



**2026 Alaska Scottish Highland Games**  
Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Alaska State Fairgrounds



## **2026 Celtic Marketplace Merchant Information**

We are now accepting applications for vendor booth space at the 2026 Alaska Scottish Highland Games (ASHG) Celtic Marketplace! While we welcome all applications, please note that space is limited, and submission does not guarantee acceptance. Our event organizers carefully review each application to ensure that the goods and services align with the theme of the Games, helping to create an authentic and immersive Celtic experience.

The ASHG's are more than just a festival or fair, we are a true Scottish celebration honoring all things Scottish. To maintain the spirit of the event, we require vendors to incorporate some form of "Scottish Flair" into their booth (see the Scottish Flair section below for details). Additionally, organizers will consider the number of similar vendors to ensure a diverse marketplace and will limit duplicate offerings. Vendor history at the ASHG and overall booth presentation also plays a role in the selection process.

All vendor applications will be waitlisted upon submission. Applicants will be notified within 14 business days of their application status. If accepted, any applicable fees will be collected at that time.

Vendor placement on the event grounds is determined at the discretion of the organizers. While we take previous placements and specific requests into consideration, we cannot guarantee exact locations. Many factors influence vendor placement, and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility. Please note that we do not accept MLM vendors, sales vendors, direct sales vendors, or political vendors. Our focus is on showcasing handmade artisan items, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Please review this document and the vendor application carefully before applying. The Alaskan Scottish Club, Alaska Scottish Highland Games, and Alaska State Fair, Inc. assume no liability for the safety or quality of products sold or offered by individual vendors. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

[vendors@alaskanscottish.org](mailto:vendors@alaskanscottish.org) or 907-602-0901

### **Application DEADLINE: June 1, 2026**

(Our Vendor Spots have sold out the past few years by end of April so don't wait to register!)

Application Available at: <https://alaskanscottish.regfox.com/ashgvendor>



## **Booth Information and Fees**

Gates will open to public at 8:00am on both Saturday and Sunday.

All vendor booths must be fully setup and ready for operation by 8:00am on Saturday, June 27. Once opened, booths are required to be staffed and operational for the duration of the festival on both Saturday and Sunday.

Due to vendor requests, a late start option will be tested during this year's Games. While the gates open to the public at 8:00am and we encourage vendors to open at that time, vendors who choose a late start must have their booths fully operational no later than 10:00am on Saturday and 11:00am on Sunday.

Festival Hours:

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

(Booths must be open no later than 10:00am)

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>: 8:00am to 6:00pm

(Booths must be open no later than 11:00am)

Your tent(s) must have a good roof that can withstand wind, rain, hail and other inclement Alaskan weather. Please take the necessary measures to secure tents for the potential high winds of Palmer, Alaska (100lbs minimum for Palmer wind conditions). Palmers winds can be very damaging-be prepared! Please note that the ASHG, The Alaskan Scottish Club, and The Alaska State Fairgrounds are not responsible for damage done to Tents due to weather. The Vendor Chieftain or Games Chieftain may request that questionable shelters be removed. If you would like to rent a tent for the event you can contact Over The Top Tents and Events at 907-694-9200. They will set up your tent(s) the week of games along with the other large tents that we rent for the event.

### **Booth Pricing**

**Food Vendors:** Vendor is cooking and serving food on-site from a:

- Canopy Tent(s) only (No Food Truck): 10' Wide x 20' Deep \$300.00/Per Space
- Food Truck up to 15' in total length (Serving Side) \$300.00/Per Truck
- Food Truck OVER 15' in total length (Serving Side) \$600.00/Per Truck

**Merchandise/Craft or Entertainment Vendors:** Arts, Crafts, Entertainment, and cottage-stye food items that don't require on-site cooking.

- 10' Wide x 20' Deep \$175.00/Per Space

**Electrical Hookup:**

\$70.00/Per outlet/weekend

Plug-ins are available at every vendor location; There is one 110 volt, 20 amp electrical outlet and one 220v, 50 amp plug-ins located at the pedestal nearest the vendor space. Only food vendors have access to one 220 volt, 50 amp receptacles. Non-food vendors needing 220 service must contact the Vendor Chieftain ahead of games.

Vendors are required to use the appropriate plug-in to avoid tripping breakers. All extension cords must be in compliance and supplied by Vendor. It is the vendor's responsibility to provide heavy-duty extension cords to transmit electricity to their booth. All cords must be waterproof and rated for outdoor usage and gauge appropriate for amps.

Electrical appliances, which are used for the personal convenience of vendors, (coffee pots, space heaters, hot plates, etc.) should be used conservatively. A costly power failure can result from overloading circuits. Campers and motor homes may not use electrical power during the operating hours of the ASHG; please unplug them.

