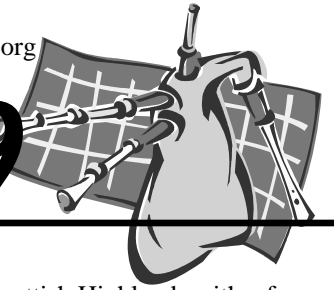


# Highland Games 2009



## It is time again for Longhorn Council Highland Games Competition

Our Highland games combine traditional Celtic sports competitions that originated centuries ago in the Scottish Highlands with a few Scouting twists! You will compete in fun and challenging Celtic tests of strength, endurance and skill. The Highland Games is both an individual event and a team event for groups of 4-8 participants from Venture Crews, Teams and Troops. Highland Games will run in the morning from 8:30 AM – mid-afternoon at Camp Tahuaya. Teams choose their participants for each Highland athletic competition. These competitions are open to all Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and adults. Kilts will be provided for the participants where necessary. Units are encouraged to make their own kilts! Troops, Venture Crews and Varsity Teams can also visit the annual Gathering of the Clans Scottish Festival in Salado, 3 miles south of Camp Tahuaya. The Festival runs from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. Festival admission is \$10 on Saturday and \$8 on Sunday. Participants may camp all weekend at Camp Tahuaya. All participants receive a Camp Tahuaya Highland Games T-Shirt.

**WHERE:** Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**WHERE:** **Camp Tahuaya** - maps and directions are available on the council website at [www.longhorncouncil.org](http://www.longhorncouncil.org)

**WHO:** Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venture Crew Members

**REGISTRATION:** Early Registration Deadline is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Full fee for all Registrations after 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Final Payment must be received by 5:00 PM on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**FEES:** **Early Registration Discount:** \$15.00 before Wednesday at 5:00 PM, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
\$20.00 after 5:00 PM Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
Includes Highland Games T-SHIRT, awards, game equipment, & insurance.

**SCHEDULE:**

Check-in	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Friday	Opening Ceremony	8:30 AM Saturday
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There will be two weight classes for all of the events “Heavy Weight” and “Light Weight.” There will be six competition classes: Team Youth, Team Coed Youth\*, Individual Youth, Team Adult, Team Coed Adult\* and Individual Adult. There will be “Toss” events that go for distance and “throw” events go for height. We’ll be adding a few Scouting touches for safety in some events, like helmets. Why you might ask? Read on...

## Events will include:

**Turning the Caber** A caber is a 16-20 foot long pole that is tossed end-over-end. The object is to balance the Caber (pole) vertically over your head, run forward and toss it so that it flips end over end and lands vertically. We use a lighter variant of the 90 to 120 pound logs the Scots use but it’s fun just the same! Think helmets.

**Sheaf Toss** What’s a Sheaf? A sheaf is a 16-20 pound bag of hay (10-12 pounds for the light weights). What do you do with it? Hurl it straight up into the air over an adjustable crossbar with a pitchfork. It’s High Jump with pitch forks. Highest toss wins.

**Weight Throws** Pick up the weight in one hand, sling it from side to side to gain momentum and throw it the farthest ... or as far as possible.

**Weight Toss** You’ll stand under an adjustable height crossbar, hold the weight and swing it back and forth between the legs. On the final swing you bring the weight up in an arc. Then it over the crossbar (we hope). Highest toss wins.

**Clachneart** It’s a rounded stone and you throw it – like a shot put. You can spin if you want. Distance Counts.

**Braemar Stone** What’s a Braemar Stone? Well, it’s like the Clachneart, except bigger and you can’t move when you toss it (no shot put moves). Again distance counts.

**Hammer Throw** The Heavy Weights will be about 16 pounds while the Light Weight is 10 pounds. This is “Light” as Scottish hammers go, but we are interested in a SAFE throw! Another distance event.

**Farmer’s Walk** In the farmer’s walk, the competitor picks up two weights, each weighing up to 150 pounds and walks around a series of pylons. The winner walks the farthest. We’ll go a little light on the weight: you’ll use hay bales, bulky but not nearly as heavy. You get the idea...

**Pumpkin Slaying** Demonstrate your swordsmanship as you slice a pumpkin (or other fruit/vegetable) with a huge Scottish Claymore sword – *if* you can hit it!

**Battle Axe Throw** The battle axe was issued to the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser's Highlanders, a military regiment from the Highlands of Scotland. The axes were light enough to be used with one hand and heavy enough to dent or puncture armor. The axes used in the competition are lighter than the original weapons, but safer to throw. In competition, the axes are thrown at increasing distances towards a target. The winner is the individual who's axe, thrown from the greatest distance, strikes and sticks blade first in the targets.

**The Fell Race** The fell race gets its name from the hills of Northern England where it originated. It's a non-traditional endurance test of running and cross-country skills over rough terrain. This cross country race typically features several natural and an-made barriers. This event is just for the Fit!

**Tug-o'-War** This is a team only event and is just for fun.

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## Highland Games Registration Form

Registrations due by 5 PM Wednesday, November 14, 2009. Full fee for all registration after November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Highland Games is a rain or shine activity.

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Team Crew #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle one)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses (MUST be legible): \_\_\_\_\_

**We are Camping:** Friday Night \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night \_\_\_\_\_ Not Camping \_\_\_\_\_

Number of youth participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Register by Nov. 11: Total attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Register after Nov 11: Total attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of T-shirts:** Sm \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_

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