

2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering

September 21-23, New Hampshire Highland Games,
Loon Mountain Ski Resort, Lincoln, New Hampshire



The Honourable Alexander Leslie,
Chief of Clan Leslie

Hello, Kinsmen!

As many of you know, I used to live in the St. Louis area and hosted the 2008 CLSI gathering in St. Charles. I have since moved to Boston and am pleased to be hosting the 2012 CLSI gathering in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain Ski Resort In Lincoln, New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire Highland Games is one of the largest Scottish festivals in North America and attracts people from all over the US and Canada. Nestled in the scenic White Mountains, the Loon Mountain Ski Resort is a lovely venue and a true vacation destination for anyone who wishes to make the gathering part of a more extensive New England trip.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that the **Honourable Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie** will be joining us at this year's gathering. This is your opportunity to meet our Chief and share in the many activities planned for Clan Leslie.

I would love to see everyone at our 2012 Gathering and promise to make it a fun, memorable event for every CLSI member.

Best regards,

Laura Messing



The Venue

New Hampshire Highland Games:

The New Hampshire Highland Games, the largest Scottish cultural festival in the Northeast, is presented by The New Hampshire Gathering of the Scottish Clans, Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the furtherance of the music, dance, athletics and customs of the Scottish people and to the continuance of the Gaelic culture.

Amongst the largest and one of the most diversified games in the country, the NH Highland Games includes the Gathering of the Scottish Clans, with over 60 clans and societies; Massed Bands; Sheepdog Trials; Celtic World Music Concerts; the New England Regional Scottish Fiddle Championship; International Scottish Athletics; New England Highland Dance Championships; New England Solo Piping & Drumming Championships; Scottish Harp (Clarsach) & other instrumental competitions.

Gate Tickets Include: Grounds & Exhibits, Daytime Concerts, World Championship Heavy Athletics, Piping and Drumming, Highland Dance, Food and Retail Venues and So Much More! Visit their website at: <http://www.nhscot.org>



The cover of the 2011 brochure



Host Hotel:

Our host hotel is the **Days Inn Campton** in nearby Campton, New Hampshire. We have a block of rooms available for the gathering. These rooms are booked under my name, **Laura Messing**. The Days Inn Campton has given us a really great price of **\$111.20 + tax** per room, per night. All rooms are non smoking. When you call, you will have to be sure to give them my name to get this special rate. There are currently rooms available outside of the block, but they will be pricier than the rate they gave me for our gathering. The weekend of the Highland Games is a huge weekend in that area. There is also a NASCAR event going on that weekend so the longer you wait to make your reservations the less likely you are to get a room. They fill up extremely quickly, as there are only a finite number of lodging choices in the area. The contact information for the Days Inn Campton is as follows:



DAYS INN CAMPTON

1513 Daniel Webster Highway
Campton, NH 03223 (I-93 Exit 27)
Tel. 1-800-370-8666

**You will need to CALL the Days Inn
Campton to get the special rate
mentioned above.**



Host Restaurant:

Right across the street from the Days Inn Campton is a lovely little restaurant: **The Country Cow**. The Country Cow will serve as our “host restaurant” and will also provide the venue for our Friday Night Meet and Greet, the Chief’s Banquet and the Sunday Morning Business Meeting. Despite its funny name, the Country Cow is a quaint, homey restaurant with excellent food, friendly staff and beautiful views of the Pemigewasset River and the historic Blair Covered Bridge. Their private banquet room on the lower level was a surprise with large windows that open onto a terrace with a lovely, private view. The staff has bent over backwards for us and I am confident the Leslies will enjoy their experience there. Check out their website at: <http://www.the-country-cow.com>.



THE COUNTRY COW

57 Blair Rd.

Campton, NH 03223 (I-93 Exit 27)

Tel. (603) 536-1331

<http://www.the-country-cow.com>



A back view of the Country Cow Restaurant.



Historic Blair Covered Bridge



The private banquet room all dressed up for an event.

