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Blair Atholl 2006 Welcomes our Overseas Guests!

Today has been a busy day welcoming our overseas guests to the Blair Atholl 2006 camp, assigning them to their sub-camp, and getting them teamed with their Scottish patrol-mates. We wish all Scouts a happy 10 days! As of this morning, including the hosts scouts from Scotland, there are 16 countries from around the world represented at this 30th Blair camp.

Ceud Mile Failte !

Please make sure you welcome our guests 'tae bonnie Scotland' and make them feel comfortable. Remember to keep your tents tidy as they are your home away from home for the next 10 days.

Make friends, have fun, learn words in a new language, share scouting experiences, enjoy the many activities, and take home a backpack full of memories.





Campsite shapes up

In no time at all the camp has grown from an empty green field to a fully fledged campsite. A dedicated staff team have been working round the clock to organise the campsite for all the campers now on site. Everything from getting the big marquees up, the toilets plumbed in, the flag poles up and of course arranging the fantastic weather. It's great to see some fantastic team work in the sub-camps getting the sites ready. Tents up, storage sorted and of course the Blair tables built and ready to eat on! Some interesting knots and not knots were to be seen on some of the tables but they all look like they will hold up for a while anyway.



A special thanks is especially necessary to the site services for getting so much work done so quickly!



The White Cockade Challenge

The White Cockade was the badge worn by the followers of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) during the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745-6. The Marquis of Tullibardien, some of the first Dukes of Atholl, carried the Prince's standard when he landed at Moidart and gathered the clans at Glenfinnan. The White Cockade, which was worn by the Marquis, can be seen in a display cabinet in Blair Castle. The Marquis' brother, Lord George Murray, was the General in charge of the Jacobite Army.

You can win a cockade badge by successfully completing twelve activities (all day activities count as two) and organise and participate in two social activities in the evenings. In choosing your activities you need to pick at least one activity from each of the activity zones (Adventure, Basics, Sports, Creative and Treks & Tours). After every activity, you will get a stamp to put into the back few pages of your handbook.

And, if you contribute to the Kross Kurrents, you MAY be lucky and get a stamp!

Events

Tonight there will be the opening ceremony to officially start Blair Atholl 2006. John Kennedy, our camp chief, will do the honours of declaring the camp open.

After the opening ceremony all the sub-camps will be having campfires. I wonder who is going to be loudest? There have been some whispering in the 'family camp' that they are possibly the loudest best singers on the campsite.

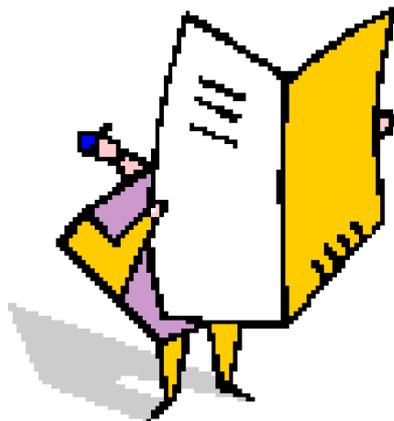
Kross Kurrents reporters will be in the shadows watching and we hope to report in tomorrow's edition on the 'loudest' sub-camp.



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Kross Kurrents is THE newspaper of Blair. It is your newspaper. We want cub reporters, experienced reporters, inexperienced reporters. In fact we will take anyone! Join the fun. Come to the Kross Kurrents activity and see your name in print.



Mandy from Hong Kong who is here for the first time, wishes everyone a big Foonying. She thinks the camp is very nice and is looking forward to visiting the castle and village as well as doing some mountain biking.



Bobbie from Hong Kong and a Jamborette newcomer, says “the camp already feels like home. The people are nice and I’m hoping to learn about so many different cultures.”



Ingrid, from Norway, has returned for her 2nd Jamborette. “Velkommen” is her greeting to all campers. She thinks there are more exciting things to do this time around. The bunji jump trampoline is already on her list of must-do’s along with the gorge walk. She recommends the guided trip around the woods and the castle tour to all first-timers.

Andrew from Scotland has been to the satellite camp twice but this is his first tour of the Jamborette. He’s looking forward to rafting and may try the Atholl experience. He has already made a lot of new friends—especially Americans from his patrol.



Max, Roman and Malte, from Germany, are new to the Jamborette this year. “We wish everyone Willkommen.” They are looking forward to gorge walking and all the water sports. “The camp looks great and we’ve already made so many friends.”



Alissa has travelled from Germany for her first Jamborette. She feels “it’s good there are so many different nationalities here. I look forward to making many new friends. The Scots have been very nice and helpful.”



Garrett, a first-timer from Canada, would like to do it all. He’s glad he’s had time today to get a feel for the camp and develop a plan of attack. Gorge walking tops his list of activities.

John from Edinburgh is here for his first Blair Atholl Jamborette. He is impressed with all the facilities and friendly people on site. John wants to try rafting and some treks. Meantime, he’s already gotten to know the Hong Kong Scouts. “From what I’ve seen so far, this Jamborette is going to be a good one.”