



## **Ewing Family Association's 14<sup>th</sup> Gathering Saline, Michigan July 8-10, 2016**

Fellow clansmen and women of the Ewing Family Association and Clan Ewing,

*"It is time to gather and experience our common Scottish heritage. Let us join one another's company and enjoy a bit of Ceilidh fellowship, authentic meals, games, and other traditions lest we forget what our grandparents taught us. Let us meet in the distant lowlands of Saline, Michigan the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016. Come sporting your tartans and attire fitting of this event. There will be no need for weaponry, just a spirit of merriment. 'Tis a grand time to be a Ewing, and it is proper that we teach our children the ways of a Scotsmen. I pray thee a safe and blessed journey to our next Gathering."*

With such an invitation how can you resist marking your calendar and registering for EFA's 14th Biennial Gathering, July 8-10, 2016, in concert with the Saline Celtic Festival? The Festival will provide a backdrop for the Gathering's theme of "Our Scottish Heritage, Then and Now." Both the Gathering and the Festival will provide a variety of exciting and memorable Scottish-based activities and opportunities for the entire family.

The Gathering is in southeast Michigan, 15 miles south of Ann Arbor, a reasonable drive for many Ewings in the Midwestern part of the United States. Participants and families can find overnight accommodations within 15 minutes of the Festival grounds, where the Clan Ewing tent and hospitality tent will be located. Take advantage of discounted rates at the Sleep Inn in Milan, or for some extra summer fun, camp out at the Indian Creek Campgrounds near Tecumseh. Blocks of rooms/campsites/cabins have been reserved for the Gathering. Reservations must be made by April 2016 to take advantage of the special rates. Details follow in the 'Gathering Highlights' pages.

The total registration cost to EFA members (includes select meals, program attendance, and Festival entrance tickets) is:

- \$25 for members 65 and older,
- \$45 for members/adults under 65,
- \$35 for youth 13-17 years old,
- No cost to children under 12.

Register using either the form found within this *Journal* or online via the EFA website. Participants and families may check in and pick up their welcome packets at the Clan Ewing tent at 5:00pm on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. A Scottish (Clan Ewing) Clidihd (traditional social gathering) and Scottish meal will take place in the hospitality tent at 6:00pm. Come prepared to have an entertaining time! Festival concerts (multiple stages), dancing (classes and demonstrations), and an adult pub will be available Friday evening also.

The listing of all events for the 2016 Gathering, website links, and invitations for several key Festival events and unique activities can be found on the 'Schedule pages.'

Questions can be directed to the Gathering Organizers:

- 'Major' Ewing can be reached via email at [wallygator57@hotmail.com](mailto:wallygator57@hotmail.com).
- Terry Schultz can be reached via email at [schulz912@comcast.net](mailto:schulz912@comcast.net).



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## Schedule

### Friday, 8 July, 2016

Check In at 'Sleep Inn' (Milan) or Indian Creek Campground (Tecumseh)

**5 p.m.**            **Registration:** Begins at the Clan Ewing Tent, Saline Celtic Festival grounds. Pick up welcome packet.

**6 p.m.**            **Clan Ewing Ceilidh** (*kay'lee* – a Social Gathering) at Hospitality Tent (behind Clan Ewing Tent):

\* Greetings (hosted by a Scottish '*fear-an-tigh*')

\* Authentic Scottish Supper Meal

\* Traditional Readings

\* Scottish Sing-a-Long

\* Clansmen Dance & Music Demonstrations

**7 – 9 p.m.**            Ewing Scottish Heritage Displays and Informal Talks and Refreshments at Hospitality Tent and Clan Ewing Tent

**7 – 11:30 p.m.**        Scottish Heritage/Festival Activities (Music and Dancing). See Friday night's Saline Celtic Festival schedule.

