

# Celebrating all things Celtic



Traditional Scottish music is a key component of the festival. Bagpipe bands from around the state and nation will be in attendance. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Choctaw to host Oklahoma Highland Gathering

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Visitors can expect a combination of history and sportsmanship, culture, food and fun – as the Oklahoma Highland Gathering comes alive in Choctaw this October.

Descendants and enthusiasts of Scottish culture have long traveled to Yukon for a special weekend of family fun with Celtic flair.

This fall they'll be traveling to Choctaw.

The event is scheduled for Oct. 21-23 in Choctaw Creek Park, 2001 N. Harper Rd.

Throughout the weekend, attendees can enjoy a taste of Scotland and other Celtic nations through a variety of food, music, sport and more.

To kick off the festival, Friday evening will be a Scottish fire festival on the main field. Following the fire festival, a ceilidh (an informal

### THINGS TO KNOW

**WHEN:** Oct. 21 - 23

**WHERE:** Choctaw Creek Park

**EARLY BIRD PRICING:**

Single Day Pass (Early Bird): \$10

Weekend Pass (Early Bird): \$15  
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social gathering with folk music, singing, dancing and storytelling) will take place in the music tent.

In addition to musical acts, pipe bands and Celtic dancing, there are highland athletics.

Attractions include Celtic-themed vendors, food trucks with traditional Scottish food, clan tents, genealogy research, crafters' village and Gaelic lessons and readings.

The event will be Friday (6 - 9 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. - 9 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.).

# Fields of Faith

## Public invited to unite in prayer Oct. 11

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Fields of Faith will be coming to Tuttle's Bill Hinkle Football Field Tuesday, October 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer movement where thousands of students from across the nation and world gather on their schools' athletic fields to share faith stories and challenge each other to apply the Bible as their "gameplan for life."

Kathy Wilson is a spokesperson for Fields of Faith, and she said Friday, "It is a national event. It usually is always the same time every year, and it's just a cool time for hundreds of football fields to be transformed into a place where communities come together, and they share testimonies and scripture, and they just unite for a common cause, and that common cause is Jesus Christ."

Wilson is an area representative for the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), and found Tuttle to be a good place for Fields of Faith. Thanks to one Tuttle mom's special effort, local teenagers will have a supportive place to speak meaningfully about the Lord.

"I am blessed to have Tuttle as one of my schools," Wilson said, "and any community can host a field. They just have to register their field, and it goes out on a website ([fieldsofffaith.com](http://fieldsofffaith.com)) and that kind of just gives information to anybody that goes to that website to find the field near them where they can participate. Jackie McAdoo, who is the lead sponsor over in Tuttle, she just felt like she was ready to kind of take this on and the community has backed her, and so that's how we've got a host field in Tuttle."

Whereas a lot of schools only have students from their town, Tuttle is welcoming other communi-

ties to join in the experience.

"It is a community event, but Tuttle is gracious enough that they are going to open it up to surrounding communities, so everybody is welcome. It's awesome. It's kind of a big deal. There will be hundreds of fields all across the state of Oklahoma that will be participating in it."

### Interdenominational

The strength of this movement will be in the churches. Our message can be agreed upon by most of the evangelical denominations. What is that message? We are Christ-centered and Bible-based. The Bible is God's Word and will guide you to a meaningful life if you follow it with all your heart, soul and mind, and Jesus is the only way to God. If the rally is viewed as a one denomination event, it will be severely limited. This is one of the reasons why we suggest that no youth ministers or pastors speak at the event if possible. We want the rally to be neutral in its location and program. There needs to be an attempt to promote the rally with all Christian churches.

### An Inspired Start

In 2002, Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Athletes Area Director, Jeff Martin, prayed about what to do with his heartfelt frustration regarding the temptations and spiritual battles facing our more "spectator generation" youth. God led him to 2 Chronicles 34 for the answer. King Josiah, an influential teenager, gathered his people and challenged them to read God's Word. As a result, they changed their culture. In 2004, The Josiah-influenced dream came true when more than 6,000 students gathered on school athletic fields throughout Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas for Fields of Faith. Through the student led events, more than 100 students made decisions for Christ.