



St. Andrew's Society
of Mid-Maryland, Inc.
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Greetings Celtic Clans and Societies!

Our Society is pleased to invite you to participate in the 18th Annual Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival!

The festival will be on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 9:00am until 6:00pm at the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company Activity Grounds, located at 1003 Twin Arch Road, Mount Airy, MD, 21771. Please see our festival website at <http://www.midmarylandcelticfestival.com/>

Registration: The basic registration fee is \$60.00. The Clan Registration Package: includes 10'x10' space, two name badges for two named Clan Representatives for access to the festival grounds (with badge), access to the VIP Hall (with badge) on festival day, one parking pass for designated parking on festival day, and the Friday Night Open House. The VIP Hall features light refreshments and indoor plumbing.

See the website for Clan Registration, additional Clansman Packages, and other options at <http://www.midmarylandcelticfestival.com/klan-registration/> or use the enclosed form. There is no admission charge for children 12 years old and under.

AGM at the Festival: Consider holding your AGM at the festival. We will provide a 10'x20' space in a prime location of your choice and 10 regular festival day admission tickets for your fellow Clansmen (\$100 value) at no additional charge beyond the basic registration fee.

If you are interested, please let us know by **February 1, 2018.**

Tent Rentals: This year rental tent set-up will be handled by our rental company. Cost will be \$100. There are a limited number of tents available so first-come-first-served. Deadline for tent rental is **March 1, 2018.** All rentals are final; there are no refunds.

Support Our Designated Charity: Please think about supporting our festival's veteran charity that will be announced soon.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 4, 2018

Festival Information Package: You will receive your festival information package in the mail (e.g., general information, festival map, wristbands, etc.) There will be a ***drive-thru check-in*** area for all Clans to be sure you have everything you need and to get you to your location

Friday, June 15: Information and Schedule

Directions: The festival is located just off Interstate 270. Exit at route 27 north and proceed about a mile then make a right turn on Twin Arch Road followed by an almost immediate right turn into the fairgrounds. <http://www.midmarylandcelticfestival.com/directions/>

St. Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc. is recognized as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3).



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Lodging: Our Host Hotel is the Clarion Inn and Conference Center located at the Francis Scott Key Mall in Frederick, MD, and is where our entertainers and athletes will be staying. There are many other hotels nearby, please see our website: <http://www.midmarylandcelticfestival.com/lodging/>

Setup: You may set up on Friday, June 15th between 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Friday Night Open House: Join us for an informal ceilidh-like get-together featuring light refreshments, music, and dancing on Friday night from 6pm – 8pm at the VIP Hall on the festival grounds. **You must RSVP via the registration form** as we must have an accurate count for the Open House in advance.

Saturday, June 16: Information and Schedule

Parking: There is designated on-site parking for one vehicle per clan. You will receive one parking pass to display in your windscreen. There is additional close-by parking available for other Clansmen. There are a limited number of Handicapped spaces available so please note that on your registration form if needed.

Setup: You may set up on Saturday from 6:00 am – 8:30 am. **All vehicles must be off the grounds by 8:30am. No exceptions.**

Festival Day Activities for Clans and Societies:

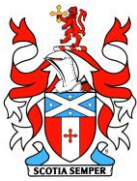
Parade of the Clans and Societies: Show off your Clan or Society tartan and banners in the Open Ceremony Parade and shout your motto or 'war cry' as you pass the announcer—even Clan Woof-Woof joins in to march onto the field for the Opening Ceremony. Clans will march on then march off the field. More details later.

Best Clan Tent: Each year the Best Clan tent is selected and the Clan receives a most coveted prize. Will your Clan tent be the Best?

Festival Square: Was such a success last year we are doing it again! An open space for pipe band performances and other activities right in your backyard!

3rd Annual Shortbread Competition: This was great fun last year with 25 entries so you will not want to miss it this year. Prizes and bragging rights! See our website for more information.

Sponsor an Athletic Trophy or Division Award: This year we have two ways to recognize our athletes who are the heart and soul of the Highland Games. Clans may sponsor a trophy (\$50) or a Division (\$100).



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Children's Area: A BIG thank you to Scots for Tots for bringing the kid-sized games to our festival for many years. We will miss you!

Please give a warm welcome to Clan Leatherneck who has stepped up to run the Wee Games. And the wee ones will be out searching so be sure to have your Clan stamp ready to stamp their paper!

Dogs: Your furry friends are permitted if they are on a leash, well behaved, and have tags validating they have had the required shots. Remember you must clean up after them. Doggie 'poop' bags are available.

We look forward to greeting you at the festival.

Yours Aye and le gach deagh dhurachd,

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