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## **New Community Focus for the Green Hill Medieval Faire at Roanoke County's Green Hill Park on September 29 & 30**

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**Roanoke County, Virginia (August 27, 2012)** Experience the adventure, pageantry, magic and romance of the medieval times at Roanoke County's Green Hill Park. On Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 6PM and Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 5PM ye can revisit history made reality and explore the festive tentage of merchants offering wares from mystical lands. Throughout the day ye will smell the luscious aromas of treats and turkey legs, experience music and merriment, colorful dancers, nobles, ladies, knights, and the sounds of haunting bagpipes drifting over the Blue Ridge Mountains. Attend the Faire dressed in medieval garb and receive FREE admission; otherwise entry is \$5 cash-only at the gate, and those under 5 are free.

This year's Faire promises to be like no other. In support of the community that has supported us we are showcasing statewide performers and living history groups. We are proud to present Fencing and Archery demonstrations from the Kirk Family YMCA and Northside High School in Roanoke, the Roanoke Sword Guild, belly dancing performances by the Rhythm Fire Dance troupe in Floyd, a Falconer from Franklin County, and Scottish Dancers performing on Sunday from Montpelier, VA.

Also new this year the Masquerade Ball will be held on both days! Saturday beginning at 4:30PM and Sunday beginning at 3:30PM the Masquerade Ball will begin with Her Majesty's Royal Pageant; dress for the ball if ye so desire, engage in the wooing contest and learn the dances from days of old charm.

The Highland Games will return on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Athletes of varying skill levels will compete in seven challenging and varied categories. Ye won't want to miss the incredible feats of agility and strength performed by these talented athletes!

Attention Students! The Green Hill Medieval Faire and Highland Games is of importance for the younger lads and lassies as the relevance of this time period in history is often included in SOL testing. Also scouting badges and patches are available for Scouts of all ages who attend the Faire. For those college students in the area be sure to participate in the College Clan Competition and check in Sunday, September 30 at 3:30 to see which school reigns supreme!

For more details about the Green Hill Medieval Faire visit [www.RoanokeCountyParks.com](http://www.RoanokeCountyParks.com), [www.facebook.com/GreenHillMedievalFaire](http://www.facebook.com/GreenHillMedievalFaire), [www.medievalfantasiesco.com](http://www.medievalfantasiesco.com) or call Roanoke County's *Live Learn & Play Line* at (540) 387-6455.

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