



Mid-America Festivals

1244 S. Canterbury Road

Suite 306

Shakopee, MN 55379

Phone:

Fax:

Studio:

Site:

1st Aid:

SS:

Site Hours For Show

Security on Duty
6pm Friday thru
2am Monday

First Aid Office
9am - 7pm

Outer Gates:
Fri, Sat and Sun locked @
10:30 PM

Check In Gate Times
CKC Gate 6:30am-12:30pm

Drive-In Gates:
6:30 am to 8:00 am

*Vehicles must be off site
by 8 am

* Night re-entry after site
is cleared gates will un-
locked (no sooner than
8:00 pm)

*No vehicle entry on rain
days due to site damage

Privy Councilor

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Highland Fling

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW FOOD INDEPENDENTS!

- *365—The Lazy Dragon (Crepes)
- *701—Royal Asian Foods -

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW CRAFTERS!

- *134—Richards Custom Metal Designs
- *715-716—Cryptofurriers
- *818—Badger Creek Studio
- *819—Rogue Maille

New For 2016

- The Kings Karpool
- Throne of Swords
- Ménage a Trois Wine Bar
- Vikings Encampment
- 50 Free Family Friendly Activities
- Wizards Flight School Zip Line
- Whiskey & Scotch Tastings
- Craft Cocktails
- Bust Duster Bingo
- Stary Olsa
- & Much MORE!

Theme Weekends!

- Silk Road • 8.20 & 8.21
- Highland Fling • 8.27 & 8.28
- Passport to Adventure • 9.3 - 9.5
- Wine, Chocolate & Romance • 9.10 & 9.11
- Pet Fest • 9.17 & 9.18
- Shamrocks & Shenanigans • 9.24 & 9.25
- Festival Friday • 9.30
- Oktoberfest • 10.1 & 10.2

Weekend Schedule:

Pavilion Stage:

- 11:30- MSCDA Dancers
- 1:30- MSCDA Dancers
- 3:00- MSCDA Dancers

Shepherd's Green:

10:00am-12:00pm:

Hammer Throw

Stone of Strength

Weight for Distance

11:30 - Scotch Egg Eating Competition

12:00pm - 3:00pm Guinness Beer Tast-
ing

1:00- Keg Toss

2:00-4:00pm:

Caber Toss

Sheaf Toss

Weight for Height

3:00 - Kilt Competition

BOOTHS FOR SALE

- #211-212
- #331
- #447
- #640
- #719
- #840-841

If you wish to sell your booth please email
Stephanie at [redacted]
to be added to the Privy Councilor.

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World Amateur Highland Games:

Come be a spectator in celebration of Scottish and Celtic culture with the Highland Games! The 10th Annual World Amateur Highland Heavy Games Championships will be held on **Sunday** in **Shepherd's Green** with the top ten amateurs from across the nation competing. The best will claim the World Amateur Title and the opportunity to earn their professional status in the sport.

Minnesota State Highland Games & Midwest Women's Highland Games

Join in the tradition of Scottish history with men and women from across the Midwest as they compete in the Highland Games. Cheer on your favorite contestants as they compete in strength and endurance challenges. Let the games begin Sunday in **Shepherd's Green**!

Scottish Village Vendors:

Visit the Scottish Village vendors in **Shepherd's Green** to find all your Scottish needs including kilts, apparel, pins and badges. Also in the Scottish Village you will be able to find your own Scottish roots, join a clan and purchase one-of-a-kind jewelry.

Keg Toss:

Think you have what it takes to be a Highland Gamer? Test your strength at the keg toss that is held daily at 1:00pm in **Shepherd's Green**.

Kilt Competition:

Got Scottish pride and are competitive? Show off those legs or cheer loud for your favorite contestant in the daily Kilt Competition. Enjoy Scottish dress as we search for the Best Kilt in the Realm! Held daily on the **Shepherds Green** at 3:00pm.

