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Camp Chief John Opens Blair Atholl Jamborette 2006!

Last night our camp chief welcomed all of the people on the campsite to the magic of Blair Atholl.

John introduced each of our sub-camps and used the flame of Blair 2004 to start the sub-camp fires of Blair 2006.

This was followed by some marvelous campfires from all the sub-camps - still not sure who was loudest must have been close! After the loud singing that I'm sure could be heard by old women on the distant hills we had a wonderful start of the camp with some finale fireworks before getting some much needed sleep before today's activities began!



Opulent Opening

An extravagant, heart pounding display of pyrotechnics added with pure elegance.

The Grand Opening of the 60th. anniversary of the ever exciting Blair Atholl Jamborette ended with awe. At the start of the exhibition, the pyrotechnicians lit the ground candles which led to the red and green standing fireworks. After that the strobe effects were lit. The fireworks, popping and sizzling went off with a boom. By the looks of it everyone loved it. It definitely was one-of-a-kind enjoyment with an ending of a lighted BA60.

Morrison Family - Matthew Helwig, New York

Fun Times, Brutal Weather

Today was the first day of activities with much enjoyment, yet with scorching temperatures with high of 21° Celsius (70° Fahrenheit). Combined with mud, beans and other messy substances, and sweat from the temperature, the Atholl Experience was still one of the most recommended, heart pounding, amazing activities. Other activities like Individual sports, and Climbing are some of the most brutal in these conditions. Recommended activities have been Backwoods cooking, and Tubs, Thumbs, and Highs, probably due to the lack of strenuous activity that is needed.

To leave on a warning note as temperatures continue to rise, drink lots of liquids, stay cool, and the infirmary won't have to be seeing you this year.

Matthew Howard, Of the Morrison Family,
Of Central New York

Quick Anagrams

mere bajo _____
tell ria scab _____
rum sage tray ri _____





The Danish way to Scotland

We are two groups traveling together. We left Denmark 10.35 am Danish time 9.35 British time. We flew from Aarhus, Denmark to Stansted, London and waited in Stansted 4 hours and then further on to Prestwick, Glasgow. In Prestwick, an adult Scouter came and picked us up, and helped us on the train. We came to Johnstone and waited some time before a little bus picked us up and drove us to and old hospital, which now is a scout centre named Bishopton scout hut. Beside us from Denmark there were some scouts from Holland.

Next morning, we were picked up by a bus, and we drove to the camp.

It is really cool for us to see how other groups are doing and working. For example in Denmark, the uniform is your working clothes, which are why you often see us wearing them.

If you want to hear more about us or have a little chat then you can find us in Macdonald, Maclean, Murray, Morrison and Robertson - One more thing to say from me in MacDonald: 'I'm loving it'

Christian Hansen/MacDonald/Denmark

Learning Danish

We have three more letters in the Danish alphabet, those are æ ø å

Hello everybody, we are from Denmark and we enjoy the time here on the camp. Hej allesammen vi er fra Danmark og vi nyder tiden her på denne lejr.

We are happy and the sun shines Vi er glade og solen skinner

You are very sweet and beautiful Du er meget sød og smuk

Happy birthday Tillykke med fødselsdagen

KROSS KARNIVAL



Thursday 20th July
20:00 - 22:30



The Bumble Bee Tuna Song

Attention MacDonald Subcamp Learn This Song For The Next Campfire!! (or die!)

Bum-Bum Bumble Bee, Bumble Bee Tuna.
I Love Bumble Bee, Bumble Bee Tuna.
Yum-Yum Bumble Bee, Bumble Bee Tuna.
Love A Sandwich, Made With Bumble Bee!

MacDonald Subcamp - Frank, Will, Matt, Peter (Connecticut, U.S.A) Rachael, Mitch, Roger, Darrell, Jaqui, Jonny (Angus, Scotland)

The Russian View...

The nature of Scotland is very wild and beautiful. There are a lot of interesting trees, flowers, plants and animals-many different kinds more than are found in Russia. Scotland is a very magical place with an interesting history and traditions. All Scouts of Russia believe Scouts of Scotland are brave, honest, friendly and spirited.