### Saturday, 9 July, 2016

**8 a.m.**            Clan Breakfast; at Sleep Inn (Milan) **OR** Scottish Porridge Breakfast at Hospitality Tent

**9 a.m.**            **EFA & Clan Ewing Meeting:** Meet at Clan Ewing Hospitality Tent

\* Clan Ewing "Posting of the Tartan" Opening Ceremony

\* Family Attendance and Recognition

\* Review of Clan Ewing Events and Festival Activities

\* Door prize drawing

\* Begin Children's Scottish Passport Activity

\* Organize Dance and Highland Game

\* Refreshments and Snacks

Teams

**10 a.m.**            **Clan Ewing/EFA Heritage Presentation #1:**  
"History of the Highland Games" at the Hospitality Tent

- 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.** Hospitality Tent: Headquarters for Gathering, Membership, and Clan Ewing Displays & Information; Coordinate Participation in Events and Merchandise Sales
- 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.** Clan Ewing Tent: Informal Genealogy Research, Sharing of Family History, and Displays
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Highland Dance Competition; Clan Ewing Youth
- 11 a.m.** **Festival Opening Ceremony:** Attended by Clan Ewing Representatives
- 12 Noon** Ancient Athletic Highland Games Begin; Clan Ewing Team
- 12 Noon – 11 p.m.** Festival Events and Entertainment Continue
- 1 p.m.** **EFA Cookout -- ‘Scottish Style’**  
 \* Meal at Festival Pavilion & Hospitality Tent  
 \* Scottish Welcome and Readings  
 \* Chancellor/Commander’s Rep Remarks  
 \* Membership Meeting
- 2:30 p.m.** **Clan Ewing/EFA Heritage Presentation #2:**  
 “Creating and Having Fun with Family Trees” at the Hospitality Tent
- 5 p.m.** Massed Pipe Bands Performance
- 6 p.m.** **Supper Meal for EFA/Clan Ewing Members**  
 \* Greetings  
 \* Simple Scottish Stew & Bread  
 \* Readings  
 \* Recognition of Clan Ewing Competitors (Games and Dance)  
 \* Prizes for Kids Scottish Passport Competition  
 \* Door Prizes  
 \* Official Farewell
- 7 p.m.** **Clan Ewing/EFA Heritage Presentation #3:**  
 “TBD” at the Hospitality Tent
- 8 – 9 p.m.** **Clan Ewing ‘Open Mic’ Performances;** Music and Stories at Hospitality Tent by EFA/Clan Ewing members and friends.
- 11:30 p.m.** Festival Events and Entertainment End

**Sunday, 10 July, 2016**

- 8 – 9 a.m.** Breakfast; at Sleep Inn (Milan)
- 9 a.m.** EFA Board Meeting (Sleep Inn Meeting Room)
- 11 a.m.** Adjournment and Farewell

## Highlights of the 2016 EFA Gathering

Saline, Michigan

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*We invite you to bring the family and share a time of fun, fellowship, and learning..... the Scottish way.*

### Scottish Ceilidh

All EFA clansmen are invited to kick off the 2016 Gathering by joining in our Scottish Ceilidh (traditional social gathering) at the Ewing Hospitality Tent on the Festival grounds Friday night at 6:00 pm. We will have a traditional Scottish meal and socialize as our ancestors did many years ago. This will include story-telling, readings, poetry, music, sing-alongs, dancing, and other merriment. Please let our organizers know if you're interested in leading an event.

In modern usage, a cèilidh or ceilidh [/'keɪli/](#) (pronounced kay'lee) is a traditional [Gaelic](#) social gathering, which usually involves playing [Gaelic folk music](#) and [dancing](#). It originated from Ireland and [Scotland](#), but is now common throughout the [Scottish](#) and [Irish diasporas](#), as well as throughout England in a fusion with English country dance.

On long, dark winter nights, it is still the custom in small villages for friends to collect in a house and hold what they call a "ceilidh" (pronounced kay'lee). Young and old are entertained by the reciters of old poems and legendary stories, which deal with ancient beliefs, the doings of traditional heroes and heroines, and so on. Some sing old and new songs set to old music or new music composed in the manner of the old. — [Mackenzie, Donald A.](#), *Wonder tales from Scottish myth and legend*, 1917, p. 14.

In more recent decades, the dancing portion of the event has usurped the older meanings of the term, though the tradition of guests performing music, song, story-telling and poetry still persists in some areas.

Ceilidhs were originally hosted by a fear-an-tigh, meaning *Man of the House*, though in modern ceilidhs, the host is usually referred to more simply as Host or Master of Ceremonies.

