

**The Renaissance Scots Living History Association**, a 501 (c) 3 educational nonprofit corporation, has been delighting attendees at Celtic events in the Rocky Mountain West for 22 years. The RenScots provide a village setting where the public experiences highland Scottish life and crafts from the time of William Wallace (Braveheart) through Culloden in 1745. With an all-volunteer organization of over 30 talent, staff, and crew, the RenScots present 6 interactive pavilions, demonstrating more than 15 heritage crafts in an entertaining, family-friendly setting.

**The RenScots' Mission** is to bring Highland Scottish life and heritage crafts to the Celtic community and public in an entertaining setting, and to educate about the contributions of the Scots to American culture. We make experiencing history fun! We also teach to help preserve heritage crafts by passing them on to a new generation.

With colorful tents and banners, and folk wearing attractive Scottish attire the RenScots Living History Village is highly visible on the field and from the road. Taking videos or pictures with the RenScots is popular with the media and patrons alike.

### What We Bring to Events:

- **Living History Village**, presenting interactive edutainment of Scottish life, history, and craft
- **Interactive crowd entertainment**: running skits and staged fights that interact with the public
- **Ambassador Services**: Colorfully attired roving ambassadors that provide directions and festival information
- **Media opportunities**: pre-event interviews and in-event coverage
- **Press kit and photographs** for inclusion in advertising, billboards and handouts
- **Weapons demos and choreographed fights** for opening ceremonies, parades and tattoos

### Interactive Experiences Include:

#### Blacksmithy

Demonstrating techniques and products related to blacksmithing, one of the oldest crafts known to man (dating back to approximately 1500BC), and is sometimes referred to as the "Father of all crafts" due to making the tools or equipment for many of the other crafts.

Smithing	Showing the production of tools and useful household items at the forge.
History	Giving historical accounts of smithing and the apprenticeships used to pass that knowledge down from generation to generation.
Weapons	Discussing farm implements morphing into modern weaponry.
Migration	Discussing historical importance of the Celtic nations and the migrations of those peoples as they came to the "New World".

#### Blue Bonnet Pavilion

The Blue Bonnet hosts the following crafts and demonstrations:

Basketry	Highland basket-making from renewable resources
Candle Making	Candle pouring demonstrations

### **Hide and Hair Pavilion**

Demonstrating the wonder material of the Old World: leather. The plastic of its day, it is easily molded, strong and durable - and could be used to make anything from shoes to saddles, shields to scabbards. In the RenScots, we teach the history of leather, as well as its myriad uses.

Come visit the brand-new Hide and Hair Pavilion to watch our skilled craftspeople (and new apprentices!) show how this critical renewable resource was used in the Scottish Highlands.

### **Thistle and Broom Pavilion**

In addition to providing shaded seating and water for patrons, this pavilion provides a venue for several interactive experiences, including:

Calligraphy  
Games  
Music  
Sketching  
Story Telling

### **Wick and Woolery Pavilion**

Showing crafts related to clothing manufacturing, including:

Combing	Preparing plant and animal fiber to be spun
Spinning	Turning plant and animal fiber into yarn
Weaving	Making cloth on a loom, featuring tartan weaving
Knitting	Making knitted clothing, such as scarves, hats and stockings
Lace Making	Showing bobbin lace, which is a form of weaving, and tatting, a form of knotting
Clothing	Creating finished clothes, usually from woven cloth

### **The Armory: Wolves of Dunvegan**

The Wolves are the fighting arm and armory of the RenScots. A crowd favorite at events, they provide showcase entertainment, interactive demos, and training in weapons use and fighting techniques. In addition to presentations in the RenScots village, the Wolves are frequently featured in opening ceremonies, parades, and tattoos.

Weapons demos	Showing the evolution of weapons and fighting techniques used in the highlands of Scotland from Bannockburn through Culloden.
Choreographed fights	Entertaining fight sequences highlighting different weapon combinations, including iconic Scottish weapons and armor such as the Lochaber axe, claymore, dirk & targe, and basket hilt claymores.
Weapons training	Instructor led training in weapons use and fighting technique.
Weapons displays	Includes firearms, armor, swords, and pole arms.
The Pit	Public fighting experience with practice swords

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