Gathering Events:

Here's what you'll enjoy at the 2012 CLSI Gathering for your \$100.00 registration fee:

■ TICKETS TO 3 FULL DAYS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHLAND GAMES

This festival is 3 FULL DAYS of Scottish fun. So many activities, concerts, competitions, vendors and of course our CLSI tent stocked with snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of kinsmen to chat with!

■ FRIDAY NIGHT MEET AND GREET

THE FRIDAY NIGHT MEET AND GREET is a casual, fun way to reconnect with all of your CLSI kinsmen! You'll enjoy a full appetizer buffet of Swedish meatballs and rice, chicken fingers, bruschetta and sausage filled mushroom caps. Cash bar available for the beverages of your choice. The Friday Night Meet and Greet will be held at our host restaurant, the Country Cow, in the main dining room. This event is casual, so wear your jeans, sport kilt, t-shirts and get ready for an evening of Leslie fun.

■ CHIEF'S BANQUET

The **CHIEF'S BANQUET** will be held in the lower-level banquet facility of the Country Cow. Wear your Scottish formal attire for a relaxing evening of fun, food and views of the peaceful Pemigewasset River and historic Blair Covered Bridge. Enjoy an open bar with beer, wine, soda, well and top-shelf drinks. Your choice of Filet Mignon or New Hampshire Maple Chicken, dinner salad, fresh rolls, green beans amandine, coffee and tea. We'll round out the evening with some Scottish entertainment and either chocolate cake or house-made apple crisp for desert.

■ SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

The **SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING** will once again be held in the lower-level of the Country Cow. We'll discuss CLSI business over coffee and pastries. Depending on the length of the meeting, you can head back over to Loon Mountain for the Scottish Church Service, or stay on at the Country Cow for brunch.

■ GRIP FAST GOODIE BAG

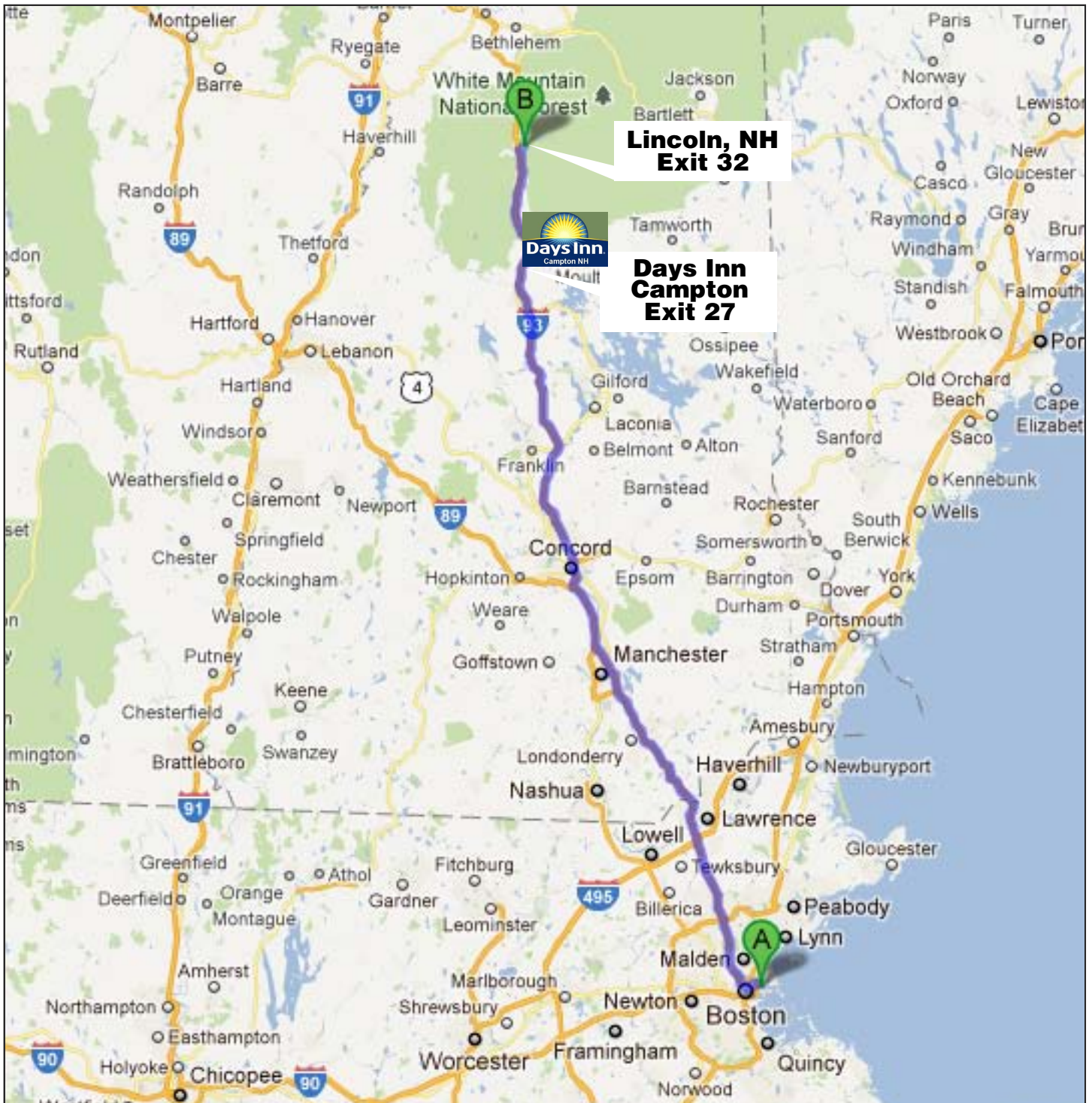
You'll also receive a **GRIP FAST GOODIE BAG** that includes a CLSI Gathering t-shirt, information on New England attractions and other surprises! **Note: I will have a few extra t-shirts available for purchase at the gathering. The price for additional shirts is \$10.00.**