Guinness Tastings:

Join us in **Shepherd's Green** for FREE Guinness Tastings from 12pm-3pm. Sample your favorite Guinness varietal while you learn about the brand. By order of the King and the State of Minnesota, all participants must have a valid ID. No exceptions.

Scotch Egg Eating Competition:

Attention all food lovers! Here is your chance to show off your eating talents and competitive side on the **Shepherds Green** **11:30am** in the 2nd Annual Scotch Egg Eating Contest. Winner earns the title of Champion Eater in all the Land!

Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association:

Watch as the Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Highland Dancers take the stage showing off their Irish Jigs and Scottish Dances. Kick up your heels and join them on the **Pavilion Stage** at 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:00pm daily.

Weddings:

We have Friday night weddings coming up that everyone needs to be aware of.

Please avoid driving around and behind Bad Manor/ Crown Stage and also avoid using power tools during their ceremony times.

****August 26: Ceremony 2:30-3:30 - Bad Manor**

****Sept. 16: Ceremony 4:30-5:30 - Crown Stage**

****Sept. 23: Ceremony 2:30-3:30 - Bad Manor & 7:30-8:30 Gypsy Stage**

Thank you!!!

Discount Tickets & Food Books for sale at:

CKC Check-In Gate

Food Books—\$5.00 Discount Tickets—\$10.00

Attention Participants

Your fire extinguishers NEED to be inspected!

J.N. Johnson service will once again be out to recharge, repair and replace fire extinguishers. Please look for him near C-Gate on Saturday, August 27th from 7am-Noon. The cost for services is as follows: He will accept only cash or checks and it must be paid at the time of service...

Annual Fire Extinguisher certificates	\$5.00
Recharge and 6 year maintenance	\$25.00
Hydrostatic Testing	\$50.00
New 5lb ABC fire extinguishers	\$50.00
New 10lb ABC fire extinguishers	\$75.00

Additional trips for servicing may incur an additional charge.

Thank you very much for your attention to the importance and urgency of this issue!

SHOP NUMBERS

Shop Numbers need to be on all booth exteriors. They need to be size 3 X 5 and 4 feet from the ground. Please remove anything in the front of the numbers so that they are easily readable. It would be helpful if you put your shop number on the back of the booth as well.
Thank you, **Tom Pitschneider, Fire Marshal**

MN Sales Tax

The Sales Tax rate for 55379-9211 is:
7.375% (Jul-Sep 2016)
(MN State=6.875%, Scott County=0.5%)

**First Aid/
Safety Services
NEW Phone Number**



Crafters & Coffee

Sunday, August 21st
7:30 AM—8:30 AM
Special Events Tent

***Let's Kick-Off the Season!**

GARBAGE

Please be diligent in the cleaning of your shop and the area around your booth, your area. All shop areas must appear attractive and in the renaissance period in design.

Bad Manor Breakfast

7:00 am—8:00 am
\$4.00

REMINDER: DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE PITT

Please follow the directional signs and instructions of the Parking Crew

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MINNESOTA Renaissance Festival

2016 PARTICIPANT PARKING & SITE INFORMATION

Participant parking will be located in the "Green Lot". Please enter the Green Lot via 169 and 145th street. You will **NOT** be allowed site access from the HWY 41 entrance.

You will **NOT** need a parking pass to park in the Participant (Green) Parking Lot.

Participant/ Green Lot Hours:	
Friday:	6:00 PM – Midnight
Saturday:	6:00 AM – Midnight
Sunday:	6:00 AM – Midnight
Monday:	6:00 AM – Noon

*Additional hours for Labor Day Monday & Festival Friday	
Labor Day: Monday 6:00 AM – Midnight & Tuesday 6:00 AM - Noon	
Festival Friday: Thursday 6:00 PM – Midnight & 6:00 AM - Midnight	

Shuttle buses will shuttle participants from the Participant Parking Lot (Green Lot) Friday thru Sunday (also Labor day & Thursday, Sept 29th). Shuttle buses will drop at C (Witchwood), First Aid, B & A gates.

