



# The Cochrane Heritage



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## Letter from the High Commissioner to the Chief

Greetings to all Clan Cochrane members, we have had States opening up for Scottish festivals and games and have several more before the end of year. We may even have a new Clan Representative in. We have a new Commissioner in New York and Florida and Maryland so we are getting out there all over. As a reminder for 2023 Our Chief is the Honored Chief along with Clan Cochrane at the Grandfather Games in North Carolina and need any that can to join us there to show support and meet our Chief. In addition, we are doing an advance notice that we are planning a Clan trip to Scotland in 2024.

On another note we are setting up way to purchase donated Cochrane items through our website for a fundraiser for these endeavors. Clan Cochrane Challenge coins, Quaich's and Glencairn whisky glasses as well as other donated items. Don't forget we are a 501c3 organization so donated items are classified as tax deductible. Please get involved in this endeavor to help with funds for the Clan Gathering at Grandfather Mountain, which is very costly to put together.

Finally, now that the wife and I are retired we plan on getting out to visit more Commissioners and states in the future.

Aye,

Keith D Cochran  
High Commissioner to the Chief  
Clan Cochrane of North America



Clan Cochrane is a Member

# Calling for Clan Support!!

**Clan Cochrane of North America**

**2023 HONORED CLAN  
GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN  
HIGHLAND GAMES**

**July 6-9, 2023**  
MACRAE MEADOWS, LINVILLE, NC

**Meet our Chief!  
The Earl of Dundonald**



- \* Learn more of our family history
- \* Meet long lost family
- \* Exchange genealogical notes
- \* Embrace your cultural heritage

Follow us on Facebook or go to [www.clancochrane.org](http://www.clancochrane.org) for updates



Clan Cochrane will be Honored Clan at Grandfather Mountain Games July 2023. Our Chieftain - the 15th Earl of Dundonald - will be traveling from Scotland to be present for the festivities! An AGM, Meet and Greet with the Earl, Genealogy sessions, and a Cochrane Ceilidh are in the planning stages to make this an event to remember.

As a small clan we have limited resources. We are currently fund raising to help defray costs of this special time. Would you consider donating? Monetary donations directly to Clan Cochrane of NA or items/services for an upcoming auction on our main website to assist in our fundraising efforts? All donations to Clan Cochrane are tax deductible. Rest assured 100% of all donations go to Clan Cochrane. There are no administrative fees as everyone serves on a volunteer basis. Please feel free to share this post and encourage your own friends to give to Clan Cochrane of NA. Thank you in advance for your generosity! #GMHG2023 #HonoredClan #cochranefamilyreunion #meetthechief

In the meantime keep watch on Facebook :  
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clancochraneinnorthamerica>)  
Twitter: (@clancochrane01) as well as our website  
[www.clancochrane.org](http://www.clancochrane.org) , for developing news on the coming events.



Did you know that certain purchases generate an automatic donation to Clan Cochrane of North America at no extra cost to you? Log into your Amazon account, type in AmazonSmile in the search bar and follow the prompts. It is that easy.

Also, you can set up personal fundraisers on Facebook. Get your friends and family involved in some grassroots fundraising for the group. For more information on how it works you can go here: [https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers/explore/?source=fundraiser\\_page\\_hub\\_entrypoint](https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers/explore/?source=fundraiser_page_hub_entrypoint)

Just make sure to direct the funds to Clan Cochrane of North America 😊

# Games News!

There has been a flurry of activity since Covid restrictions were lifted. As a result, our representatives have been all over covering territory. I will showcase highlights in chronological order.

**Texas Scottish Festival – Decatur, TX – May 6-8 – Tent hosted by Jessica and Bryan Crisler**



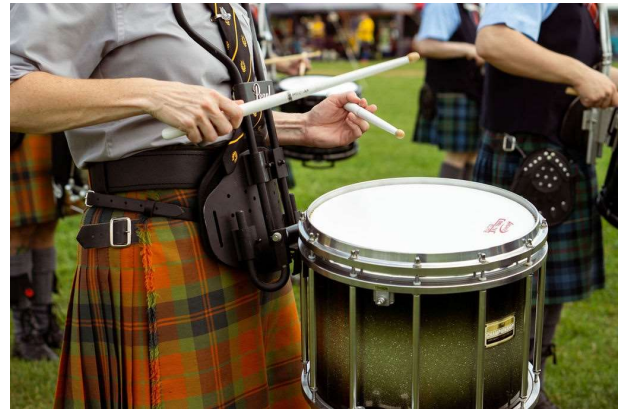
“Quite a different set-up since it’s supposed to be hot, but we are HERE at the Texas Scots Festival in Decatur, Texas! Come see us! We have whisky, ice cold water, and snacks to help you beat the heat!” ~ Jessica Crisler

