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**Subject: 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Scottish Games & Festival**

**Alexandria, VA** – Saturday, September 1 – Sunday, September 2, 2012 The Virginia Scottish Games & Festival returns to Great Meadow in The Plains, VA, less than an hour west of Washington DC.

\$20/day, \$30/weekend, \$5/children 5-12, FREE/children 4 and under

\$5 discount for active military (w/ID at gate only)

Gates are open 9am – 6pm, with a Celtic Concert Saturday night till 9pm. **PARKING IS FREE!!!**

Scottish and Celtic heritage is the reason for the celebration, but there is something for everyone at this dog-friendly, family-friendly 2-day event.

Traditional music options include the Fiddle Tent and Pipes & Drums, including the massed bands performances each night. You haven't heard Amazing Grace until you've heard 50+ bagpipes and drums performing it together. If modern music is more your thing, head to the Main Stage Tent for alt-Celt Canadian band, Glengarry Bhoys, Celtic Rock with Emish, and the long time-Celtic performers from the Southeast, Jil Chambless and Scooter Muse.

Quick footwork is the heart of competitive Highland Dancing, where girls and boys of all ages perform time-honored dances Highland Country Dancing will be familiar to square dancers.

Watch kilts fly and cheer on the Highland Athletes as they compete in track & field-like events that date back to the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. Women, masters, amateurs and pros will be throwing both Saturday and Sunday.

We Scots are big on history. Chat with history reenactors at their encampment – they will recall the past as though they were there, but keep a sharp eye for dueling sword players! Curious about your origins? Stop by the clan tents – if you're Scottish, they'll help you find them!

Motorheads will enjoy the British modern and antique car and motorcycle show.

Dog lovers will enjoy watching Border Collies in Shepherding demonstrations, or visit with Westie Rescue USA, (water and treats available for leashed, 4-legged friends) and don't miss Sunday's parade of dogs!

There's lots for the children to do too, including junior Highland athletics and a moonbounce.

Visit [www.vascottishgames.org](http://www.vascottishgames.org) to purchase tickets and get directions to Great Meadow.