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Do you have any interesting Clan Mackay news items? If so, send them to [scottishlassjaime@gmail.com](mailto:scottishlassjaime@gmail.com) and we will include them in a future issue.

## A Note from our President

### Mackay or MacKay ?

Recently I was asked, what is the official spelling of Clan Mackay? I know that we have seen the name as Mackay and MacKay, but which spelling correct. So, I asked Michelle Sandelier to respond to the question.

While there are families that spell their surname both ways, the official Clan name is the one of the Clan Chief and he historically spelled his name "Mackay", according to the Lord Lion, King of Arms. Any other spellings are secondary.

So, when we are spelling Mackay as related to Clan business or tent banners, forms, etc., we should use Mackay, even though you may spell your personal name MacKay or other related spellings. Thanks Michelle for answering this question.

Aye, John Grogan



Beautiful view from Cape Wrath



Clan Mackay takes First Place at Loch Norman NC!

## Clan Mackay Scholarships

Each fiscal year Clan Mackay USA will award up to four scholarships in the amount of \$200.00 each. Applicants must be dedicated to continuing their instruction and furthering their education in Scottish arts which includes, but is not limited to, piping, drumming, dancing, athletics, Scottish related languages or general Scottish studies that promote the culture, customs, traditions and history of the people of Scotland, with particular emphasis on the Clan Mackay. To see all the rules for eligibility please download the application and instructions.

Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2017, for instruction started between Jan 1, 2017 through Dec 31, 2017.

For more information contact:  
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[Applications available on the website!](#)

# Clan Mackay Society, USA

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## Coming Soon



Coming this summer, Tervis Tumblers for Clan Mackay. We selected the 24oz Tumbler and it will have the Clan Crest and include a blue top. The cups will be available online and at select-ed Clan Mackay events. Watch on Facebook and the website for their arrival.

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

*The 2017 AGM will be Saturday evening, September 9, at the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado. Click below for more info!*

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## May–August Events

### Let's Go To The Games

| Date       | Highland Game   | Web Address  |
|------------|---|--|
| May 20     | Finger Lakes Celtic Festival, Farmington, NY          | <a href="http://www.flceltic.org/">www.flceltic.org/</a>   |
| May 27-28  | Scottish Festival, Costa Mesa, CA                     | <a href="http://www.scottishfest.com">www.scottishfest.com</a>   |
| June 3     | Allegheny Celtic Festival, Cuba, NY                   | <a href="http://www.alleganycountyceltic.com/">www.alleganycountyceltic.com/</a>   |
| June 10    | Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival, Richmond, RI | <a href="http://www.riscot.org/">www.riscot.org/</a>   |
| June 10-11 | Blairsville Scottish Festival, Blairsville, GA        | <a href="http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.com/">www.blairsvillescottishfestival.com/</a>   |
| June 16-18 | Pike's Peak Celtic Festival, Colorado Springs, CO     | <a href="http://www.pikespeakcelticfestival.com">www.pikespeakcelticfestival.com</a>   |
| June 17    | Scots Day at Fort Ticonderoga, Ticonderoga, NY        | <a href="http://www.fortticonderoga.org/events/fort-events/scots-day/detail">www.fortticonderoga.org/events/fort-events/scots-day/detail</a> |
| June 24-25 | San Diego Scottish Games, Vista, CA                   | <a href="http://www.sdhighlandgames.org">www.sdhighlandgames.org</a>   |
| June 29    | Roundhill Highland Games, Lakeville, CT               | <a href="http://www.roundhill.org/">www.roundhill.org/</a>   |
| July 15-16 | Elizabeth Celtic Festival, Denver, CO                 | <a href="http://www.elizabethcelticfestival.com">www.elizabethcelticfestival.com</a>   |
| July 15    | Dundee Scottish Festival & Games, Dundee, NY          | <a href="http://www.dundeescottishfestival.com/">www.dundeescottishfestival.com/</a>   |
| July 15    | Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Northampton, MA      | <a href="http://www.glasgowlands.org/info.html">www.glasgowlands.org/info.html</a>   |
| Aug 4-6    | CO Scottish Festival, Snowmass, CO                    | <a href="http://www.scottishgames.org">www.scottishgames.org</a>   |
| Aug 5      | St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Games, Detroit, MI    | <a href="http://www.highlandgames.com">www.highlandgames.com</a>   |
| Aug 26     | Quechee Highland Games, Hartford, VT                  | <a href="http://www.quecheegames.com/">www.quecheegames.com/</a>   |
| Aug 26-27  | Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival, Mayville, NY      | <a href="http://www.96thhighlanders.com/festival/Festival.html">www.96thhighlanders.com/festival/Festival.html</a>                           |

## The Traveling Mackay

*Have you ever been somewhere or seen something and thought, "Oh, I wish I could share this with my Clan?" Now's your chance! Don't forget– you can always post on our Facebook page!*



Daniel McKay Hill's grandson at Mackay's Donuts in Redondo Beach, CA! Stop by and grab a donut!

Ellen will be at the **Blairsville Festival June 10-11**. Look for E. Mackay-Baker & Cake Seller. She'll have her *Tipsy Laird Whisky Cakes*, Shortbread, Tablet, Irn Bru Cup-Cakes and more !



## *Take a trip to the edge... Cape Wrath*



Cape Wrath is the iconic cornerstone where the north and west coasts of Scotland meet. It is the furthest North West point of the British mainland – a dramatic headland with its whitewashed lighthouse perched atop the cliffs. There are stunning & spectacular views with dramatic coastlines, the expansive Atlantic Ocean and a vast moorland wilderness all in one place. There is no land mass between here and the Arctic. Orkney can be seen to the north east and the Western Isles viewed to the south west.

Cape Wrath is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, SSSI as well as a Special Protection Area for birds. In addition to this, there are much coveted geological features; it is steeped in heritage and of worldwide maritime significance.

Access to Cape Wrath is challenging for many reasons including its remote location. There is only one road and it is separated from the main road network by the Kyle of Durness. There is no transportation method for public vehicles to reach it. The only way to access the road



without hiking over moorland is by the Cape Wrath Ferry, a foot passenger boat from Keoldale a mile south of Durness (make sure you arrange a return time as there's no other way back).

Once off the boat the way is obvious – there is only one road which continues for 11 miles to the lighthouse. The road is tarmac but fairly broken in places so the surface can be quite rough. After a short section parallel to the Kyle of Durness which gives wonderful views across to Balnakiel Bay the road swings inland and climbs onto open moorland which is crossed via numerous ups and downs all the way to Cape Wrath.

If you can't imagine yourself walking the 11 miles you can take the Cape Wrath Minibus, the only vehicular option available to the public. It is a 3 hour trip with a driver that offers informative commentary so you can learn about the area, past and present.



After about 8 miles a detour of a mile (each way) can be made down to the idyllic bay at Kearvaig, guarded by a spectacular sea stack and lying just to the west of the highest cliffs on the UK mainland. The track to the bay is quite rough so be prepared.

Once at the lighthouse there are good coastal views and plenty of seabirds including Puffins in the spring and summer months. The lighthouse also offers refreshments throughout the year.

So if you're heading to Mackay country, don't miss out... take a trip to the edge!