**Additional 2-Day Parking Passes for Employees:** \$10.00/each  
(Vendors park behind Raven Hall in the Orange Lot. Each booth space includes 2, 2-Day Parking Passes)

Generators are allowed with prior written approval. Generators are limited to only certain areas of the Alaska Scottish Highland Games due to noise pollution and odors. Vendors must use only generators with the lowest possible noise decibel levels, under 65 decibels, while in use. All generator exhaust must be pointed away from propane, people, structures, and combustibles.

Vendors may purchase multiple booth spaces to accommodate a larger setup. Partial booth spaces are not available for purchase. Vendor placement is based on the Alaska State Fairgrounds Vendor spacing dimensions, each space is 10' Wide with a 2' buffer between booth sites. If a custom width is required, please contact us at [vendors@alaskanscottish.org](mailto:vendors@alaskanscottish.org). If prior arrangements are not made we cannot guarantee placement day of the event.

Vendors may share a space, however each Vendor must have a business license and their own application submitted. There will be no subletting of spaces.

We accept check, money orders, and Credit Card payments for Booth fees. Please note payments via credit card will include a convenience/processing fee.



### **Scottish Flare**

When selecting merchandise, entertainment, or food for your booth, please keep in mind that the Alaskan Scottish Club prioritizes offerings that align with the theme of the event. The ASHG are not just another festival, we are a true Scottish celebration.

For merchandise, we seek handmade artisan-style items rather than MLM, direct sales, or generic fair-type products. For food, we encourage vendors to offer traditional Scottish favorites or creative takes on Scottish cuisine. While we understand that not every vendor can exclusively provide Scottish-themed items, all vendors must incorporate some form of **Scottish Flair** into their booth. This could include tartan or Scottish décor, Scottish-inspired crafts or artwork, staff wearing kilts, renaming menu items with a Scottish twist, or even crafting a Scottish-inspired dish. Vendors are a vital part of creating an immersive experience,

and attendees truly appreciate these thoughtful details. **Scottish Flair is a requirement, not an option.** If you need ideas, don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to help!

To recognize and celebrate the effort vendors put into embracing the Scottish spirit, the Alaskan Scottish Club, with the help of attendees through the **People's Choice Award**, honors outstanding vendors with special awards for their Scottish Flair. **The Best-in-Show Scottish Flair Vendor for 2026 will receive a waived vendor booth fee for the 2027 ASHG all other Winners will receive \$50 off their 2027 ASHG Vendor Booth Fee!**

Congrats to our 2025 ASHG winners:

- **Best-In-Show Scottish Flare:** Alaska Bead & Gem (Giant Highland Coo Arch)
- **Best Scottish Food Vendor:** A Taste of Scotland (Scotch Eggs, Scotch Meat Pies, Shepard's Pie)
- **Best Scottish Merchandise Vendor:** Barbara Unlimited (Handwoven Tartan)
- **Most Creative Scottish Flare:** The Tiny Home(stead) (Education about Farming and Livestock in Scotland)
- **Most Creative Scottish Food:** High Five Hand Pies (Scotch Egg Hand Pies)
- **People's Choice:** Meg Wilde Art



### **Insurance, Licenses, Permits, and Additional Requirements**

ALL VENDORS need to obtain a Special Event Business License from the City of Palmer unless you have already obtained an annual/bi-annual license. This license is \$10. Vendors are responsible for complying with all City, State, and Borough licensing requirements.

FOOD VENDORS need to obtain an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Temporary Food Permit, unless you already have an annual permit.

ALL VENDORS are required to provide their own insurance. Insurance requirements are as follow: 1,000,000 in Combined Single Limit Commercial General Liability insurance coverage and \$1,000,000 Personal Injury Limit of Liability per Occurrence insurance coverage FOOD (prepared on site) includes \$1,000,000 in Combined Single Limit Commercial General Liability insurance and \$1,000,000 in Products Liability insurance

If you are unable to obtain insurance for this event on your own, you may purchase coverage for the day through the Alaskan Scottish Club, Inc. insurance policy. This insurance will cover you for the event only. The cost will be determined upon renewal of our Insurance policy, but is approx. \$100.00 for the coverage. This is paid directly to the Insurance company. Once our Policy is renewed (Approx Late May) a link will be sent out to vendors for you to purchase the coverage.

The Alaskan Scottish Club, Inc./Alaska Scottish Highland Games and the Alaska State Fair, Inc. must be listed as additional insured for all forms of insurance. A copy of the vendor's insurance certificate will need to be submitted no later than June 15, 2026. You will not be permitted to enter the Festival grounds without a copy of the Insurance Certificate, business or special event license, and food permit (for food vendors), there are no exceptions. Documents will not be accepted day of Set-up. No refunds will be given for Vendors who do not turn in required forms and are not allowed to enter festival grounds.