### Scottish Clothing & Attire

The 2016 Gathering is sure to be the first time EFA members and Clan Ewing clansmen alike are encouraged to dress in traditional Scottish clothing and attire. Prizes will be awarded to those brave enough to 'look Scottish'. Most EFA 2016 Gathering-sponsored events will give clansmen and women a chance to socialize, eat, sing, and tell stories as our ancestors did back in Scotland. The Festival will also add to the "then and now"

traditions as many participants dress, dance, entertain, share living history, and compete in traditional Scottish/Celtic ways.

### **Scottish Meals**

As part of a real Scottish heritage experience, several traditional Scottish meals/dishes will be provided during the Gathering. Friday night's Ceilidh social gathering will include a more formal, full supper meal. Saturday's cookout will feature a few Scottish dishes. And a Scottish Porridge breakfast will be available Sunday morning. Come enjoy these unique opportunities and enjoy a time of fellowship while we gather together. *"Ith/ithibh gu leòir" -- Bon appetite in Scots-Gaelic!*

### **Heritage Presentations**

In the spirit of EFA's Gathering "theme" fellow clansmen will be providing us with presentations on interesting topics related to our Scottish heritage, per the 'tentative' schedule. On a similar note, all clansmen attending the Gathering are invited to share stories, music, and similar informal contributions during our Ceiladh Social Event Friday night and Clan Meeting Saturday morning.

### **Saline Celtic Festival**

The Ewing Family Association's 2016 Gathering will be conducted in concert with an incredibly popular Scottish related festival, the Saline Celtic Festival in Saline, Michigan. The festival provides not only a backdrop and ambience for EFA's Gathering, it offers a multitude of activities and events for all ages. The festival is particularly known for its family-friendly focus, and authentic-looking tent village layout. EFA is excited to have its own Clan Ewing Tent and Hospitality Tent on the Festival grounds, with other Scottish clans. The best way to learn more about the Festival is to go to its webpage at <http://www.salineceltic.org/>.

### **Highland Games (Clan Ewing Team)**

Will this be the first year ever that Clan Ewing fields a team for the traditional Highland Athletics Games? The Festival and 2016 Gathering offers this opportunity for our clansmen and women to show their skill and bravery. We are forming a team and excited to represent Clan Ewing. A Scottish Heritage Presentation concerning the history of the Highland Games will be offered during the Gathering. Be sure to contact 'Major' Ewing. He is the point of contact; via [wallygator57@hotmail.com](mailto:wallygator57@hotmail.com).

In their original form many centuries ago, Highland games revolved around athletic and sports competitions. Though other activities were always a part of the festivities, many today still consider Highland athletics to be what the games are all about—in short, that the athletics are the Games, and all the other activities are just entertainment.

Regardless, it remains true today that the athletic competitions are at least an integral part of the events and include: caber toss (symbolizing the spirit of the Highland games), stone put, hammer throw, weight throw, weight over the bar, and sheaf toss.

### **Dance Competition (Clan Ewing Competitors)**

Our youngsters who are active in Scottish and Irish Dance Competitions are encouraged to register for the Dance Competitions at the Saline Celtic Festival. The rest of the clan can take pride in supporting our Clan Ewing dancers, and witness their very exciting and beautiful performances. See links within the Festival webpage at <http://www.salineceltic.org/>.

Highland dance or Highland dancing (different from Scottish country dancing) is a style of competitive solo [dancing](#) developed in the [Scottish Highlands](#) in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the context of competitions. Highland dancers wear specialized shoes called [ghillies](#). Highland dance has been subject to many influences from outside the Highlands. For example, it has been heavily influenced by the aesthetics of the patrons of Scotland since the 19th century and [ballet](#).

### **Wee Folks (Kids) Island**

Our Wee little lads and lassies have an incredible “Play and Learn Children’s Place” at the Festival’s Wee Folks Island. There they can have fun with Wee Athletics, Wee Crafts, and other fun things the island has to offer. Traditionally the Wee Folks have their own Parade at 4:30 with a bagpiper, and thereafter all participants get a coupon for a free treat.