Shuttle Bus Schedule:	
Friday:	6:00 PM – Midnight (last run 11:45 PM)
Saturday:	6:00 AM – Midnight (last run 11:45 PM)
Sunday:	6:00 AM – Midnight (last run 11:45 PM)

New this year we will have an **Express Bus** shuttling participants from the Participant Parking Lot (Green Lot) to the Kings Front Gate. The express bus will run 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM Saturday-Sunday.

Festival Site Hours:

*Mondays – Thursdays: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

*Fridays: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

*Fridays after 5:00 PM: Participants who wish to drop items onsite or in the campground will be allowed to enter off of Hwy 41, on Friday nights only. A government issued ID must be left with the guard at the gate if you wish to drive onsite or to the campground. You will have 2 hours to unload and exit the site. You must pick up your ID and exit at the Hwy 41 entrance. Once you exit the site, please park in the green lot. If you do not exit within the 2 hour time limit your ID will be turned over to security and must be picked up at the safety services office. Failure to exit in 2 hours may limit or prevent the ability to drive onsite in the future.

*Saturdays & Sundays: 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM & (approx. 8:00 PM) – 10:00 PM

Site may be closed to vehicle traffic on rain or inclement weather days!

Vehicles not following the above directions are subject to being towed at owner's expense!

Please follow the Parking & Safety Service Attendant Directions!



Anniversary Service Awards

Sunday, September 25th, 10:00am

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival Service Awards will honor all those participants who have been involved with the Festival for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years. Please fill out the following participation form to be eligible. The years must be consecutive. (Please be as detailed and accurate as possible.) The completed form can be returned to the Information Booth, CKC Check-IN or emailed to [REDACTED]

Form: will not be accepted after Monday, September 5, 2016

Name: _____ Address: _____

Year	Area Of Participation	Booth Name	Booth #
10 Year-Start 2006			
15 Year-Start 2001			
20 Year-Start 1996			
25 Year-Start 1991			
30 Year-Start 1986			
35 Year-Start 1981			
40 Year-Start 1976			
45 Year-Start 1971			

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Romance Wars!

Romance Wars is an annual event at Fest similar to "Secret Santa." It's a fun way to give/receive gifts and meet new people. To participate, obtain a questionnaire (available from Micky at Jester's Court pub at the far end of the Joust Track, next to the Fencing booth), fill in the answers to the questions about yourself, and hand it in! Questionnaires must be turned in to Micky by closing cannon on Saturday, August 27. We will assign/distribute the questionnaires by the end of the day on Sunday, August 28. Each weekend, you give your assigned person an anonymous "romance war hit." You'll also receive a hit each weekend from the person who received your name. As each week passes, the hits should grow more complex or thoughtful. However, please note that the hits do NOT have to grow in price...using your own crafts, talents, and most of all creativity is acceptable! THIS IS NOT FOR MATCHMAKING, but for fun and to improve your romancing abilities! Again, the deadline to turn in your completed questionnaire is CLOSING CANNON on Saturday, August 27. If you have any questions, contact Micky at Jester's Court pub.

ARTISAN APPRECIATION WEEKENDS!

August 20, 21, 27, 28, September 3, 4 & 5, 2016

The first three weekends of the Festival, our patrons will be able to support their favorite Shoppe's and get rewarded! Patrons who spend \$250 total at any of the artisan booths will receive one free admission ticket to return any of the remaining 2016 weekends. Patrons will present their receipts at the Info Booth to receive a free admission ticket to return to the Festival.

5TH ANNUAL LADIES SHOPPING DAY

Festival Friday, September 30, 2016

Ladies Shopping Day offers patrons the chance to enjoy a day of shopping and wine! For \$20, shoppers receive festival admission, exclusive discounts from artisans, a free glass of wine, a gift bag & more! Discount and/or raffle prize donations must be submitted by Sept 5th. Raffle prize donations can be dropped off to Stephanie in the Studio office (during the week) or CKC Check In (during show).

