

Traditional Ceilidh @ Hamilton Commons

Saturday, May 24 – 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. – \$5.00

Join us for an evening of true Celtic tradition, in a relaxed atmosphere, with friends of all ages. This impromptu format makes for a casual evening and a great ending to a day of competition. Beverages as well as briddies, meat pies and haggis will be available for purchase at 7:00 p.m. Scheduled to perform is **Candoyce Dunham**, harpist. We also welcome back Maidens IV to the ceilidh. Amateurs are always welcome and encouraged to take the stage. If you have a talent to share please register when you arrive. Admission is \$5 at the door, children 17 and under - free, when accompanied with an adult.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Scottish Harp for All! Workshop

This workshop is for adults and children of all levels. From never before touched a harp to seasoned harpers, all are welcome to come and play! Candoyce Dunham specializes in teaching any person interested in the harp how to play and have fun doing it. We will learn some history of the instrument, have a Q and A about the harp, and get to play some Scottish tunes. For those who are new to the harp this is an opportunity to try out and learn about a very unique instrument with a qualified instructor. Those with harp experience are invited to join in and learn some new tunes and techniques. Come and explore the ancient tradition of the Scottish Harp that is enjoying a widespread resurgence in today's culture. Workshop times are Saturday, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please stop by Candoyce's vending area to sign up.

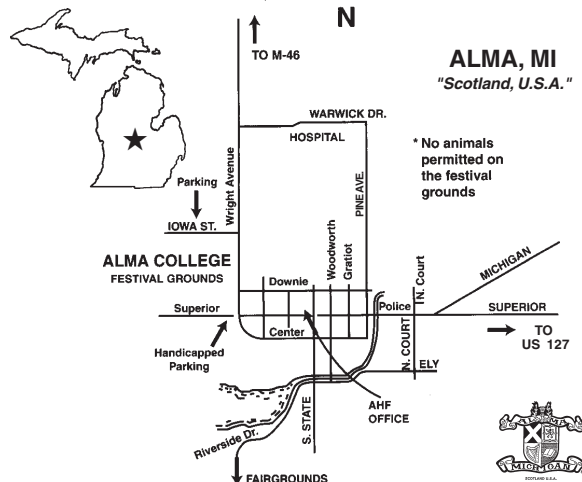
Graham's Company of the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment

Graham's Company of the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment will once again encamp on the athletic field at the north under the trees, with demonstrations during each day of the Festival. This Camp of the Northwest Territory Living History Society reenacts the middle eighteenth century time period including battles and scenario of the French and Indian war. The attending women folk tend to camp, churn butter, and do colonial cooking along with other camp life activities of the times. Also represented are fur traders, sutlers, and candle makers all in period clothing.

Border Collie Sheep Herding Exhibitions

The Border Collies are always a main attraction at the Alma Highland Festival. This year they will be located at the north end of the field and will perform throughout both Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy this choreographed "dance" between sheep and collie. Also in on the act are ducks, rabbits and goats. Sure to please kids of all ages.

**Scottish Highland Cattle, Scottish Food,
Scottish Vendors and much, much more!**



PARKING

Festival parking available off Iowa Street coordinated by Habitat for Humanity – \$5.00.

HOUSING

Limited housing facilities are available at the Alma College Residence Halls.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING HIGHLAND FESTIVAL HOUSING AT ALMA COLLEGE CALL THE ALMA COLLEGE CONFERENCE OFFICE AT 989-463-7066.

- Limit two persons per room
- Linens are included.
- College alcohol and smoking policies will be enforced.

MEALS

Breakfast available at Hamilton Commons, Alma College's on-campus dining facility.

Adults \$6.75, children 3-12 \$3.75, children under 3 free.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: Breakfast 6:30-11:00 a.m.

CAMPING

- Unlimited camping facilities are available within a ten mile radius.
- The majority of camping will be done at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth fairgrounds.
- Call (989) 875-5292 for reservations and information Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 per night - electric hook up available
- **NO REFUNDS - Cash or money order only**
- Additional camping at Michigan State Church of God Campground, 8489 N. Bagley Road, St. Louis, MI. Reservations: 989-681-2581 Cost: \$15.00 per night includes electric hook up.

TICKETS - AT GATE

NO Credit Card Sales at Gate - Cash or Check only

Adults (18 and over)	\$15.00
Students (ages 6-17)	\$10.00
Seniors (62 and over)	\$10.00
Children (ages 5 and under)	FREE
Two Day Pass (Adults)	\$25.00
Two Day Pass (Students)	\$15.00
Two Day Pass (Seniors)	\$15.00

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

Rain does not dampen the festival spirit

Rain Plans - refer to the Festival Program

HOTEL/MOTEL LISTINGS

ALMA

Alma Motel - 1575 N. Wright Ave.	800-949-2562
Comfortable Inn - 3130 Monroe	989-463-4400
Alma College Festival Housing	989-463-7066
Triangle Motel - 131 W. Lincoln	989-463-2296
Saravilla B & B - 633 N. State St.	989-463-4078

