Webster Groves To Host 1984 Highland Games Competition

Dig out your kilts, your brogues and tam-o-shanters. Round up all the bonnie lads and lassies in the neighborhood. The St. Andrew's Society Highland Games are once again coming to Webster Groves.

Mayor John W. Cooper, Jr, received a commitment from the society and its cosponsors to hold the regional games at Memorial Field on June 16, 1984. The all-day festivities will include exhibitions of traditional Scottish athletic games, bagpipe bands and dancing.

According to Cooper, the Highland Games were last held in Webster Groves in 1976. At that time, the city received a grant to help pay the expenses. The 1984 games will incur no cost to the city, he said.

Washington University has agreed to house the participants in the games. Cooper has received tentative approval from the school district to use the athletic field. Anheuser Busch and the St. Louis Variety Club will cosponsor the events, along with the St. Andrew's Society.

Because the St. Louis brewery was cosponsoring the games, their location was contingent on permission to sell beer. The city of Clayton was also under consideration, according to Cooper.

The mayor said the council will have to grant a special one-day permit to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on public property. A city ordinance forbids such a sale but gives the council permission to grant special permits to charitable and civic organizations on a temporary basis.