✓ 30 - 40 bands typically compete in Grades I, II, III, IV and V.
- ✓ Special events for children, as well as Scottish pop, folk, and rock groups in concert.
- ✓ Genuine Scottish food and goods – The Games are the best place to shop for all your Scottish needs!
- ✓ Clan Exhibit Contest (Contest for Clans Only)

Other activities/services available (Information and Reservation form included in this mailing):

- ✓ For those of you who have been with us in past years, please note that we expect **there will be a clan dinner** this year. Information will come directly from dinner organizers.
- ✓ Limited camping on the ground for participants. Note: the camping area can be noisy for light sleepers, due to exuberant youth and keyed-up competitors.

<u>YOU PROVIDE:</u>

- ✓ Tent, chairs, tables, exhibits, equipment, & personnel to staff your tent from **9 AM to 5 PM** both days.
- ✓ $30.00 registration fee.

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE RETURNED to the address below WITH $30.00 REGISTRATION FEE by <u>SATURDAY, AUGUST 4ᵗʰ</u>.

(P*lease make checks payable to: **Capital District Scottish Games**)

Sincerely,

Gene Gordon and Chuck Tarbay

(518-399-7738) or genegordon@aol.com
(518-618-7102) or ctarbaysgclans@gmail.com

Additional copies of this form can be printed from : www.Scotgames.com or www.SchenectadyStAndrews.org

Capital District Scottish Games
2018 Reservation Request

Clan or Society Representative

Please do not write to the Fairgrounds - correspond only with Games Committee Members.

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1. Name and address of organization:

2. Name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of Representative(s):

3. Are you attending: ☐ **Sat and Sun**,   ☐ **Saturday only,**   ☐ **Sunday only?**

4. Will you be having your **AGM** (Annual General Meeting) at Altamont this year?
    ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If you have questions concerning the Clans and Societies, please contact:

Gene Gordon
(518) 399-7738 or
e-mail to genegordon@aol.com

Chuck Tarbay
(518)618-7102
email to ctarbaysgclans@gmail.com

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR $30.00 ENTRY FEE
by
Saturday, AUGUST 4th, 2018

to:

St. Andrew's Society of Schenectady
c/o Charles Tarbay
PO BOX 455
Altamont, NY 12009

Please make checks payable to: *Capital District Scottish Games*

(Please Note: Checks will not be deposited until the last week in August)

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OVERNIGHT FACILITIES

MOTELS: Most motel chains have locations here in the Albany - Schenectady area, all within easy driving distance of the Altamont Fairgrounds, location of the Games.

Official Games Host Motels (ask for special Capital District Scottish Games rates):

1. HAMPTON INN
10 Ulenski Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Phone: (518) 438-2822
Rate: $99.00 plus tax. Includes breakfast.
Must call hotel directly and ask for the
Scottish Games rate. Deadline: 8/12/2018

2. QUALITY INN
2788 Hamburg St. Schenectady, NY
Phone: (518) 355-1111
Rate: $85.00 plus tax. Includes breakfast.
Call hotel directly and ask for Scottish Games rate.
Deadline: 8/18/2018

3. TOWN PLACE SUITES
1379 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12203
Phone (518) 435-1900
Rate: $116 plus tax
Call hotel to make reservation and ask for
Scottish Games rate. Deadline: 8/15/2018

4. FAIRFIELD INN
1383 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12203
Phone (518) 435-1800
Rate: $116 plus tax
Call hotel to make reservations and ask for
Scottish Games rate. Deadline: 8/5/20178

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CAMPING

Camping is available at the Altamont Fairgrounds for Clan/Society representatives, games participants, and the general public. Rates are $30/night for tent sites and $40/night for site with electrical and water hook-ups. Please note that sites with electrical and water hook-ups are limited in number so it is recommended that people interested register early. Registration for camping at the Altamont Fairgrounds can be done via the Capital District Scottish Games website, www.scotgames.com. There is a link on the home page of the website that will take you to the camping registration form. Please e-mail any questions to cdsgcamping@gmail.com or call Paul Bowman at (518) 253-5591 or Brent Pierce at (518) 928-3017.

Alternate camping is also available at Thompson's Lake (NYS) Campground, East Berne, NY 12059. The campground is approximately 5 miles away from the Altamont Fairgrounds and can be contacted at (518) 872-1674. Please note that the Capital District Scottish Games does not take reservations for Thompson's Lake (NYS) Campground, so reservations will need to be made directly with them.