St. Louis - 5 min. E. on M-46

Petticoat Inn - 2454 W. Monroe	989-681-5728
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Edmore - 20 min. W. on M-46

Maxfield's Inn - 1106 E. Main St.	866-550-8838
Edmore Inn - 1260 E. Main	989-427-5163

Ithaca - 10 min. S. on US-127

Ithaca Motel - 820 E. Center	989-875-4321
Bon Accord B & B - 532 E. Polk Rd.	989-875-3136

Mt. Pleasant - 20 min. N. on US-127

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort	888-732-4537
Soaring Eagle Conference Center - 5665 E. Pickard	989-772-2905
Microtel Inn - 5500 E. Pickard	888-444-4547
Comfort Inn - 2424 S. Mission	989-772-4000
Fairfield Inn - 2525 S. University Park Dr.	989-775-5000
Super 8 - 2323 S. Mission	800-868-5252
Best Western - 5770 E. Pickard	989-772-1101
Hampton Inn - 5205 E. Pickard	989-772-5500
Baymont Inn - 5858 E. Pickard	800-290-7777



42nd Annual Alma Highland Festival and Games



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on the campus of Alma College – Alma, MI

May 22 P.M., 23, 24, 2009

**U.S. Open Pipe Band Championship
Piping and Drumming
Great Lakes Open & Closed Regional
Highland Dancing Competitions
Athletic Events
Highland Parade
Country Dancing
Clan Tent Area
Ceilidh**

**Entertainment Tent
Border Collie Exhibition
5K Road Run
8 Mile Road Run
Kids Fun Run
Arts & Crafts Show**

Additional information available at

www.almahighlandfestival.com

Alma Highland Festival Office

P.O. Box 516 • Alma, Michigan 48801
Telephone (989) 463-8979

Canadian Funds Exchanged at Current Rate

E-Mail: highlandfestival@almahighlandfestival.com

N O Credit Cards accepted at Gate

Cash or Check only

ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM



Wristbands sponsored by Masonic Pathways

For online ticket sales go to
www.almahighlandfestival.com or ticketleap.com

	No. of Tkts.	Amount
Gate Tickets:		
Saturday:		
Adult	_____ @	\$15.00 _____
Student 6-17	_____ @	\$10.00 _____
Senior 62 and over	_____ @	\$10.00 _____
Sunday:		
Adult	_____ @	\$15.00 _____
Student 6-17	_____ @	\$10.00 _____
Senior 62 and over	_____ @	\$10.00 _____
2 Day Pass		
Adult	_____ @	\$25.00 _____
Student 6-17	_____ @	\$15.00 _____
Senior 62 and over	_____ @	\$15.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. () _____

Enclose check, money order or credit card information, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

ALMA HIGHLAND FESTIVAL
P.O. BOX 516
ALMA, MI 48801
(989) 463-8979

Check one:

_____ VISA _____ MC _____ Exp. Date _____

Account No. _____

Signature _____

THANK YOU!

Advance Tickets Are Non-Refundable

NO Credit Card Sales at Gate
Cash or Check ONLY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events on Alma College Campus unless otherwise indicated.

NO PETS ALLOWED ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS

This schedule is subject to change – All times approximate

For up to date information visit: www.almahighlandfestival.com

FRIDAY, MAY 22

4:00-7:00 p.m.	Registration for Road Run Jones Auditorium
5:45 p.m.	Alma High School and Middle School Jazz Bands - Heritage Center front lawn
6:00 p.m. - Midnight	Entertainment Tent - \$5.00 North of Rec Center
7:30-10:00 p.m.	6th, 7th & 8th Grade Dance - \$5.00 Alma Middle School

SATURDAY, MAY 23

7:00-8:45 a.m.	Registration for Road Race Jones Auditorium
8:00 a.m.-Noon	Great Lakes Open Dance Championship
8:00 a.m.	Solo Piping and Drumming Competition
8:45 a.m.	Kids Fun Run
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Fair
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Reenactment Camp - North of Rec Center
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Scottish Cattle Exhibition - North of Rec Center
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Border Collie Exhibition - Times TBD North of Rec Center
9:00 a.m.	Professional Great Lakes Scottish Heavyweight Athletic Events
9:15 a.m.	8 Mile, 5K Road Race and Walkers begin Sponsored by Gratiot Medical Center*
10:30 a.m.	Street Parade
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Entertainment Tent - North of Rec Center <i>Featuring: The Tossints, Nic & Anna, CHO and Craic Wisely</i> Sponsored by Masonic Pathways*
12:15 p.m.	Parade of Tartans - Football Field
12:25 p.m.	Royal Scottish Country Dancers - Football Field
1:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies - Massed Bands
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Scotch Tasting - Entertainment Tent
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Professional Athletic Competition continues
2:00-5:30 p.m.	Highland Dance Competition
2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.	Harp of All Workshop
2:00 p.m.	Band Competition
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Children's Games
5:30 p.m. (approximate)	Massed Bands
6:00 p.m. - midnight	Pub and Dance \$5.00 - Entertainment Tent <i>Featuring: The Tossints, Chelsea House Orchestra and Craic Wisely</i> Sponsored by Masonic Pathways*
6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Traditional Ceilidh \$5.00 Hamilton Commons - <i>Featuring: Candyce Dunham and Maidens IV</i> Sponsored by Dr. Thomas & Alice Haverbush and Pine River Arts Council

