

Three Rivers District Spring Camporee Pipsico Scout Reservation

"Highland Games"

April 5, 2019 – April 7, 2019 Cost: \$17.00/person Register by April 1, 2019

There are many legends about the origins of the Scottish Games. The oldest traces the Games tradition back to the period of Roman invasions in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, where Scottish warriors reputedly displayed their bravery and strength by performing feats of skill and power in front of the opposing army.

The most widely accepted tale describes the Games as informal athletic tests by which Kings and Clan Chiefs examined the agility, cunning and physical strength of their clansmen. The victors of these trials were then awarded positions of leadership both on the battlefield and within the clan. The Scottish Highland Games or "Heavy Events" are the modem continuation of this ancient Celtic tradition. Each event you watch today may look like a simple matter of brute strength, but each also requires excellent timing, balance and technique **(they also require a kilt!).**

Join your fellow Scouts for fun and competition to see who will be the Highland Game champion!

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*Units attending will be expected to help staff Camporee events. Event guidelines will be provided by the host unit.