Smoky Mountain Highland Games – Townsend TN – May 21-22 – Tent hosted by Tim Cochrane



"Clan Cochrane is open for business, drinks & general tomfoolery at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games, in Townsend Tn.

Come out to join me & have a sip" ~ Tim



Gallabree – Greenville Scottish Games – May 27 – Greenville, SC – Tent hosted by Scott and Candi Elson

“Our first time here and we’ve got the beer and wine tent within stumbling distance!” ~ Candi



Celebrity sightings include Baron George Way, Author of Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopedia (above with Scott) and Lord Lyon (in green jacket next to Candi).



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – Linville, NC - July 7-10 – Tent hosted by Scott and Candi Elson



“Cochran(e)s from as far as California, New York, Missouri, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland and Tennessee (am I missing anyone?) converged on the mountain. And Grandfather supplied us with some spectacular Scottish weather the entire weekend! Never know what you will get here but it will ALWAYS be an event to behold!”

~ Candi



**Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival – Northampton, MA – July 16 – Tent hosted by Gary Oberg**



**Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival – Monterey, CA – July 16-17 – Tent hosted by Keith and Cindra Cochran**



“Keith and I represented Clan Cochrane at The Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival held at the Monterey County Fairgrounds July 16, 17 2022. Due to fire marshal constraints and continuing COVID precautions, clans and vendors were intermingled between pipe bands and piper competition. We had pipers in the back and a blacksmith forge doing demonstrations across the front! Lots of noise! So, while not ideal, we did enjoy reconnecting with old friends we hadn’t seen since the pandemic began and making new ones as the shake up and spacing provided new clan neighbors. It all works out!!

Our “Cochranes in History” and “Cochrane Castles” banners and Old Scotland Clan map continue draw interest enabling us to share our Cochrane Heritage throughout the two-day event. We had about 12 Cochranes or friends of Cochranes come by - all were excited about the upcoming events - Grandfather Mountain in 2023 and Scotland in 2024.

Monterey is always a favorite, but this year was made even better by the presence of both of our sons, our daughter-in-law, and her parents. First time in a long time both boys walked the Clan March with us. Truly a family gathering in a beautiful spot. “ ~ Cindra

Central NY Scottish Games – Liverpool, NY - August 13 – Tent hosted by Gary Oberg



Quechee Games – Quechee, VT – Aug 27 – Tent hosted by Gary Oberg and Don Cochrane



“What a great day for the VT Highland Games at the Quechee Polo fields. Clan Cochran was well represented by Gary and Don.” ~ Don



# Coming Events

## September

- **Capital District Scottish Games:** Altamont, NY, Sept. 3
- **Middle Tennessee Highland Games:** Sanders Ferry Park, Hendersonville, TN Sept.10-11  
[www.midtenngames.com/](http://www.midtenngames.com/)
- **NH Highland Games & Festival:** Sept. 16-18
- **Fresno Scottish Games:** Fresno, CA Sept. 17

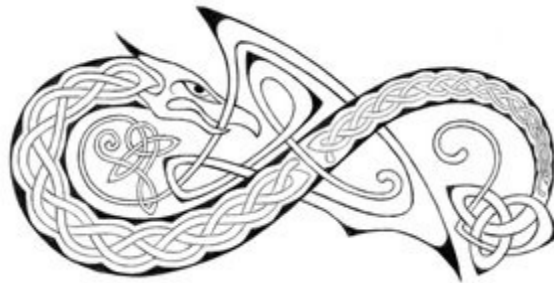
## October

- **Scotland Co. Highland Games:** Laurinburg, NC Oct. 1
- **Seaside Highland Games:** Ventura, CA Oct. 7-9
- **Stone Mountain Highland Games:** Stone Mtn, GA Oct. 14-16

## November

- **Salado Texas Gathering & Highland Games:** Salado, TX November 11-13

We will update this list as events are confirmed.



