

# COUNTRYSIDE ARENA: INFO AND TIMETABLE

## Rural Skills Area

### Tree-ditions Bush Camp

Tree-ditions Woodland Crafts School based in East Lothian offers courses in traditional woodcraft and wildlife tracking skills. They will be running hands on skills training in the ancient indigenous arts of woodcarving practical camp items, fire starting, making shrink pots and open canoe paddling.

### Wild Rose Escapes

Help make a large willow lantern! Using home grown willow to create a fun mobile sculpture, which will be covered with papers and decorated – visitors to the show can get involved in all aspects of the creative process!

## Countryside Arena Demonstrators

### Countryside Arena Commentator

Richard Walton is the rural voice that will travel. His experience in his field has been acquired over many years. Over the four days he will provide the audience with fun facts about the arena activities and conduct spontaneous interviews with the Rural Skill's Demonstrators.

### Andrew Toft Fly Fishing

Andrew Toft will be providing an instructional demonstration on fly fishing and casting skills for trout and salmon. Andrew competed in many international events, his highlights include winning the first ICFF World Spey Casting Championships with standard fishing tackle in Fagerness Norway in 2010 and also the international Spey Casting Championships in the same year.

### Elite Falconry

Elite Falconry is delighted to be back at RHS 2024 and look forward to showing you the aerial skills of our owls, kites, falcons, vultures, and mighty eagles!

### Highland Horses and Highland People

The highlands of Scotland are changing, and we are placing new demands on our landscape. This demonstration introduces the Highland Horse, considered critically endangered, and explains its role past, present and future. A Highlander in Highland dress will lead a Highland horse in to the arena and will give an account of the animal's history, its roles and uses and how it was the tractor of the crofter. A second horse will be saddled with a traditional Highland deer, saddle, and led by a deer stalker in tweeds describing this role.

### Sealpin Gundogs

Joe Hipwell and his Sealpin Gundogs will demonstrate twice a day in the Countryside Arena. Our popular show features Labradors, cocker spaniels and springer spaniels. We cover gundog and obedience training techniques with live demonstrations.

### Tom Longton Sheepdogs

International sheepdog Handler Tom shows the craft of training and working his border collies around the sheep, taking them around an obstacle course.



# COUNTRYSIDE ARENA TIMETABLE

## Thursday & Friday

9.45am	Arena Opens
10.00am	Birds of Prey Demonstration by Elite Falconry
10.40am	Fly Casting Demonstration by Scott Mckenzie
11.20am	Sealpin Gundogs
12.30pm	Sheepdog Skills With Thomas Longton
1.30pm	Highland Horses and Highland People
2.20pm	Fly Casting Demonstration by Scott Mckenzie
2.50pm	Sealpin Gundogs
3.30pm	Birds of Prey Demonstration by Elite Falconry
4.10pm	Sheepdog Skills With Thomas Longton
5.10pm	Highland Horses and Highland People
6.00pm	Arena Closes

## Saturday & Sunday

9.45am	Arena Opens
10.00am	Fly Casting Demonstration by Andrew Toft
10.40am	Birds of Prey Demonstration by Elite Falconry
11.20am	Sealpin Gundogs
12.30pm	Sheepdog Skills With Thomas Longton
1.30pm	Highland Horses and Highland People
2.20pm	Sealpin Gundogs
2.50pm	Fly Casting Demonstration by Andrew Toft
3.30pm	Birds of Prey Demonstration by Elite Falconry
4.10pm	Sheepdog Skills With Thomas Longton
5.10pm	Highland Horses and Highland People
6.00pm	Arena Closes



## KIDS ZONE

Located in the Countryside Area, we have plenty of activities and entertainment to keep the kids entertained.

### Art by Hollie Ferrie

Abstract Art by Hollie Ferrie invites you to get creative and enjoy outdoor painting with the animal themed arts and crafts using stencils, stamps, paints and acrylic pens. Holly will also be offering individual pebble and wood animal crafting that can be taken away for you to enjoy at home. Each activity is suitable for kids of all ages.

### Circa Alba

Roll up, roll up! Circa Alba comes to you with a mix of movement and circus skills; come and try your hand at juggling, parkour, capoeira, hula hoop, flower sticks, diabolo and more.

### Squiggly Faces

Let your imagination take over and be transformed into your favourite animal, character or mythical creature. Our professional face painter is ready to add that extra splash of colour to your day.

### Alpacas

Come and join the beautiful Alpaca, Annie and her young family brought to you by the family run Alpacas Trekking Centre based in Thornhill A unique opportunity to get up close and personal with the alpacas; feed them stroke them and learn all about their unique traits and characteristics. Annie can't wait to meet you!

### Todd Various

Hailing from Michigan, Todd Various is one of

Scotland's leading street performers. He has travelled the world with his unique blend of magic, escapology and comedy. Don't miss this incredible act that adults will love just as much as the kids!

**Todd will perform every half hour all weekend.**

Timings	Activity
10.30-11.20	Open Box Circus Come and try all the props we have, and you might surprise yourself with some new skills.
11.45-12.20	Capoeira Learn the basic steps of this Brazilian martial art with Contra-mestre Ourico.
13.00-13.30	Introduction to Juggling Come and learn basic juggling patterns beginning with 1 ball and leading up to trying a cascade with 3.
14.00-14.35	Parkour Introduction to the movements of parkour – the art of movement through space and around obstacles as fast and efficiently as you can!
15.00-16.00	Open Box Circus Come and try all the props we have, and you might surprise yourself with some new skills.

## WELLNESS AREA



The Royal Highland Show brings you a new area for 2024, the Wellness Area. In association with the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA).

The SCAA will promote easy ways to take care of your body and mind and have activities and games that the whole family can take part in.