

The First Highland Fling of the Season

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It's the first highland fling of the season - an attraction of games, dancing and music that attracts people from all over Ontario, Eastern Canada and the northern USA. It's the closest event to Toronto, and it's right here in Georgetown.

This year is the 27th annual Georgetown Highland Games, taking place June 8 at the fairgrounds. The gates are open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. for a full day's events.

Over 20 pipe bands will be strutting their heartfelt music round the grounds, and there will be a special show with the Toronto Police. Men's traditional heavy-weight competitions will include the caber toss, shot put, hammer throw, weight over the bar, and the farmer's walk. This will be the first year, however, for the women's heavy events, which will include everything but the farmer's walk.

Bring the family to see individual piping and drumming competitions, about 460 highland dancers (the Georgetown group will be dancing with the Toronto City Police this year), sheepdog trials (using sheep and ducks), and an opening parade that begins at 12:30 p.m.

The massed bands form at 1 p.m., and the day will finish at

about 5 p.m. - again with massed bands.

If visitors are feeling lucky, they can purchase tickets for the two prizes draw - first prize is airfare for two to Scotland (or perhaps anywhere else in the UK, but the theme here is all things Scottish!), or a \$200 gift certificate to Richardson's Tartan Shop in Toronto.

The Street of Clans will offer a show of tartans and more, food vendors will cook up some delectable Scottish dishes, and the Cheer Garden is open from 12 to 8 p.m. for a chance to chat with friends over a beverage.

Children will enjoy the ever-popular face painting, cliff climbing (from four years and up) and creating Floral Garland Headpieces with seasonal wild and garden flowers.

As well, there will be a display of heritage animals, such as Highland Cattle, Clydesdales, and Blackface and Cherrot sheep.

There is limited parking within the grounds for \$5. Admission prices are \$10 per adult and \$5 per senior or student. Children under 11 with a parent are free. For more information visit

www.web.stn.net/highland.



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