Please ensure that all licenses and permits are posted or available upon request, as the applicable authorities may perform inspections to confirm that you have obtained the proper licenses and permits.

All vendors are required to have appropriate fire extinguishers available at their booth(s). The fire department may be checking to ensure all appropriate fire extinguishers are on site. If a booth is inspected and the appropriate fire extinguisher(s) is not on site, the fire department can close the vendor.

For your convenience, links to all License and Permit applications are available on the Alaskan Scottish Club Website ([www.alaskanscottish.org](http://www.alaskanscottish.org)).



### **Taxes**

Vendors are required to pay a City of Palmer sales tax on all sales. This form can be found through The City of Palmer website. For your convenience, a link to the Special Event Sales Tax Remittance Form is also available on the Alaskan Scottish Club Website ([www.alaskanscottish.org](http://www.alaskanscottish.org)).



### **Alaska State Fairgrounds Requirements**

All vendors and their employees must abide by the requirements set forth in Attachment "B," Alaska State Fair, Inc., Requirements for Use of the Alaska State Fairgrounds. For your convenience, links to the Attachment is available on the Alaskan Scottish Club Website ([www.alaskanscottish.org](http://www.alaskanscottish.org)).



### **Trash and Booth Clean-Up**

Please help us keep the grounds clean and leave your spot clean after the festival. Vendors are responsible for removing cooking oil, gray water, and cleaning up trash in and around booth

location. Vendors are also responsible for bringing their own trash cans and trash bags and disposing of their trash. Dumpsters are available in the back of the Orange Parking lot to empty trash throughout the weekend. Please do not empty trash into the field trash cans at any point, including at the end of the event.

If your space is not cleaned after your departure or you are found to be using a field bin at your space or emptying your trash into a field bin, you will be billed a cleaning fee. You will be unable to register for future events until the cleaning fee is paid in full.

If there are piles of trash left at booth spaces after you have left, the vendor who occupied that booth space in addition to being charged a cleaning fee, the vendor will not be welcome at future Alaskan Scottish Club events.



### **Vehicles and Parking**

Vendors are responsible for providing their own booths/tents. You may arrive for set up any time starting at 9:00 am on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Check-in will be at only at the Purple Gate. We will not be able to check vendors in after 10:00 pm without prior authorization, you must let the Vendor Chieftain know as soon as possible if this is the case. If a Vendor requires an earlier set-up than Friday, please contact the Vendor Chieftain by June 20, 2026.

Most spaces can be accessed from the front and from the service “road” behind the spaces. If you have equipment that needs to be maneuvered into the space, please show up early on Friday in order to get your equipment in place before your neighbors set up. If you cannot maneuver into your space, you will be relocated to the next open space that will accommodate your equipment.

Vendors may begin arriving at 5:00 am on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to complete setup. Vendors must be set-up and ready to open for business by 8:00 am on Saturday.

We ask that you do not pack up and leave until after the closing ceremonies on Sunday evening Approx. 6:00 pm, except in the case of an emergency. Please contact the Vendor Chieftain with any emergency. We ask this for the safety of other Vendors, Participants and Attendees. Vendor space must be vacated and clean by no later than noon on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Security for the festival grounds will be provided Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. However, please use good judgment and do not leave valuables within the tents unattended overnight. Vendors accept responsibility for all lost or stolen merchandise or equipment.

Vehicles used for setting up or restocking must be off the grounds by 7:30 am on both Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Between 7:30 am and close of the games merchandise may be brought into the vending area using vendor supplied handcarts or other non-motorized methods.

Vendors will park in the parking area, behind Raven Hall (Orange Lot). Each vendor will receive two (2) parking passes for vendor vehicles valid for both Saturday and Sunday. Additional Parking Passes can be purchase for employees.

For the safety of all vendors, participants, and attendees, **no motorized vehicles will be permitted to enter or exit the grounds until at least 30 minutes after the closing ceremonies conclude on Sunday.** No exceptions will be made. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a safe and orderly event for everyone.

The purple gate has security from Friday at 10pm to Monday at 8am. If you need to access your booth during overnight hours, please check-in with the Security at Purple Gate. The Red Gate will be locked at 10pm each evening and opened at 7am.



### Pets/Animals

All of us at the ASHG love animals but the Alaska State fairgrounds and the ASHG are no place for pets. Dogs and other animals are not permitted on the Fairgrounds (Due to our contract with the Fair) unless they are part of an exhibit or are a service animal. This includes leaving your furry friends in vehicles, RV's, or trailers. Please note if animals are found in vehicles, the proper authorities will be notified.

Please make arrangements for your pets elsewhere. You will be required to leave the grounds if you bring your pets. There are no exceptions to this rule. If you are asked to leave it will be noted, if the following year you are asked to leave again you will no longer be allowed to Vend at the games. If you have a service animal or decide to hide your pet at your booth and leave dog waste (either on its own or in a bag) at your booth space upon leaving you will not be accepted at future events-No Exceptions.

