

# CANMORE Highland Games

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## **Western Canada's Premier Highland Games - The Canmore Highland Games**

Since 1991, the mandate of our Society has been to foster and encourage our Celtic culture and tradition in all its forms – dance, music and sports, and to establish the Canmore Highland Games as an entertainment/cultural destination event.

It seems especially fitting to have a Highland Games in Canmore, as one of the first Highland Games known was organized by King Malcolm III Canmore (1058-1093). Held at a fairly flat meadowland (the Brae O'Mar) along the River Dee, this sporting event was used for a royal contest to find the swiftest and strongest man in the kingdom with the necessary stamina to carry Malcolm's messages across the land.

Certain aspects of the games are so well known as to have become emblematic of Scotland, such as the bagpipes, the kilt, and the heavy sports, especially the caber toss. While centered on competitions in piping and drumming, dancing, and Scottish heavy athletics, the games also include entertainment and exhibits related to other aspects of Scottish and Celtic culture.

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