

11th Annual Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games September 17 & 18, 2011 in Krull Park, Olcott Beach

The Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games is not too far away, and we're very excited to see everyone back in Olcott! We truly thank the local Celtic community for all your continued support in bringing this magnificent event to life. This year we're expecting to draw over 10,000 people to the Northern WNY region, and our volunteers can't wait to share our plans. Here is the latest news:

- **ENTER TO WIN A FAMILY PASS (4) TO THE 2011 FESTIVAL!** Join our online mailing list (it's free!) between now and the end of August and be entered to win! Members of our mailing list receive news and updates all year long about local Celtic events happening in and around WNY. Visit NiagaraCeltic.com to sign up.
- **New! Celtic College:** For the first time, Niagara Celtic will be hosting an impressive series of interactive workshops, giving guests even more chances to explore their heritage. Examples include learning to jig, poetry, genealogy research, instrumental creation and more. Official details will be announced in late summer.
- **2011 Concert Line Up:** A wonderful variety of dancers, performers and bands will grace the festival's three concert venues. For the first time ever we are welcoming *Glengarry Bhoys* to Niagara Celtic! Just as exciting are the multiple chances to see *The Town Pants*, who are coming both days! Other bands are *Penny Whiskey*, *Lochside Celtic*, *Roger Drawdy and the Firestarters*, *Stone Row*, *Rush The Growler*, *Merry Mischief*, *Cairde* and more. Dance groups include *McMahon School of Irish Dance*, *Schiehallion Scottish Dancers*, *Rochez Academy of Irish Dance* and *Clann Na Cara*. Bagpipe Bands attending are *Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes & Drums*, *Celtic Spirit Pipe Band*, *MacKenzie Highlanders' Pipes and Drums*, *The 96th Highlanders Pipes & Drums* and *"D" Company Buffalo City Guard Gordon Highlanders' Pipe Band*.
- **Become A Volunteer:** We are in need of volunteers to help keep everything running smooth. Shifts are 4-hour blocks, and you will receive free entrance into the festival. Volunteers are needed Thursday through Monday, so please contact volunteers@niagaraceltic.com or call 716-778-5730.
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