We are committed to the use of service animals by our guests with disabilities. The ADA states, "Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities." SERVICE animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as SERVICE animals under the ADA. SERVICE animals play an important role in ensuring the independence of people with disabilities, and it is the Fair's policy to welcome any animal that is individually trained to assist a person with a disability.

For everyone's safety we ask that you leave your pets at home that includes comfort animals (Emotional Support Animals (ESAs), and Therapy Dogs). PETS are NOT ALLOWED since they do not receive special training and do not perform a specific task to help disabled owners. Crowds are not a good place for pets.

Please be sensitive to our guests with SERVICE animals. Visitors found to have fake service

animals will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.

Please read more about SERVICE Dogs and what is covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) here: [https://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.htm](https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm) or <http://www.myassistancedoginc.org/whats-the-difference-between-emotional-support-animals-therapy-animals-and-service-dogs/>



### **Smoke-Free Property and Event**

The Alaska State Fairgrounds and the ASHG is smoke-free. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the fenced common areas of the fairgrounds property. Smoking is also not permitted within 40 feet of the main gated entrances to the Fair.

As a vendor we ask you to please be aware of this policy and be courteous of your neighbors and attendees. Smoking is never allowed at your booth. If you are found to be smoking or leave cigarette butts at your booth space you will not be accepted at future events-No Exceptions.



### **Health And Safety**

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other diseases exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the ASHG you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and other diseases. Please adhere to all local, state and federal mandates and follow posted instructions while visiting the ASHG. If you or someone in your group are feeling ill, please stay home.



### **Emergency Procedures**

The ASHG Emergency Plan is adopted by the Board of Directors and is revised from time to time. The plan specifies procedures and lines of authority for Games staff in case of a declared emergency. At Games time the Security contractor has the first line of communication with local emergency agencies. Games staff coordinates with them and manages media relations. The Emergency Plan is available for inspection by all vendors, and they are asked to comply with instructions from Games management and the Games Security contractor in a declared emergency.



### **Photo Release**

Vendors give consent to the Alaskan Scottish Club and assignees to take photographs, make Audio recordings, and/or video graphs while at the games and to use such media for publicity as the Alaskan Scottish Club deems appropriate.



### **Advertising and Promotion**

The AHSG will place advertisements for the games with local radio stations, digital media and print media. The ASHG will be working with Make a Scene Magazine/The People’s Paper in creating our event guide that will be published in the June Issue. Vendors may be contacted by Make a Scene Magazine/The People’s Paper to purchase ads in the guide.

#### **Facebook Event**

An OFFICIAL 2026 Alaska Scottish Highland Games Facebook Event has been created by the Alaskan Scottish Club. <https://www.facebook.com/events/24042125232093647> Vendors are permitted to create their own Facebook event to advertise but must title it “[Vendor Name] at the 2026 Alaska Scottish Highland Games” and use the Vendor’s logo/graphic. The ASHG or ASC logo may be used in addition to, but not in place of, the Vendor’s logo in promotional content.



### **Cancellations**

Cancellations must be sent to the Vendor Chieftain in writing, either via E-Mail or US Mail, and must be received by June 10th, 2026, for a refund of money already paid. A refund of money for notification received after June 10th, 2026, will be determined on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed to be refunded. Purchase Protection for Vendor Fees is available through our registration site. No Refunds will be given for no-shows on the day of the Games. Please note that vendors who cancel more than twice will have their future applications reviewed with consideration of their cancellation history.

The performance of this Agreement is subject to termination without liability by either party upon the occurrence, or upon the prediction by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, any agency of the United States Government, or any agency of the Government of the State of Alaska of the occurrence of any circumstance beyond the control of either party—including, without limitation, acts of God, war, acts of terrorism within a fifty (50) mile radius of the Alaska State Fairgrounds facility, government regulations, disaster, pandemic/epidemic illness, civil disorder, or curtailment of transportation facilities to the extent that such circumstance makes it illegal, impossible, or economically impracticable for the Alaskan Scottish Club to provide, or for the Vendor in general to use, the Fairground facilities. The ability to terminate this Agreement without liability pursuant to this paragraph is conditioned upon delivery of written notice from one party to the other within 10 days of such

occurrence or upon delivery of written notice from one party to the other within 24 hours of the receipt of notice of the prediction of any of the above occurrences.



### **Questions**

Please direct all inquiries to Vendor Chieftain at  
[vendors@alaskanscottish.org](mailto:vendors@alaskanscottish.org) or 907-602-0901

We encourage you to read through this Information and complete the online registration form as soon as possible to reserve space for the 2026 Alaska Scottish Highland Games.

We look forward to your participation in the success of the  
2026 Alaska Scottish Highland Games!

**PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR FILES**