Location and Directions:

The New Hampshire Highland Games are Located at the Loon Mountain Ski Resort In Lincoln, New Hampshire. The Clan Leslie Host Hotel and all other exclusive Leslie events will take place just down the road in neighboring Campton, New Hampshire.

The two closest airports are **Logan International Airport** in Boston or the **Manchester-Boston Regional Airport** in Manchester, New Hampshire. From either airport, both Campton and Lincoln are easy to get to by travelling north on Highway 93. **Campton is exit 27, and Lincoln is exit 32.**




DIRECTIONS FROM BOSTON LOGAN AIRPORT:









	Logan International Airport 1 Harborside Dr, Boston, MA 02128 - (800) 235-6426	
	1. Head southeast About 2 mins	go 0.4 mi total 0.4 mi
	2. Slight right	go 0.2 mi total 0.6 mi
	3. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Massachusetts 1A S/I-93 N/Sumner Tunnel/Massachusetts 1A N/Revere	go 0.1 mi total 0.7 mi
	4. Continue straight About 1 min	go 0.4 mi total 1.2 mi
	5. Continue straight onto Massachusetts 1A S	go 0.3 mi total 1.5 mi
	6. Turn left to stay on Massachusetts 1A S Toll road About 2 mins	go 1.2 mi total 2.7 mi
	7. Keep right at the fork to continue toward I-93 N	go 495 ft total 2.8 mi
	8. Keep left at the fork and merge onto I-93 N Entering New Hampshire About 53 mins	go 49.5 mi total 52.3 mi
	9. Slight left to stay on I-93 N (signs for Concord Plymouth) Partial toll road About 1 hour 15 mins	go 79.6 mi total 132 mi
	10. Take exit 32 for NH-112 toward N Woodstock/Lincoln	go 0.3 mi total 132 mi
	11. Turn left onto NH-112 E/Kancamagus Hwy Continue to follow NH-112 E About 2 mins	go 0.7 mi total 133 mi
	12. Turn left onto Church St About 1 min	go 0.1 mi total 133 mi
	Lincoln, NH	


PLEASE NOTE: Some of the roads indicated are toll roads. There is a \$3.50 toll to get out of the airport area (before entering the big dig!) and the tolls in NH are \$1.00 each.

ALSO NOTE: The directions to the hotel in Campton are the same but you'll need to exit sooner at **EXIT 27**.