Мы русские скауты желаем всем хорошо провести время в этом классном лагере!

From Russia with love!
Zimnova + Alice.

Weather Report

In Amsterdam it is 33°C with Fair weather.

In Hong Kong it is cloudy with a temperature of 29°C. Tomorrow, there are thunderclouds. Bad day for trees

In Pitlochry, it is raining im-bru, with a temperature of -10°C (This could be inaccurate). There are 5 mosquitos.

New York weather is mild, temperatures reaching 25°C.

Tokyo City is quite cloudy, 21°C.

In Vancouver, Canada it is cloudy at 14°C.

In sunny Camelot, it is cold, almost 3.463°C. Arthur isn't happy.

Iceland, today is 14°C with clouds.

Antarctica, today is 8°C, with rain. The locals say, "Eh?!"

In Berlin it is 32°C with Fair weather.

In the Arctic today there is Sun, at a temperature 90°C. That's Hot! Say hello to certain Doom!

Jason Leong/Dundee/Murray Subcamp

Jokes' - Ally McGuinness - Maclean

What happened to the man who crossed the road?

He got hit by a car.

Have you heard of the of the drunk jobbie?

He was lying in the corner steaming.

Sudoku

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3				7		5		
2						7		9
	1		8	3		6		
9					7		8	
	7		4					3
	4					9		1
6		2	5		3		4	

Climb Climb up sunshine mountain!

Interview with climbing wall instructor Joe McDermott

The climbing wall is one of Blair Atholl's most popular sites. To better understand the way in which the wall is run, we interviewed instructor Joe McDermott, a staff worker at the climbing wall, from the Baden Powell Council contingent of New York, USA.

Us: What is your job at the climbing wall?

Joe: I check harnesses, teach Scouts the knots of climbing, including the figure eight, and to ensure safety.

Us: What else is needed to complete this event?

Joe: Belaying is also taught. (Belaying is what the person managing the rope from the ground is doing.)

Us: Are there any different words or commands used in Scotland compared to climbing and abseiling in the United States?

Joe: Yes, small things, but everything is running smoothly, and we keep talking to each other to make sure everything is safe and that Scouts are having a good time at the wall.

Us: Are you having a good time at your job?

Joe: Yes, it's a lot of fun, but it's really, really hot, especially for Scotland.

While at the wall we noticed a few safety features, all of which were continually followed without exception during our time there.

Every person within the safety tape around the climbing wall must be wearing all necessary safety equipment, including a harness and a helmet. According to Joe, no one is allowed in the climbing area without this equipment. Also, it was obvious that climbing at Blair Atholl is a team sport. The climber is in constant communication with the instructors, as well as the person belaying, in order to make the time on the wall as fun and safe as possible.

When we asked Joe about these safety rules, he responded:

"Oh yeah, it's important to listen to the instructors. We double, even triple check the harnesses on everyone."

As we concluded our interview, Joe swiftly climbed up the scaffolding tower to help a Scout half way up, who needed some help getting ready to absail down the back of the tower.

As climbing instructor Joe McDermott said, "The Wall is the place to climb and have fun."

John Greene and Nick Blakely, Baden Powell Council contingent, Morrison



A History of Irn-Bru

An epidemic that seems to have hit the Blair Atholl camp is a need for the Scottish Irn-Bru. Some people love it, some people hate it, but it seems to be making brilliant sales for the Kross. At only 55p for a can, 90p for a 500ml bottle and £1.30 for a 2 litre bottle it is not really expensive and can supply you with buckets of energy.

So, where did it all begin, where did the "phenomenal" phenomenon of Irn-Bru come from?

In the past when Glasgow was the centre of Scotland the River Clyde was the main artery where people traded and sold goods. The ships that held the cargo were built on the river by a variety of shipbuilders.

