

2010 Bay Area Renaissance Festival at MOSI

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STEP WITH THE SCOTTISH AT THE BAY AREA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL!

TAMPA, Fla., - The Bay Area Renaissance Festival is once again in step with the Scottish during its Highland Fling weekend, February 13 and 14, 2010.

Patrons can expect to be wowed Saturday by the Florida State Highlands Games. The Championship will be a series of 9 different events. The events include the 56 lb weight for height, the 56 lb for distance, a caber toss, a sheaf toss, a 16 lb stone throw, 20 lb stone throw, 28 lb weight for distance, a 16 lb hammer throw and a 22lb hammer throw.

The Festival will also host the Florida State Masters Highland Games Championship on Sunday. The top master competitors from Florida will compete for the Florida State Masters title and the opportunity to affirm their professional status in the sport.

Highland game competitions have been a staple at the Bay Area Renaissance Festival since its opening in 1978. The games are a combination of modern strength competition and ancient gaming practices. The Highland Heavy Games Championships bring in competitors from across the globe to compete for the chance to claim the Florida State Championship title.

In addition to the traditional bag pipe performances, the Festival will also host the Bay Area Coalition of Scottish Clans, Scottish Organizations, The St. Andrew's Society and many other local Scottish groups located in the Scottish Village.

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The Bay Area Renaissance Festival is located in Tampa, Fl., off I-75, exit number 265/FL-582, on Fowler Ave & 46th St, next to MOSI. It takes place for seven weekends in 2010: February 13 – March 28 and Friday, March 19 for school day. The village gates open at 10 a.m., and closes at 6 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets cost \$17.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children 5-12 years old, free for children four years and younger. Parking is free and discount tickets are available at participating Walgreen's, Sweetbay, and Circle K and online at www.BayAreaRenaissanceFest.com.

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