### **EFA Kids & Youth Scottish Passports**

Our kids/youth will have fun exploring the Festival events (the Scottish realm) using our very own Clan Ewing Scottish Passports. This very special passport will be handed out at the Clan Ewing Tent. Kids/youth can then use their passports and the map inside to visit select Festival and EFA events, and show where they traveled by obtaining “proof” at each stop. Besides the fun and excitement kids/youth will experience along the way, their passports will help them learn about our Scottish heritage. Prizes will be awarded to all kids/youth who complete the journey around the Scottish realm, then and now.

### **Lodging and Camping Information**

EFA has negotiated the best rates and accommodations possible, in light of increased summer fees. The hotel (Sleep Inn in Milan) and campground (Indian Creek in Tecumseh) were the best choices for our event. Additionally, a block of rooms and campsites have been set aside for our 2016 Gathering. See more details below to assist you in making reservations.

**We really need reservations made by April 2016!**

**HOTEL:** Sleep Inn & Suites  
1230 Dexter St. US 23 & US 27 E  
Milan, MI 48160  
PHONE: (734) 439-1400



**Room Rate:** \$115 plus tax

**Pets** are welcome with a fee of \$25 per pet.

**Each Guest Room Features:** cable/satellite TV, microwave/refrigerator, free wireless high speed internet, and coffee maker.

**Block of Rooms:** A block of rooms have been set aside for the Ewing Family Association Gathering. **Please be sure to indicate this in your reservation.**

**Reservations should be made by April 2016.**

**From Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) to the Hotel:** 29.54 miles, a 30-minute drive

**From Hotel to Saline Celtic Festival & EFA Gathering:** 11.21 miles, 15 minute drive

**Hotel Website:** <http://www.sleepinnmilanmi.com/>

**CAMPING:**

Indian Creek Campground & Conference  
9415 Tangent Road  
Tecumseh, MI 49286  
PHONE: 517-423-5659

Website: <http://www.indiancreekcampingmichigan.com/>



This is a beautiful facility located 13 miles from Mill Pond Park (festival site) in Saline, Michigan, about a 19 minute drive. Indian Creek provides free wireless internet, laundry facilities, and a heated in-ground pool. Pets are allowed on leash only. No alcoholic beverages please. We suggest making reservations at Indian Creek Camground at least 6 months in advance. Please indicate you are with the Ewing Family Association for discount. Fees for campsites are noted below. One small cabin has been reserved for EFA also.

<b><u>Site</u></b>	<b><u>Daily Rate</u></b>
Rustic Tent Camping	\$30.00
Water and Electric	\$39.00
Full Hook-Ups	\$43.00
50-amp Full Hook- Ups	\$48.00



# EWING FAMILY ASSOCIATION 15<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL GATHERING

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## Registration Form

Online Registrations can be made at the EFA website via Pay Pal, MasterCard or Visa.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Your E-Mail address will be used to confirm your registration and to send you news about the 2016 Gathering. If you do not have an E-Mail address or prefer not to use it, please enter "none".

**Phone Number** (incl. area code): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults (over 64): \$25**, if paid before June 1<sup>st</sup> / **\$30** on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Includes FREE Festival tickets for Friday and Saturday.

**Adults (under 65): \$45**, if paid before June 1<sup>st</sup> / **\$50** on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fee includes \$19 (discounted) Festival tickets for Friday and Saturday.

**Youth 13-17: \$35**, if paid before June 1<sup>st</sup> / **\$40** on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fee includes \$9 (discounted) Festival tickets for Friday and Saturday.

**Children: Free**

Cancellations on or after June 22<sup>nd</sup> are subject to a charge of 50% of the total fee.

Preferred Name on Badge	First Timer?	* EFA Member?	Registration Fee	* Membership Fee <i>(One Per Head of Household)</i>	<u>Subtotal</u>
	Y / N	Y / N			
	Y / N	Y / N			
	Y / N	Y / N			
<b>TOTAL</b>					

Send check for Total, payable to "Ewing Family 2016 Gathering," with completed registration form to: **Lynn Coughlin, EFA Treasurer, 1330 Vaughan Court, Aurora, IL 60504**