

Greetings Fellow MacRaes!

Thank you for your interest in joining us in Colorado this September for our 2017 Clan MacRae Family Gathering! Below you will find additional information to make plans to attend this event.

LODGING

Lodging will be on a first come first served basis. For the Denver Marriott West, please call (800) 228-9290 or (303) 279-9100 to reserve a room. To receive the special rate of \$169 a night, you must identify yourself as part of the Clan MacRae Society Room Block group staying at the Denver Marriott West, located at 1717 Denver West Boulevard in Golden, CO. The two nights for the Denver Marriott are Tuesday night Sept. 5th and Wednesday night Sept. 6th. Feel free to talk with them about adding days before this time should you want to come to Denver earlier.

For the Bugle Pointe Condos in Estes Park, please call (800) 349-1003 or (970) 577-0068. We currently have 15 condos ranging from 1-3 bedrooms on hold. Again let them know that you are part of the Clan MacRae group to receive the 5% discounted rate. You can then discuss what type of condo to reserve (1, 2 or 3 bedroom with or without a hot tub). Most condos do have a sleeper sofa and/or futon and can sleep quite a few folks and they all have a full kitchen. The nights to reserve for the condos are Thursday night Sept. 7th, Friday night Sept. 8th and Saturday night Sept. 9th. You will need to pay a deposit to hold your condo, so please check with them on their cancellation policy. We recommend that you join together with family or other MacRaes to rent a condo together!



Please feel free to add additional days of lodging for both before or after our gathering time. Colorado is one of the top vacation destinations in America and there is much to see. You are welcome to arrange your own accommodations either in Golden or in Estes Park. Be aware though that because Estes Park is a resort town and the Scottish festival weekend is the busiest of the year, lodging can be hard to find once we are closer to the event.

REGISTRATION



There will be a Gathering registration fee that will include the cost of the two main banquets (Twin Owls and Stanley Hotel) in Estes Park and then two optional events (Abrusci's Welcome Dinner and the 2017 Tattoo Estes). We have contracts with each of these venues and they are going to be very nice events. Clan MacRae will be an Honored Clan at the Tattoo which will be

quite fun. The registration form is available on our website. Please send in your registration as soon as possible.

HIGHLAND GAMES

Clan MacRae will be one of the Honored Clans at the Longs Peak Scottish Festival and we will have a larger tent and more of a presence during this Gathering. Tickets for this festival are available on their website www.scotfest.com. This is one of the largest Scottish festivals in the US and runs a full three days. You can purchase a three day pass or buy single day passes. Walgreens here in the Denver area sells discount single day tickets. There is a Walgreens very close to Abrusci's Italian Restaurant. So, we suggest you decide ahead of time how much time you want to be at the festival and how much time you would like to tour Rocky Mountain National Park or the Estes Park area. For those who have never been to Colorado, you might want to attend the festival just one day and leave the other days open for touring the area.



We will be looking for volunteers to help man the tent during the festival. So once we know who is coming, we will put together a schedule. It's a lot of fun manning the tent and greeting everyone who comes for help. We do meet a lot of new MacRaes each year at this festival. Who knows? You might enjoy it so much that you decide to start hosting a MacRae tent for your festival back home!

ALTITUDE

Denver is a mile high in elevation and so we recommend at least two nights in the Denver area to acclimate to the altitude. This applies to anyone coming to Colorado for a visit from a low elevation. We just want to make sure everyone fully enjoys their time while here! Transportation is not provided, so you will need to secure a rental vehicle. Consider going together on a vehicle with other MacRae family or friends.

We probably have not covered all your questions, so please let us know if you have additional questions. Hope to see you all in September!

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