DIRECTIONS FROM MANCHESTER-BOSTON REGIONAL AIRPORT:

 **Manchester-Boston Regional Airport**
1 Airport Road, Manchester, New Hampshire - (603) 624-6556

1. Head **north** on **Airport Rd/Shephard Dr** go 443 ft
total 443 ft
2. Continue onto **Airport Road** go 322 ft
total 0.1 mi
3. Continue onto **French Dr** go 0.2 mi
total 0.3 mi
-  4. Slight right onto **Airport Rd/Shephard Dr** go 0.3 mi
About 1 min total 0.7 mi
5. Continue straight onto **Perimeter Rd** go 0.3 mi
total 0.9 mi
6. Continue onto **Brown Ave** go 1.4 mi
About 3 mins total 2.4 mi
-  7. Turn right to merge onto **I-293 S/NH-101 E** go 2.0 mi
About 2 mins total 4.3 mi
-  8. Continue onto **NH-101 E** (signs for **US-93 N/Concord/Portsmouth**) go 0.8 mi
total 5.1 mi
-  9. Merge onto **I-93 N** go 1.4 mi
About 2 mins total 6.5 mi
-  10. Slight left to stay on **I-93 N** (signs for **Concord Plymouth**) go 79.6 mi
Partial toll road total 86.1 mi
About 1 hour 15 mins
-  11. Take exit **32** for **NH-112** toward **N Woodstock/Lincoln** go 0.3 mi
total 86.4 mi
-  12. Turn left onto **NH-112 E/Kancamagus Hwy** go 0.7 mi
Continue to follow NH-112 E total 87.1 mi
About 2 mins
-  13. Turn left onto **Church St** go 0.1 mi
About 1 min total 87.2 mi

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New England Attractions and Things to Do:

There are too many things to see and do in New England to list everything. Here are a few items to help you plan your trip. I'll have additional information on local White Mountain attractions in the goodie bags when you arrive.

■ BOSTON

There's so much to see and do in and around Boston! Revolutionary War History, the Kennedy Library, The USS Constitution, fantastic dining and shopping, it's all here. This website, from the Boston Globe, is the most comprehensive for Boston area attractions, dining and lodging: <http://www.boston.com/travel/boston/>

■ THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

The White Mountain region of New Hampshire is positively brimming with things to do. Take a tram ride up a mountain, hike any number of lovely mountain trails or shop in the little towns dotting the mountain range. Stay at one of many the historic Inns to round out your trip. This website will help get you started.

<http://visitwhitemountains.com>



Historic Mount Washington Hotel

■ FRANCONIA NOTCH STATE PARK

The Franconia Notch area is an attraction within an attraction. This beautiful area is home to the The Flume Gorge, a natural gorge extending 800 feet at the base of Mount Liberty in the White Mountains. The walls of Conway granite rise to a height of 70 to 90 feet and are 12 to 20 feet apart. This is one of many scenic hikes to be found in Franconia Notch State Park. For more information, visit: <http://www.nhstateparks.org>



The Flume Gorge, Franconia Notch State Park

■ LINCOLN/WOODSTOCK, NH

Lincoln (and its adjoining neighbor Woodstock) is home to Loon Mountain and the New Hampshire Highland Games. The Lincoln-Woodstock area is also home to a whole host of attractions and shopping. Visit their website to find out more:

<http://www.lincolnwoodstock.com>



An illustration of the 1969 Loon Mountain ski run

Summary

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■ Host Restaurant:

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■ Leslie Events:

Friday Night Meet and Greet - Casual

Chief's Banquet - Formal

Sunday Morning Business Meeting - Casual

I will have a detailed schedule and times of all events pertaining to our gathering in early September. A schedule will also be included in your goodie bags.

■ Things to Do:

Boston

White Mountains

Franconia Notch State Park

Towns of Lincoln and Woodstock

All of this plus the costal regions of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. Easy drives to Vermont. You will also be close to the Lakes region of New Hampshire which is also lovely.

■ Questions/Concerns?

Do you have a question regarding attractions in the North East? Do you have trouble getting around a or dietary concern? Whatever it is, I can find the answer for you! Please feel free to email me at: designinvasion@gmail.com or call me at **314-440-6951**.