# Sherri Cochran Anderson Scholarship

Below is Information on our Clan Cochrane Scholarship which we hope to award this coming spring for the first time. We encourage you to share this information with those who might qualify. Those wishing to receive an application form or with questions concerning the Scholarship can email me, Thomas Cochran at tkcochran@sopris.net .

## [Clan Cochrane Scholarship](#)

The Clan Cochrane in North America Scholarship program shall be for the purpose of assisting persons pursuing education and training in Scottish arts, history, genealogy, and/or culture. This includes, but is not limited to study of Scottish music, dance, languages, history, genealogy, clothing and customs. Special consideration will be given to those showing the Cochrane Family connection to the above noted areas. Only applications relevant to the Scottish and/or Cochrane studies will be considered.

Scholarships will be awarded yearly by May 31.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age; there is no upper age limit.

Applicants may be asked to submit a video of performance or a description of the proposed area of study or proposed project. Three letters of recommendation are needed from those familiar with your involvement in area for which the scholarship is being requested.

Awards will be based on the Scholarship Committee's assessment of the relevance, commitment and abilities of the applicant. Race, gender, ethnicity or religion of the applicant will not be considered. Preference will be given to immediate family members of Clan Cochrane in North America, but others will be considered.

Scholarship recipients must submit a letter of confirmation of enrollment, registration, or apprenticeship in the program toward which the scholarship will be used.

Scholarship recipients must submit a certificate or letter from the institution, organization or instructor upon completion of the course of study or project for which the scholarship is granted.

The recipient must also write a brief article (200-500 words) explaining their study or project for the Clan Cochrane in North America Newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee shall award one or more scholarships of varying amounts from \$100 to \$500 based on perceived merit and available funds and may decide to award no scholarship in any given year. The decision of the Scholarship committee is final.



# Clan Cochrane Scholarship



## Application Form

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

(Maiden)

Last

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Background (Schools attended, dates, and main areas of study. Include special classes, seminars and extra-curricular activities that are pertinent.

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Attach extra paper if necessary.

Describe, on an attached sheet of paper, your interest in Cochrane (Cochran) History or Genealogy that you have interest in and knowledge of Scottish history and culture.

Describe how you intend to use this Scholarship.

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If awarded this Scholarship you must agree to send a picture of yourself and a short biography for our Newsletter.

You must provide confirmation of enrollment in a class or course of study or award must be sent directly to an institution of learning.

If for any reason you do not complete the course of study for which this award was made you agree to return the monies awarded.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and attachments to: Clan Cochrane Scholarship Committee, c/o G. Thomas Cochran

297 Fieldstone Court, Silt, CO, 81652 ([tkcochran@sopris.net](mailto:tkcochran@sopris.net))

The following was submitted by Douglas Cochrane of Canada. I, for one, look forward to sharing more from him in the coming newsletters.



### Cochrane's Lament

Highlanders, Lowlanders, and Irishmen are we,  
compelled to live in lands across the sea,  
a defiant race of people in the glens of Ireland,  
in Antrim of old we made our last stand.

Was it the English ways, or Catholics in turmoil,  
maybe the failed potato crops,  
which forced us from our native soil,  
the hour glass can be so unfair.

To a world quite new we did flee,  
hoping for a new life free from scrutiny,  
courses set, upon the Atlantic we did prevail.  
bearing sou- west to the new world, we did sail.

Battling tempest and storm, we pressed on,  
the shores of Ireland veiled in mist, now gone,  
we eventually made it across, seeming an eternity ago that we said goodbye,  
vowing that our memories of home would never die.

In New Brunswick we eventually landed,  
travelled up the river St John, to Lerwick,  
from here generations of Cochranes parted company to roam,  
to establish themselves in their new home.

Sands of time still falling, times have changed,  
our culture for prosperity we've exchanged,  
we the sons and daughters of Alba and Eire from whence we got,  
our Celtic blood which means a lot.

The winds have scattered us afar,  
across the North American plain, that is where we are,  
our blood is Scots-Irish as will always be,  
that is where my heart is and it beckons me.

