

Kross Kurrents

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Welcome to Blair Atholl 2006!



It is a great privilege for me to welcome you all to Blair Atholl and the 30. Scottish International Patrol Jamborette. Many Scouts have enjoyed the tremendous experience of the Blair Atholl Jamborettes in the past and everything is now ready to make this camp very special for you.

I know that you will have been working hard to prepare for the camp and now that you are here you are probably a bit anxious, as well as excited by all that you see around you. From the Kross to your individual sub camps. There is a superb staff team in place to help you enjoy the camp and if you need any help PLEASE ASK!! Your sub camp uncles and aunts are your friends - ask them first.

Please work hard together setting up your patrol site and establishing an organised and friendly camp. I would ask that the Scottish Scouts remember that our overseas guests are a long way from home and families, so lets do everything we can to welcome them, make them feel at ease and happy to be here.

Smile, shake hands, introduce yourselves, tell each other about yourselves. Don't be put off if there is a language barrier at first, hand signals and gestures are a great way of communicating, and most of all, SMILE! That way we can help each other settle into our Jamborette, which will be our home for the next eleven days

I hope you all have a great camp, have lots of fun and make many international friendships. I look forward to meeting you all.

*John Kennedy
Camp Chief*

Welcome to Kross Kurrents

This is Kross Kurrents, your daily newspaper telling you the 'tales behind the woodsmoke'. What will be in the paper is entirely up to YOU! Young people will be behind most of the stories and will help edit and produce the paper.

This is your newspaper so we need your stories, your gossip, your jokes and cartoons. We will hope to provide all the latest ground-breaking news. We will welcome your pictures, news from the sub-camps, poetry, jokes (just the funny ones please!), in fact any thing that will tell the story of Blair Atholl 2006.

If you have anything that you would like to get published, come and see the Kross Kurrents team or any of the Scouts working on the newspaper. We are based in The Kross and our reporters will be hot-footing it around the camp on a regular basis. We hope to have a box in each sub-camp where you can leave your contributions.

So get out your pens and reporters hats, and tell us all the news. Forget the Scotsman, forget the Herald, Kross Kurrents is THE newspaper at the heart of Blair Atholl.

The Kross Kurrents Team

Embracing Diversity! Blair-Speranto

A new Local Initiative in Perthshire

On following up preparations for Blair Atholl 2006, I came across underground mumbling of a new language emerging from Blair Atholl area in wishing to embrace the International nature of the Jamborette, it is felt by many cultures and identities by the many countries who attend the high profile event. On interviewing Hamish McSpurgus, a local language interpreter, I was able to record the following early attempts of this amazing initiative. Blair-Speranto is given first followed by the English translation.

<i>Hallo</i>	<i>Hello</i>
<i>Bless</i>	<i>Goodbye</i>
<i>Bitte</i>	<i>Please</i>
<i>Spoostif</i>	<i>Thank-you</i>
<i>Hai</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Beklager</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Nie rozumien</i>	<i>Sorry I don't understand</i>
<i>Fars a Cludgie</i>	<i>Where's the bathroom</i>

Kross Kurrents will be reporting on this important development and hoping to reflect Inews stories as they develop. We certainly intend to have some articles actually written in the new language as nurtures and develops. The ability for every one to communicate in the new language is within Scottish Scouting as being a huge step forward and as commonality of language gets bedded in the Blair Atholl tradition

Doctor, Doctor give me some news...

The medical team, Dr Marion Rankin and Dr Colin Peters, hope you will have a happy, healthy camp. (We are selfish; it keeps our work down!)

If you do need us, come to morning (9am - 10am) or evening (5pm - 6pm) surgery. For accidents and emergencies you should let your sub camp or activity leader know you need assistance before coming to the medical tent. That way one of our team First Aiders will be ready to help you or they can deal with the problem and save you a walk.

Prevention is better than a cure so remember all those things your Scout Leader taught you:

- > Wash hands before eating and after nearly everything else*
- > Remember food storage rules*
- > Don't chop wood in bare feet - wear boots!*
- > Drink plenty of water, use sun lotion and cover up in the midday sun*
- > Wash your hands again!*

Have an accident free Camp!!!

*Marion Rankin
Camp Doctor*

So what do we want From You?

This is your opportunity to break into print! Here are some suggestions of what we are looking for. These are just ideas, please be as creative as you can.

- The Blair Atholl Weather*
- News from The Sub Camps - lots of it please*
- Evening Events*
- Your favourite TV*
- Awards you may get on camp*
- The "Midge" Count*
- Any Special Meals you cook*
- Any Sporty activities and the results*
- Activities you take part in*
- Puzzles and Cartoons*
- Campfire Yells*
- Ideas for Competitions*
- The Quote of the Day*
- Countries - Lots of International stories*
- Songs you have written Jokes (If they are Good!)*
- Running gags and stories*

GET WRITING!

