



SONORA CELTIC FAIRE 23RD ANNUAL MARCH 13TH, 14TH, 15TH 2009

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MOTHER LODGE FAIRGROUNDS
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The 23rd Sonora Celtic Faire is coming and tickets are on sale right now!

After twenty-three fantastic years the original and largest Celtic Faire has expanded to three full days of entertainment fun. The gates will open at 9am on Friday morning to celebrate Celtic Family Day. Six hours of non-stop action & education await kids of all ages, Celtic or not! A low-ticket price will be offered to the public. School groups and home-schooled children are always welcomed at the event

Celtic Family Day entertainment will include the world famous Wicked Tinkers, Golden Bough, Black Irish Band, Ripon Police Irish Pipe & Drum Band, The Knights of Avalon Jousting Troupe, and hundreds of costumed Celtic performers and craftsmen. Many food and drink vendors will be open for families. The public should note however that no alcohol will be available during the Friday day event. Kids \$5 * Adults \$10

A Friday night concert will bring about the most awesome line-up of bands ever to perform at the Celtic Faire. The event is titled- "*The Scottish Highland Piper Spectacular*". Four of the best Scottish Highland pipers, with their bands, will perform for over three hours. The bands Brother, Wicked Tinkers, Need Fire, and John Mitchell from Glasgow Scotland, will all share the stage together. Just so the Irish don't feel left out, the Black Irish Band will perform a full set of music from Ireland with their own special Irish guests.

The Friday night celebration also will celebrate the 50th birthday of Celtic Faire founding father and CEO, Patrick Michael Karnahan. Known as the *Big Kahuna Party Bash*, this event will raise the roof of the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Three different belly-dancing groups will be performing along Viking & Celtic Warriors in full armor. This party will include endless appetizers and a no-host Irish Whiskey & Guinness Bar. Only 300 tickets will be offered for sale at \$30.00 * The event starts at 7pm and will close at 11pm.

On Saturday the festival opens at 10am /close 10pm. Tickets are \$20 advance or \$24 at gate. On Sunday the gates open at 10am /close 5pm. Cost \$18 advance or \$20 at gate. Bands featured both days include, Need Fire, Brother, Tempest, "Banshee in the Kitchen", Wicked Tinkers, Nine 8ths Irish band, Black Irish Band, Mic Lucy Irish Band, Golden Bough, Stag & Thistle Pipe Band, Clandish Pipe Band, Ripon Police Pipe & Drums, and many others.

For the first time the festival offers a special- *EVERYTHING CELTIC FAIRE PASS*. The ticket costs \$50.00 and will gain you admission to all three days, and the Friday night "Scottish Highland Piper Spectacular"/ "Big Kahuna Party Bash". The pass can be purchased on-line at www.sonoracelticfaire.com . For more information call 209-532-8375