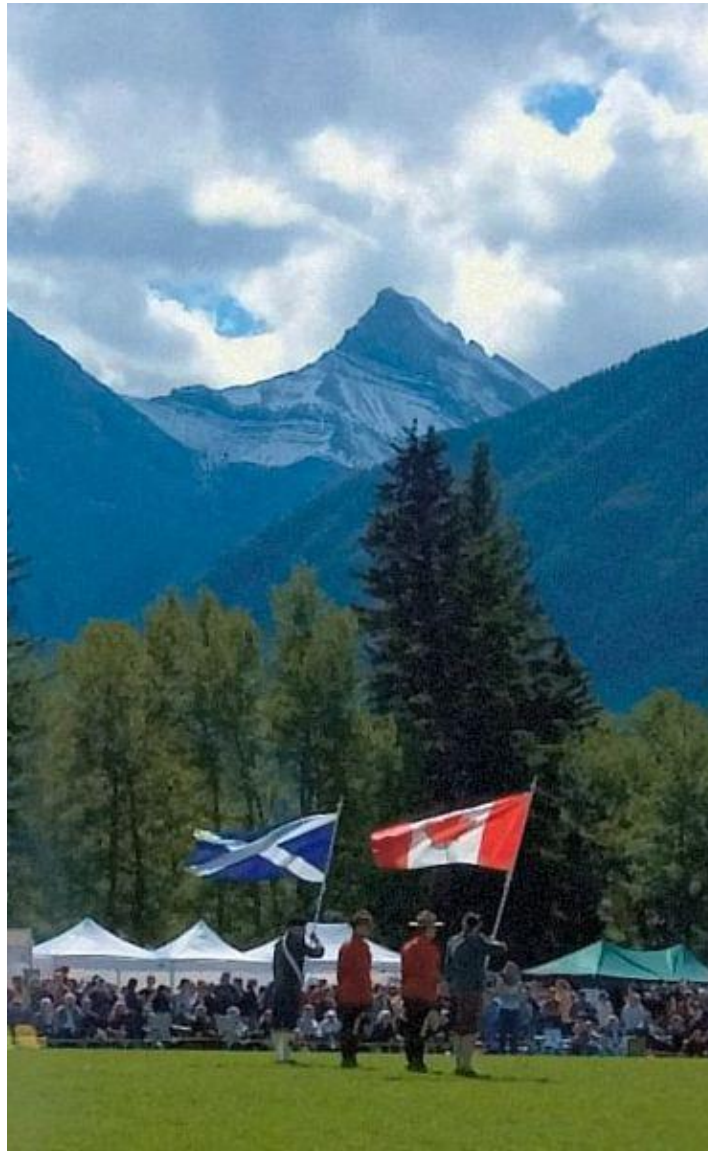




# Brief information



- ❑ Highland games are events held throughout the year in Scotland and other countries.
- ❑ Certain aspects of the games are so well known as to have become emblematic of Scotland.
- ❑ The games also include entertainment and exhibits related to other aspects of Scottish and Gaelic culture.

### **Opening ceremonies of 2004 Canmore Highland games**

# History

- It is reported in numerous books and Highland games programs
- Some have seen this apocryphal event to be the origin of today's modern Highland games.
- The modern Highland games are largely a Victorian invention, developed after the Highland Clearances.

# Events



- ❑ Highland games revolved around athletic and sports competitions.
- ❑ Though other activities were always a part of the festivities
- ❑ The athletic competitions are at least an integral part of the events and one — the caber toss — has come to almost symbolize the Highland games.

**A caber being thrown at the 2000 New Hampshire Highland Games**

# Weight throw



- ❑ Weight throw, also known as the weight for distance event.
- ❑ The weights are made of metal and have a handle attached either directly or by means of a chain.
- ❑ The implement is thrown using one hand only, but otherwise using any technique.
- ❑ The longest throw wins.

# Music



**Massed bands at the 2005 Pacific Northwest Highland Games**

- The most memorable of all the events at the games is the massing of the pipe bands.
- Normally held in conjunction with the opening and closing ceremonies of the games.





**Highland Pipeband Competition Circle [Prince Charles Pipe Band 2008]**

# Dance

- The Cowal Highland Gathering hosts the annual World Highland Dancing Championship. This event gathers the



Assembling for the parade of clans at the Highland Games



World Highland Dancing Championship title.