SITE I.D. REMINDER

Safety Services is charged with ensuring that the only people on site are individuals who have purchased tickets, or authorized participants with proper Site I.D. **You are to carry your Site I.D. (also known as your pass) on your person at all times, and display it at any time a Safety Services officer asks you to.** You will be asked to show it during show hours when you attempt to enter or exit the site via any participant access point. You may also be asked to show a pass when your vehicle drives onto festival property on Chestnut Boulevard at the "Back Gate." Additionally, Safety Services typically performs a site sweep at the end of every festival day to ensure that all patrons have departed, and the only personnel remaining on site are authorized participants.

Cooperation with the pass process is mandatory. Excuses such as "I have it permanently affixed to my booth", "I haven't gotten one yet," or "You know who I am," or any other excuses are not valid reasons to fail to show a pass. Safety Services officers have been told that individuals wishing to enter site without a pass must proceed to a place designated by MAF that is authorized to issue passes, and may not walk through the site to get there. Furthermore, Safety Services officers have been told that individuals who do not display a pass during the site sweep process must be asked to leave site via the Front Gate immediately.

Please cooperate with Safety Services employees as they enforce these rules. Becoming argumentative or irritable will not entice the Safety Services officer to make an exception. You are encouraged to consider wearing your pass on a lanyard or chain to keep it visible during the sweep process and easily accessible at all times. Please note, the campground has additional pass requirements not delineated here. For your reference, the official crafter rule regarding passes is below.

PARTICIPANT PASSES AND CHECK-IN:

Participants with Photo ID's or Generic passes may enter through any Participant Gate.

No one is allowed on Event Site after closing except Participants holding valid Participant passes. Do not invite friends to socialize after Event hours.

Participants must be in possession of a valid Participant pass at all times when on Event Site. Persons unable to produce valid Participant pass when requested by FESTIVAL Staff may be asked to leave the Event Site immediately.

PETS

Pets that will be on the festival grounds, in a booth or the campground need to be registered with your department head, and have an application on file.

You will need to have a "Pet ID" for your dog, which you will have to carry with you. Please fill out the pet application and give a copy of your pet's shot records, the \$10 fee and a small photo of your pet to your department head.

For those of you that already have a "Pet ID" you still need to fill out an application and bring your current shot records along with the \$10 fee to get your card punched. Scott County wants us to keep track of this information in case of animal bites and it is also MAF policy.

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Renaissance Festival Lease Extended to 2019!

SHAKOPEE, Minn., (June 30, 2016) – Mid-America Festivals is pleased to announce that the Minnesota Renaissance Festival will be at their current location through 2019. Our initial season in our new home will be 2020.

"We are grateful for the outpouring of support expressed by our loyal guests and neighbors," says Deb Schaber, Director of Marketing. "The elected officials, staff, and residents of Louisville Township, Chaska, Shakopee, Scott County, and beyond have consistently embraced the unique quality and character that our Festival provides their families and community on an ongoing basis."

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival is a proud founding member of RiverSouth and the Festival will continue to provide entertainment, artisans, education, employment, and fund raising opportunities well into the future.

Festival management wishes to express their thanks to the Malkerson and Bryan families for their efforts in securing the lease extension and appreciate their support and commitment to the continuation of this great Minnesota family tradition.

Not to let an opportunity for a proclamation pass him by, King Henry added, "All in our Kingdom are very excited and humbled by this news. I invite everyone to celebrate the old and the new at the 2016 Minnesota Renaissance Festival in August". HUZDAH!

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival 46th season begins on Saturday, August 20 and ends on October 2, 2016. The Festival is open weekends, Labor Day and Festival Friday, September 30, 2016. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Hwy 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors and 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king. Admission at the gate: adults \$23.95; children 5-12 \$14.95; seniors \$21.95; four and under are free! Discount tickets are available at participating Menards, Super America, Whole Foods and Walgreens. Coupons towards admission are available at participating Subway and Papa Murphy's locations. Visit www.RenaissanceFest.com or call 952.445.7361 for more information.

