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Dancing & Singing On The Hill



Fun was had by all last night who went to the Ceilidh behind Stewart subcamp. The Ceilidh band performed very well. Uncle Neil from MacLean subcamp, a fan of the band said this: 'Uncle Stuart from MacLean and also "Gled Tae Be Glaikit", performed to an extremely high standard going for over two hours. The Ceilidh was Amazing!' Half way through the performance there was a guest appearance by Morrison subcamp Band, who brought their own fan club. Robert from Morrison 'It was great, the band was pretty good. The only downfall was the Morrison Subcamp Band.' – Richard and Gavin from Robertson (only joking!). The Ceilidh was exciting and the band performed ex-

remely well.' – Uncle Mike all the way from Japan in MacDonald subcamp. 'The Ceilidh was really good this year, better than it has been in past years when it was inside the cross. Personally, I wouldn't mix the pop music with the Ceilidh music as it ruined the atmosphere. The Band was great and the guitarist, Uncle Stuart from MacLean, was superb. – Uncle Martin from Poland, Robertson. Ray Cuipek, KK reporter present, was highly impressed with the calling and the atmosphere.



Chief Scout Inspects Camp

I had the privilege of meeting the one and only Chief Scout, George Purdy. He's been in scouting for 54 years! Wow that's long! I wonder how old he might be? He thought the future of scouting is bright, as bright as it can possibly be. Well, it was pretty weird how he became Chief Scout; all they did was ask him, and he of course said yes. He told Sharky that: "I don't do sub camps, but if I did, Stewart would be the best sub camp in the world!" George thinks that Blair Atholl and its history is fantastic! I have to agree with him. Everyday, we learn something new about Blair or each other. When he was a leader in the good old days, he tried to take a group of Scouts from Ireland. Did you know that the first camp here did have Irish Scouts? So why wouldn't they let George in? He said that this camp was like any other camp, but every camp is the same and different at the same time. George wants everyone to enjoy every moment of every day, take this experience with you for the rest of your life. He will retire as Chief Scout in September. We'll miss you George!

By Elena, Stewart Subcamp



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Cousins come for tea

Having been treated to dinner by their scouts last week, the cousins of all six subcamps gathered in their respective bases to serve dinner to their "families". As the sun beat down, the cousins got hard to work cooking everything from chicken drumsticks to meatloaf. Temperatures soared on site, as everyone started to thaw from Saturdays dismal weather. The heat got too much for some, and fire buckets suddenly became upturned on peoples heads. Sub camp staff did not escape the madness, with many participating in the carnage. As most of them drip-dried, they queued up for a small part of what smelt like havening droves. Scraps of food were all that were left by the end of the meal, and everyone relaxed as the cousins cleaned up too!

Thanks are extended to the cousins of Murray sub-camp from all of us on site, especially Uncle Robert.

Water Fight - A Little Dry?

Late yesterday afternoon all havoc broke loose with water and mayhem on the fields of Blair Atholl - this is perhaps what should have been written...

The reality is, Stewart and Morrison subcamps had been waging almost a recreation of the famous Battle of Bannockburn! Ever since the unexpected outburst between Stewart and Morrison (which involved much soaking and mayhem), battle plans had been discussed countless times in preparation for D-day.

However, when the day of reckoning dawned, both subcamps were informed practically moments before the battle that it was going to be a water game, completely ignoring the whole rivalry between the two sub-camps. No, perhaps in some eyes the water GAME in the end was good fun but, but not nearly as good as it could have been...

Picture it; the two tribes line up prepared for battle - energetic and ready for action, so they decide to split up Stewart and Morrison and mix them into two teams, ripping to shreds days of planning and pre-war excitement. Both sides were stripped of all water holding devices such as bottles and ice cream tubs. Water carrying devices that escaped the customs were then removed during the battle so everyone was left with around two water balloons each.

There had to have been a perfectly reasonable explanation for this outrage, yet none of us has dared to ask. Basically, to sum it up, we have gotten wetter being caught up in a famous Blair Atholl spit shower.

Written by Stewart and Morrison Subcamps

New Pioneers

Day of arrival: at dinner, Edinburgh received their over seas patrol early (the South Africans). When they arrived, they dumped their kits, said hello and then inspect our table; however, they found it was loose, so they went to their kit and get out a set of trapping mallets (metal tubing cut and welded into a T shape). First they undid the seat lashings and made them tighter so that they are impossible to move; they then do the same around the rest of the table lashings. Once they were finished, they got the idea in their head to construct a huge gate; they took off to go to collect poles from the store. By this time, it is dark, so they dump the poles off and get ready for bed; the next morning, after breakfast, they got straight into building the gate super-structure, which starts by lashing together a quad pod. They then attach bracing, to hold the legs apart; afterwards, they build a raised walkway inside the tower. In the afternoon, they started on building the second level and attaching a massive pole to the top, which extends more than three meters above the structure, which makes it the tallest flag pole on the whole site. It is a structure that the South Africans can be proud of. Since it's such a large construction undertaking, you can get a superb view of the entire site from the top of the tower.



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We don't sell pancakes!

