

# HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM

## SCHOOLS FORTNIGHT 2011



These two weeks provide schools with a unique opportunity to experience activities at the Folk Museum to a far deeper level. If time allows, in addition to your activity session, classes are encouraged to tour the museum and explore our 1930s croft, school, our 1700s township, and our new buildings opening in 2011 (Highland Cottage [shown left] and Tweed shop)

The museum has a popular play area, café and shop, together with a picnic area. In inclement weather indoor packed lunch venue can be organised. We advise pupils to wear sturdy footwear and warm clothing.

### **Week 1 (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June)**

#### **7<sup>th</sup> June : Environmental session with the Countryside Ranger**

Why are woodlands important? Who lives in them and why do we need them? Using fun games and activities join The Highland Council Countryside Ranger, Duncan Macdonald, to try and answer some of these questions. (Suitable for P1-P3 or P4- P7).

**Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Times: 10am, 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm

Sessions: 1hr with a max of 20 children per session



#### **8<sup>th</sup> June : Weaving using back strap and small looms**

Learn more about the traditional weaving process beginning with the natural fleece to carding, spinning and then have a go at weaving on a small loom or backstrap loom. Your finished piece of weaving will be sent on to your school by the museum.

**Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Times: 10am, 11.00am, 12noon and 2pm

Sessions approx 50min with max of 10 children per session



#### **9<sup>th</sup> June: Ropemaking and splicing rope**

A chance to learn from expert Robbie Gordon how to splice and make rope using traditional methods. Each group will make a skipping rope to take back to school.

**Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Times: 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 2pm

Sessions approx 50mins with max of 12 children per session



**Remember ADMISSION IS FREE.**

**Early booking advised**

- **Contact Maureen Robinson on 01540 673551 (before 12am) for Week 1 bookings**
- **or check out the website [www.highlandfolk.com](http://www.highlandfolk.com)**

### **Week 2 – The Ruthven Redcoats 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **The Ruthven Redcoats**

**(in partnership with Historic Scotland)**

Compare the life of a Redcoat living in the barracks to that of the ordinary people who lived and worked in the township. You will meet redcoat soldiers in Ruthven Barracks, talk with township inhabitants at the Folk Museum and make a leather pouch with the leather worker.

**Dates: 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Times: 10am Full Day - maximum no. 33

**Week 2 bookings direct to Historic Scotland.**

Please see <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/schools-programme-2009-early-years-primary.pdf> for further information and booking

