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NEWS RELEASE

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The 64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering

Presented By: The Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association – A Non-profit (c)(4) Organization

Games Dates & Times: July 31 and August 1, 2010 – Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Where: The Enumclaw Expo Center (formerly the King County Fairgrounds)
Enumclaw, Washington (No pets allowed in Enumclaw Expo Center)

Games Admission:

Per Day:	Adult \$15.00
	Senior Citizen 60 & Over / Active Military \$11.00
	Children 5 to 17 \$10.00
	Children Under 5 Free
Two Day Pass:	Adult \$22.00
	Senior Citizen 60 & Over / Active Military \$16.00
	Children 5 to 17 \$14.00

Parking: Per Day: \$5.00

Saturday & Sunday, July 31 & August 1:

8:00 AM – North American Scottish Athletics Championship, US West Coast Drum Corps Championship, NW Regional Harp Finals, individual Piping and Drumming, Pipe Bands, Highland and National Dancing – you will see and experience it all, plus much more!
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5:30 PM Be amazed by the titans who deftly toss the caber and put the stone, matching skill and strength against the odds on the athletic field of battle. Delight in the soothing sound of the Celtic harpists as they compete and then join together for a Harpers' Circle jam session. Thrill to the bourdon of the bagpipes and the cadence of the drums as you witness, first hand, the fine array of talented pipers and drummers competing before judges of worldwide renown. Behold the grace and elegance of the Scottish dancers as they regale you with the Highland and National dances of Scotland. Visit the Rampant Lion Pub or the Tilted Kilt Pub to raise a glass of fine Scottish style ales. Sample a wide variety of traditional Scottish foods as you enjoy the Celtic Arts Showcases as various local English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh dancers, musicians and singers perform. Our featured performers include – Scottish balladeer Alex Beaton, the traditional Scottish folk artist Colin Grant-Adams, the loud and boisterous Wicked Tinkers, the Texas Celtic Rockers Needfire, the dynamic and electrifying Tempest, and the three part harmonies of Golden Bough. We invite you to visit the encampment of the Northwest's premier steel combat troupe the Seattle Knights. Stroll through the Avenue of the Clans, the Glen of the Clans and our Walk Through Time and delve into your Scottish ancestry and heritage. Wind through the Hall of the Vendors and the Celtic Marketplace and observe the fine workmanship of Scottish artisans, and spend your hard-earned tuppence on lovely imported goods from the British Isles. Don't miss our Scottish Farm with shaggy Scotch Highland cattle and Clydesdale horses. Complete your tour with the Celtic Kennel as we feature the Celtic dog breeds at work and at play. Plan to attend the Ceilidh Saturday evening – a traditional Scottish party with music, sing-along, stories and Scottish country dancing. It is a weekend not to be missed – full of fun, education and traditional Scottish activities, so please join us and enjoy a wee bit of Scotland right here in the Pacific Northwest!

Saturday Only, July 31:

12:30 PM – "Welcoming Ceremony, Massing of the Pipes & Drums, Presentation of Colors & Parade of the Clans"
5:00 PM – "Massing of the Pipes & Drums and Awards Presentation"
7:00 PM – "Ceilidh" (Kay-lee) A traditional Scottish party open to all, at the Expo Center. Saturday admission includes Ceilidh.

Sunday Only, August 1:

9:00 AM – "Kirkin O' the Tartan" A church service with a blessing of the tartan.
9:00 AM – "Piobaireachd (pea-brock) Competition" Piobaireachd is the classical music of the bagpipe.
12:30 PM – "Massing of the Pipes & Drums, Presentation of Colors & Parade of the Clans"
5:00 PM – "Closing Ceremony, Massing of the Pipes & Drums and Awards Presentations"

Miscellaneous Information:

- These Highland Games are the sixth oldest in the US and the largest (2009 attendance – 26,000) in Washington State.
- The Highland Games will be the grand finale to *Washington State Scottish Week*, as proclaimed by Governor Gregoire.
- Digital images are available from previous years' events.

Recorded Message and Homepage Information:

- Public access telephone number for additional information and times; **(206) 522-2541**.
- Public access email for additional information and times; **scots4ever@sshga.org**
- Visit our Home Page for additional information, times and Schedule of Events; **http://www.sshga.org**

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NEWS RELEASE

February 20, 2010

**The 64th Annual
Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering
Highland Weekend Kick Off Events**

Presented By: The Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association – A Non-profit C4 Organization
Games Dates & Times: July 30, 2010 – Friday evening, 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Where: Expo Center (formerly the King County Fairgrounds)
45224 – 284th Avenue SE
Enumclaw, Washington 98022
Admission: Free (Friday evening events only)

Don your clan tartan and join with us as we Kick Off our fabulous Highland Weekend.

Friday, July 30:

- 5:30 PM – Rampant Lion Pub, Tilted Kilt Pub and Food Vendors open.
- 6:30 PM – Join us in the outdoor Rampant Lion Pub as the weekend piping competition begins with the special event Donald MacRae Pub Piping Competition. Your toes will be tapping as the sound of hornpipes and jigs fill the air.
- 7:00 PM – Thrill to the sounds of the Clan Gordon Pipe Band Northwest Junior Pipe Band and the Tacoma Scots Pipe Band as they perform first as individual units and then join together to play as a massed pipe band.
- 7:45 PM – Scottish Sing-A-Long with Featured Performer Colin Grant-Adams
- 8:30 PM – Rising of the Clans & Flaming Saltire
- 9:00 PM – Ceilidh a traditional Scottish party with music, sing-along, stories and Scottish country dancing.
- 9:00 PM – Featured Performers NEEDFIRE in the Rampant Lion Pub.

Don't miss this kick off event for the 64th **Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering** at the Expo Center Enumclaw, Washington!

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST
SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES
AND CLAN GATHERING**

For Release: Immediately

Event Dates: July 31 and August 1, 2010

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Scottish Highland Games – :10 Second PSA

Grab your kilt and join the festivities at the 64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering. It takes place at the Enumclaw Expo Center on July 31st and August 1st. For more information phone, (206) 522-2541.

Scottish Highland Games – :20 Second PSA

The 64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering brings you an authentic weekend of Scottish dancing and foods, bagpipe bands and old country field events. The festivities will be held at the Enumclaw Expo Center on July 31st and August 1st. For more information phone, (206) 522-2541.

Scottish Highland Games – :30 Second PSA

Scotland comes to the Pacific Northwest during the weekend of July 31st and August 1st with the 64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, at the Expo Center in Enumclaw. Competitive, colorful pipebands, drummers and dancers from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia will be featured alongside field events; some to include the popular caber toss and hammer throw. Traditional Scottish foods and clan tents are also a part of this festive weekend. For more information phone, (206) 522-2541.