Weather for the Week:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Weather:	Overcast	Cloudy	Overcast
Max Temp:	18c	18c	19c
Min Temp:	13c	15c	11c
Humidity:	82%	76%	80%

Today's Pennant Winners:

Subcamp Pennant Winners:

- Angus - Canada (Murray)
- Dumfries - Austria (MacLean)
- Forth Valley - Netherlands (MacDonald)
- Angus - Canada (Morrison)
- Glasgow - Canada (Stewart)
- Angus - Sweden (Robertson)



Camp Chief Pennant Winner:

Angus - Sweden (Robertson)

Scouts own Comments

"Was very good. Some people couldn't see the speakers. We weren't allowed to jump the creek, but we should have." Lukas, Morrison subcamp
 "OK, boring. I liked the third song sung"

Tyler, Robertson

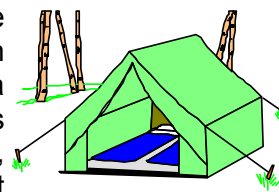
"I enjoyed it, the music was pleasant. Seeing everyone in uniform mad me really proud of the organisation." John, MacLean

I liked it. I thought it was very dignified and thought provoking. Since I can't sing, I got to enjoy the peace and meditated." Bruce, Robertson

"I thought it was interesting, and it was a great way to get together. Some stuff should have been said in different languages." Brianna, Murray

Stewart Sub Camp Disaster

In Stewart sub camp there was a major disaster last night. One scout (who shall be unnamed), while trying to go to the shower, managed to rip down a washing line, trip over a tent guy rope, and spill his wash kit all over the ground, all while managing to not get wet. It is a good thing that he wasn't wearing a towel.



Gorge Walk

Wandering through the woods we came upon some strange sites at the bottom of the gorge. What we found were a number of scouts with helmets and wetsuits taking a walk about up the gorge, through the river to the falls. We called to them and their response was 'Water's cold, but great fun!' We followed along the top of the gorge observing. When the scouts came upon a waterfall the scouts played like wild otters in the pool beneath the falls.

These reporters feel this would be a great way to spend the morning or afternoon to encourage all to try the gorge walk!



Trampoline Record

The current trampoline record is held by Graham from Mac-Donald sub camp. The record to beat is 50.



Birthdays Today

Hazel Bull (Staff-21 years old)

Ilsa (MacLean)



Special Award

Congratulations to Hannah, from crafts, who has been nominated for Dumfries and Galloway Young Business Person of the Year.



Lost and Found

The following items have been found. Please come to Reception between 7:30PM and 8:00PM to claim your items:

Watches Glasses- MANY PAIRS
 Cameras Torches
 Wallets Clothes-LOTS
 Knives



Yuks

A customer walks into a pub and sees a parrot in a cage above some candles. He asks the bartender "what's up with the parrot?" The bartender replies, "well if you hold a candle under his right foot, he sings 'White Christmas' and under his left foot he sings 'Jingle Bells.'" "What happens if you hold it in the middle?" the customer asked. The bartender replied, "well, then he sings 'Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire' very quickly."

Jonny, Elena, Canada



Polska Yuk Yuk

Blondynka I brunetka są razem w windzie. Winda się popsowała. Brunetka woła o pomoc: POMOCY, POMOCY!! Nikt nie przychodzi, więc mówi do blondynki: krzyczmy razem! A blondynka: Razem, Razem!

Every Scout Should Have One, Too

U N X R M A F B L Q C G W C E
 L T F E W D I A O Y S J T L B
 N Q P L E C A K M B I V R S P
 E L M R C D B G N F Z E A K R
 N D L J E S S A N C L O A B B
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 L I Y R E Y H H G G N K I N P
 F P T N R K U H A P A G S C F
 Z R S A K B Q P S D M M P B I
 Z G F F I J O A M S B W O V W
 T P L Y Q Y Y R Y O M P F Z Q

WORDS TO FIND:

- FAHNE (GERMAN)
- FICKLAMP (SWEDISH)
- GAPAHUK (NORWEGIAN)
- KAART (DUTCH)
- KYNDILL (ICELANDIC)
- MERKI (ICELANDIC)
- NAMIOT (POLISH)
- PLECAK (POLISH)
- PRESSENING (SWEDISH)
- SLAAPZAK (DUTCH)
- SOVEPOSE (NORWEGIAN)
- ZELT (GERMAN)

Try to find out what each of these words mean in your language.

Auntie Freeze

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 I think I fancy a leader what can I do? Trouble is he is 19 and I am 13. How can I get his attention?
 Pie Lover



Dear Pie Lover,
 You don't. Sorry.
 Hope that helps,
 Auntie Freeze

Dear Auntie Freeze
 I have a problem with the Patrol. They do not respect me, they don't listen to me at all. I try to do my best but I still get in trouble. Do you think you can help me with my problem?
 Yours upset like
 Alfred Grunge

Dear Alfie
 Don't worry. Buy some Imperial leather soap and listen to some ABBA songs, that'll cheer you up.

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 I understand that the way the activities work is a via rota system. However I feel as if my Patrol are being singled out and keep getting landed with activities we don't particularly like.
 Ben

Dear Auntie Freeze,
 You need to speak to the Sub Camp uncles who will be sympathetic and listen. It is best to be open and express your opinion because that is what BA tries to do; listen to the young people and make changes where they can. There are a lot of young people here and everyone is working hard to ensure all young people have equal opportunity.
 Auntie Freeze

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