Douglas Cochrane 14 Sep 98

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Cochrane: Virtute et Labore

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# Cochrane Merchandise



Unable to attend the games or festivals but still want a piece of Cochrane pride? Shop at Celtic Jackalope for your clan t-shirts, badges. [www.celticjackalope.com](http://www.celticjackalope.com)

## Cochrane Tartan



Cochrane Hunting

Cochrane Azure

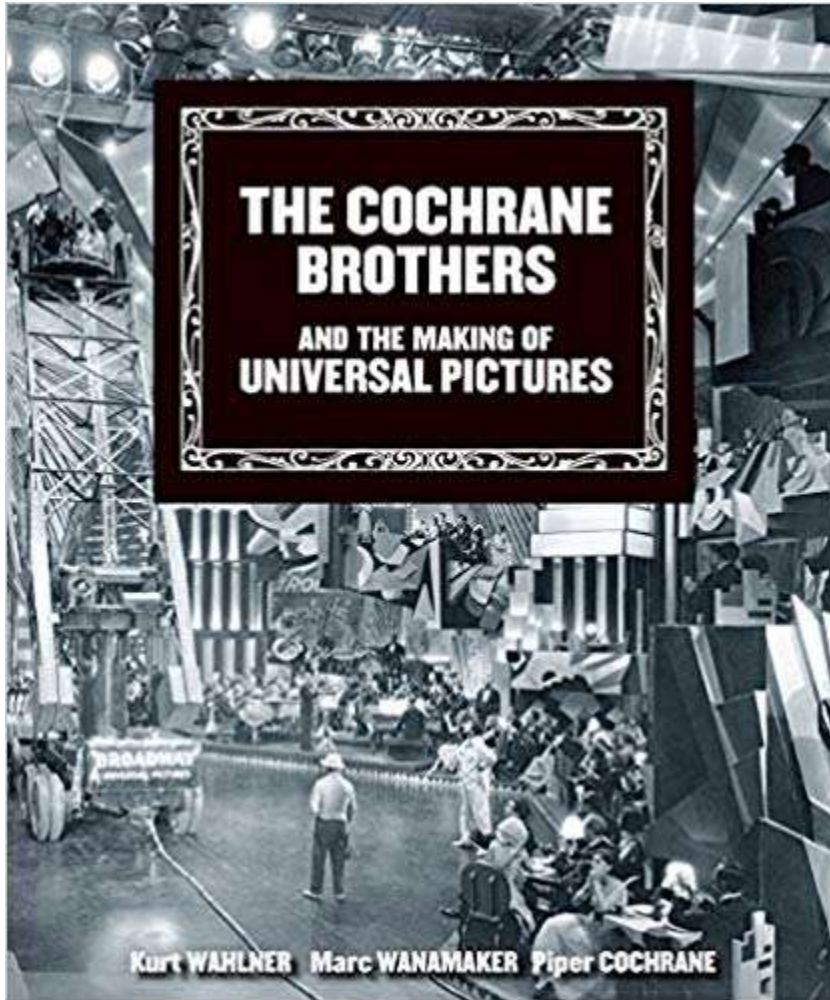
For those of you that have been inquiring the Clan was able to order a run of the Hunting Tartan. This is high quality 16oz Strome fabric woven for us by Lochcarron in Scotland and is absolutely gorgeous in person.

Perfect for daily wear we highly recommend this for any casual occasion. As soon as the weaver ships this out from the mill we will know better what the charges will be, including shipping, and will notify all as soon as possible. This sells out fast every time we offer it. It is not kept in stock anywhere for mass retail and is only available for Clan purchase and use. Price for the Hunting is \$42/meter plus \$25 shipping.

There will not be another order of this until the Hunting has sold. Pricing for this is \$40/meter plus \$30 shipping.

Fabric is 56" wide (double width), and the meters ordered are measured by the length. Both are available so get it now so you will be ready for the upcoming group events! To order please contact Cindra Cochran at [ccofna@yahoo.com](mailto:ccofna@yahoo.com).

## The Cochrane Brothers & the Making of Universal Pictures



“Who knew there were 5 silent Scotch-Irish brothers behind the scenes of Universal Pictures, making it all happen? The Cochrane Brothers and the making of Universal Pictures is a 192-page coffee table book full of untold stories and unseen photos!”