



Mid-America Festivals

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Studio:

Site:

1st Aid:

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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-10:30pm

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 be un-
locked (no sooner than
8:00 pm)

*No vehicle entry on rain
days due to site damage

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Highland Fling

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW FOOD INDEPENDENTS!

*351—Tacos & Tots

*352—Poffertjes

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW CRAFTERS!

145 Highland Kilt

123 Land of Merriment

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632 Lolligobs

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828 Dragonrose Designs

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410 Opinions in Bone

640 Secret Woodland Guardians

402 Valhalla Games

719 With the Grain

New For 2017

Throne of Swords Tavern

Merlin's Mystical Quest

Cock A Doodle Zoo

Magic the Live Unicorn

Wizards Flight School Zip Line

& Much Much MORE!

Theme Weekends!

Highland Fling • 8.19 & 8.20

Once Upon a Time • 8.26 & 8.27

International Bazaar • 9.2 - 9.4

Wine, Chocolate & Romance • 9.9 & 9.10

Pets & Pirates • 9.16 & 9.17

Shamrocks & Shenanigans • 9.23 & 9.24

Oktoberfest • 9.30 & 10.1

Weekend Schedule:

Pavilion Stage:

10:00 AM	Musical Blades-Pirate Band
10:30 AM	MSCDA Highland Dancers
11:30 AM	Musical Blades- Pirate Band
12:30 PM	MSCDA Highland Dancers
1:30 PM	Musical Blades- Pirate Band
2:30 PM	Northerly Gales
3:00 PM	Musical Blades- Pirate Band
4:30 PM	Northerly Gales
5:15 PM	Musical Blades- Pirate Band

Shepherd's Green:

All Day—Scottish Village Vendors
10-12 PM—Highland Games
11:30 AM—Scotch Egg Eating Competition (Sponsored by Claddagh Irish Pub)
1:30 PM—Keg Toss
2-4 PM—Highland Games
3:30 PM—Kilt Competition

Contests:

Scotch Egg Contest—11:30 AM
Highland Games—10 AM-12 PM
Keg Toss—1:30 PM
Highland Games—2 PM-4PM
Kilt Competition—3:30 PM

Green Participatn Lot Directions!

*PLAN AHEAD! - Give yourself enough time,
there will be traffic at times.

*STAY IN THE LEFT LANE!

*DO NOT MOVE CONES

*DO NOT DRIVE IN EXIT LANE

HIGHLAND GAMES

World Amateur Highland Games

Come be a spectator in celebration of Scottish and Celtic culture with the Highland Games! The 11th Annual World Amateur Highland Heavy Games Championship will be held on Saturday 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 face off 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 1:30pm in Shepherd's Green.

Kilt Competition

Got Scottish pride? 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 in Shepherd's Green at 3:30pm.

The Northerly Gales

Listen to the glorious tunes of folklore and Scottish flair. Whether you're looking to tap your feet, forget your troubles, or just share a pint over great music, look no further than the Northerly Gales performing daily at 2:30pm & 4:30 pm at Pavillion Stage.

Scotch Egg Eating Competition

Attention all food lovers! Here is your chance to show off your eating talents and competitive side in Shepherd's Green at 11:30am in the 2nd Annual Scotch Egg Eating Contest sponsored by Claddagh Irish Pub. Winner earns the title of Champion Eater in all the Land!

Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association

Watch as the MSCDA Highland Dancers take the stage showing off their Jigs and Dances. Kick up your heels and join them on the Pavilion Stage at 10:30am & 12:30pm.

Schell's Tasting

Join us in Shepherd's Green for FREE Schell's Tastings at 12:30pm and 2:30pm. By order of the King and the State of Minnesota, all participants must over the age of 21 and have a valid ID. No exceptions.



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Christmas in September

We're excited to share with you information about our first annual Christmas in September! Patrons can grab their friends for jolly good fun and festivities! Christmas in September brings holiday spirit and good cheer early this year, all for \$20. The discounted ticket includes admission to the Festival, brunch, gift bag, special deals from Artisans, holiday experiences all throughout the Festival, and gift card giveaways every half hour! Patrons may buy their Christmas in September tickets online or at the Box Office on Labor Day, September 4th, 2017.

Featured Artisan!

Interested in being a featured artisan in our monthly email blast, social media, website & press releases? Please fill out the following information and email it to the crafts department via [REDACTED]

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

First Aid/ Safety Services NEW Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Bad Manor Breakfast

7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Crafters & Coffee

Sunday, August 20th
7:30 AM—8:30 AM
Special Events Tent

*Let's Kick-Off the Season!

Discount Tickets & Food Books for sale at:

CKC Check-In Gate

Food Books—\$5.00 Discount Tickets—\$15.00

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 26th 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!

BOOTHS FOR SALE

If you wish to sell your booth please email Stephanie at crafts@renaissancefest.com to be added to the Privy Councilor.

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.

REMINDER: DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THE PIT!

Please follow the directional signs and instructions of the Parking Crew

MINNESOTA Renaissance Festival

2017 PARTICIPANT PARKING & SITE INFORMATION

Participant parking will be located in the "Green Lot". Please enter the Green Lot via 169 and Hwy 41. 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 28th). 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)

Again 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 will 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 24th, 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]

Forms will not be accepted after Monday, September 4th, 2017

Name: _____ Address: _____

Year	Area Of Participation	Booth Name	Booth #
10 Year-Start 2007			
15 Year-Start 2002			
20 Year-Start 1997			
25 Year-Start 1992			
30 Year-Start 1987			
35 Year-Start 1982			
40 Year-Start 1977			
45 Year-Start 1972			

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 **NO LATER** than closing cannon on Saturday, August 26. We will assign/distribute the questionnaires by the end of the day on Sunday, August 27. 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 26. If you have any questions, contact Micky at Jester's Court pub.

ARTISAN APPRECIATION WEEKENDS!

August 19, 20, 26, 27, 2017

The first two 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 a free admission ticket to return any of the remaining 2017 weekends. Patrons will present their receipts at the Info Booth to receive a free admission ticket to return to the Festival.

6TH ANNUAL LADIES SHOPPING DAY

Festival Friday, September 29, 2017

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 prize donations must be submitted by Sept 4th. 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 wait 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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