When the men were down below welding and constructing a lot of dust and other things would be breathed in by the men and water could not quench their thirst, so instead, they took down beer. When the men got drunk, the owner began to get annoyed as he was not earning as much money due to the effects of the beer. The owner asked a budding entrepreneur - Mr. Barr, to invent a drink (or brew) that they could take without having alcoholic effects. The result was Irn-Bru.

Fraser/Niven/Murray Subcamp/Glasgow

Site Swimming in the Tilt

Site Swimming will start on Thursday 20. July. Sessions will start at 12.30 and 4.30. If you want to swim in the river, meet up at the Swimming Flag Pole (Located beside the Activities Office in the Kross) From there you will be taken down to the river by a posse of leaders. Don't walk to the river - meet the leaders first. You'll need trainers, or footwear that can get wet, towel and dry clothes to change into.

At busy times a 'return-in-20-minutes' system will be in operation. If the red flag remains flying the river is unsafe and there will be no swimming.

Red Flag - No swimming

Red and Yellow Flag - Swimming (meet leaders)

News News News!



Firstly we had the BBC from Scotland on site doing some news coverage of the camp related to the lack of leaders in the UK but now today Scottish television have been in and round the campsite interviewing and recording around our campsite here at Blair Atholl.

A patrol from Murray sub-camp and also one of the Hong Kong scouts were among the people being interviewed. Along with the news crews there has been a flurry of Scouting VIPs I hope they had a good look around!

Our own interview with the camp chief

We interview Camp Chief, John Kennedy about his life in scouting and Blair Atholl.

Kross Kurrents - How long have you been in scouting?

John - I have been scouting for about 40 years when I first joined the cubs.

KK - How long have you been a camp chief?

John - I've been a camp chief in 5 camps and I have been in 16 jamborettes.

KK - What other roles do you play in scouting?

John - I am the Area Commissioner for the Edinburgh Area.

KK - What activity would you most like to do at Blair?

John - If I wasn't wearing a kilt then I would have a go at the Bungie Trampoline!

KK - What is your job outside scouts?

John - I work as a chartered accountant.

KK - What do you make of Blair Atholl O6?

John - I think Blair Atholl is going very well but I think people have to be careful because of the sun and the heat. We need to make sure we slap on some sunscreen, drink lots, and wear a sun hat.

Peter Holliday, Donald Sutherland, and Jonathan Litynski. From Morrison Subcamp.



Our Aunties and Uncles thoughts..

We've asked questions to each of the subcamp staff to see what their opinion about some questions were.

The first question we've asked was what they thought about the opening ceremony.

Morrison: "It was really good and there was enough noise from our side."

MacDonald: "It was good to have everyone together from Scottish, and International people."

MacLean: "It was nice and short. Good fireworks."

Robertson: "It was good and we enjoyed it."

Murray: "Very good and fantastic event."

The second question was: How well can you get along with the other subcamp chiefs?

Morrison replied that they are good friends and they even took care that some guys from Murray could sleep well by supplying them sleeping bags. *MacDonald* said that they're just the best. *MacLean* told us: "Uhm...trying to think of something funny to say..."

Robertson: "We don't see them often, but when we do, it's ok."

Murray: "Ah, terrible."

Another important question was what they thought was the most beautiful country represented here. Most of the subcamps thought that was Scotland, and the Netherlands were right behind it. *MacDonald* though, said there aren't any best countries, England closely followed by Scotland.

Next thing we've asked was what their opinion about the approaching clash between Morrison and Stewart was.

Morrison was quite clear about this. They said they were looking forward to love and embrace them in our family. "We'll watch on the sideline", *MacDonald* said. *Robertson* didn't even know about a clash, so as *Murray*. When we asked *Murray*, they said Clash was a good rockband in the seventies. It would be good if *Morrison* and *Stewart* could bring them to this tiny little camp. *MacLean* said "My money is on Morrison". *Robertson* didn't need any clashes, they said they were the best anyway.

We also went to *Stewart*, but there was nobody there. We have reasons to believe that they are planning something big... *Kross Kurrents* will keep you posted!

Fabulous interview by Stijn & Thomas - The Netherlands