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:00 a.m.	Solo Piping
9:00 a.m.	Great Lakes Amateur Athletic Competition
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Reenactment Camp - North of Rec Center
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Scottish Cattle Exhibition - North of Rec Center
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Border Collie Exhibition - Times TBD North of Rec Center
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Fair
10:00 a.m.	Kirking of the Tartan First Presbyterian Church - 495 Charles Ave.
10:00 a.m.	Great Lakes Closed Dance Competition
11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	Harp for All Workshop
1:00-6:00 p.m.	Entertainment Tent - North of Rec Center <i>Featuring: Chelsea House Orchestra and a Closing Celtic Jam Session</i> Sponsored by Masonic Pathways*
2:00 p.m.	U.S. Open Pipe Band Competition
5:00 p.m. (Approximate time)	Closing Ceremonies Award Presentation and Massed Bands

*Sponsors committed at press time. For a complete list of sponsors see the official Alma Highland Festival Program.

WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT TENT

The 42nd Alma Highland Festival will kick off Friday Night, with world class Celtic Entertainment. We have put together our own version of "Pure Michigan" with performances of a Dancer, Fiddlers and Celtic Rock - "Michigan Style." We are excited to present an entirely new weekend lineup.

Nic Gareiss & Anna Lindblad first met as students at the Irish World Academy of Music & Dance in Limerick, Ireland. Anna is from Gothenburg, Sweden. Nic is from a small town in Michigan. Their performance encompasses traditional fiddle music and percussive dance from the Nordic, Irish and North American traditions, incorporating all elements into fiddle and dance pieces from sparse and quiet to aggressive and full-bodied. They have performed at the Tulca Arts & Film Festival in Galway and have been invited to perform at the festival Transeuropeennes in Rouen, France in March 2009. **Nic & Anna** will be performing Friday night and during the day on Saturday.

Tossints, a Celtic Rock Band from Saginaw, Michigan, are one part traditional Celtic, one part rock, with a dash of punk to keep things fresh. They play traditional pub tunes as well as Celtic punk from the 80's and 90's. Their rowdy approach and showmanship keep you singing and dancing to the timeless songs like "Whiskey in the Jar," "Under the Scotsman's Kilt," and "Wild Rover." They have also written original songs that are new and refreshing! The **Tossints** have performed at festivals, pubs, benefits and private parties all throughout Mid Michigan. If you are in need of entertainment, join us Friday and Saturday, for a breath of fresh Celtic air!

Craic Wisely, is a six piece Celtic Rock band based in West Michigan. They play a combination of original and traditional favorites with an edge that separates them from every other Celtic Rock act on the scene. As winners of the "Celtic Battle of the Bands," they were voted tops on the list of a "Regional Dream Line Up" at the 2007 Celtic in Michigan Symposium. **Craic Wisely** appeals to music fans, young and old, and that's what makes them such favorites. Celtic Music Magazine states "**Craic Wisely** brings together vocal harmonies, upbeat rhythms and solid instrumental talent. These elements are fused into a distinctive contemporary style and a strong sense of fun and positive energy. **Craic Wisely** is fast becoming a regional favorite." The West Michigan Whitecaps say "They are on our short list of bands to book every year." You are invited to experience this Celtic Rock phenomenon for yourself. They are scheduled to perform Friday and Saturday.

Chelsea House Orchestra is our special guest for Saturday and Sunday afternoon. 2009 marks their eleventh year at the Alma Highland Festival and we like to think we helped start their most successful career. Alma was the first venue for this newly formed group and since then they have exploded on the Celtic Entertainment scene. **Chelsea House Orchestra** is made of over 30 young musicians performing on violins, violas, cellos, basses, guitars, flutes, oboes, bodhrans, dhembes and harp. They will amaze you with their fiddling skills as the energy level of their performance reaches fever pitch. You will watch in awe as this High School student group displays their musical talents on stage. They have become a tradition here at Alma and we hope you join us Saturday and Sunday for this vibrant performance!

Friday Night Get Together - \$5.00

8:00 p.m. - Nic & Anna
 9:00 p.m. - Tossints
 10:00 p.m. - Craic Wisely

Saturday Afternoon

11:00 a.m. - Tossints
 12:00 noon - Nic & Anna
 2:00 p.m. - Nic & Anna
 3:00 p.m. - Chelsea House Orchestra
 4:00 p.m. - Craic Wisely

Sunday Afternoon

1:00 p.m. - Chelsea House Orchestra
 3:00 p.m. - Chelsea House Orchestra

Saturday Night - Pub & Dance - \$5.00

6:00 p.m. - Open Piping, Today's winners are welcome
 7:00 p.m. - Tossints
 8:00 p.m. - Chelsea House Orchestra
 9:30 p.m. - Craic Wisely

Schedule times may vary slightly.