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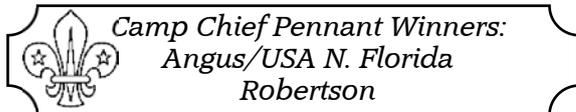
Interview with Chief Scout Peter Duncan

Never a man to do things by half Mr. Duncan cycled to Blair Atholl from a bothy high in the mountains. In Peter's early days he was a cub scout in south London. He only ever got one badge which was the one night away badge. He got back into scouting and became the chief scout of Great Britain. He thought this was a good idea because it fitted in perfectly with his life as a presenter of Blue Peter (a children's T.V program), his family, and his other hobbies. Mr. Duncan believes that scouting is important in today's society to keep people fit and healthy and to bring people of different nationalities together. He also thinks that the importance in scouting is finding a structure of each generation, of boys and girls that links them together to have fun and live life to the full. The scouts can share their different beliefs and explore how scouting is in different countries. Scouting according to Mr Duncan is to get back to the basics so scouts will have fun and be adventurous. That it is something done worldwide and everything is positive. Today he has been filmed cycling from a bothy and he was lucky he did not fall off. "Long may the private army of Blair Atholl live on." In 2007, the UK will be hosting the biggest ever camp with over 40,000 people. "We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Scouting at Brownsea Island where it all began with Baden Powell and his small band of boys. There will be at least two people from every country present to mark the celebration." Mr. Duncan will only be present at the beginning and end of the Jamboree. Mr. Duncan's 14 year old son has joined him today at Blair Atholl. He hopes his visit to Blair Atholl will persuade him to join Explorer Scouts.



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Jaimie Mackintosh, Callum Wilson, Michael Muir, Scotland, Morrison Subcamp



Camp Chief Pennant Winners:
Angus/USA N. Florida
Robertson

Why do you think the Uncles and Auntie Jackie wanted out of here?

Because Robertson and Murray won the football and they wanted to cheer them on – Danielle, Robertson

Because they know that they would rather be in Morrison like Uncle Steven – Kristy, Kate + Rosie, Morrison

Because the beer tents ran out – Jamie – Morrison

Because Sharky knowing he was best felt sorry for the others, Michael, fife – Stewart

Auntie Jackie didn't want to go cause she's loving it except for the gunge – George – Macdonald

I think uncle Fraser wanted me out because I'm a freak – Chris – Robertson

Uncle Fraser would wanted to have left because Uncle Andy chasing his jam roll – Kenneth – Robertson
Kerry Daly, Scotland



Morrison News, the Best Sub-camp

Today the Angus patrol finally lost their best camp inspection award. In lighter news, Kia of Denmark and Tom of Scotland have become the sub-camp couple. Comments have been mentioned that Tom has an ex-wife, who always complains about him not paying for child support. Funai from Dundee is said to be a bad singer by some people who would like to be unmentioned. Morrison's football team is going to win tonight's game. To finish, Keith is an Irn Bru monster from Canada.

Matt Howard, Morrison, New York

Football Tournament

The Murray and Robertson subcamp team were victorious against everyone last night. With no goals conceded last night the defence stood solid with only a few openings for the opponents created. The Icelandic "Freaky" (from Robertson) scored one in each of the first 2 games one of which was with the villagers and in the final game they scored twice. The villagers put up a strong fight winning 1 game and drawing another.

MacLean and Stewart were playing well which gave the last match some importance as if Murray and Robertson won or drew, they would win over all. We won with a comfortable 2 – 0 win with goals from an Icelandic and Scott of Murray subcamp.

There was some dirty challenges flying in last night but with no real injuries except from some friction burns from slide tackling.

Overall it was a great night for everyone evolved even the losing team.
Scott Douglas R&I Murray Scotland



25th July



Did you see Santa Claus going around your subcamp last night? This will tell you why. George (Santa Claus) got his beard shaved off for the charity M.S and had to raise £1000. George has only raised £700 so far but there is still money coming in. George made an agreement with the M.S that he would split the money 50-50 so half of the money is going to scouts and the other half to M.S. George has only had his beard off twice in 34 years and has not had it shaved for 4 years until yesterday. Now it is growing back, but now he is suggesting to also get a hair cut!



The sad thing is that there was no reindeer, there was a big silver Landrover who belonged to big lovable Hagrid!!! Hagrid and his bearded companion Norrie were driving the Landrover. We believe that they are the true reindeer. There were also two elves who were uncle Brucey and uncle Loggie who called themselves "the jolly little elves"

By Stef and Zoë Forth Valley Robertson

Have you heard of the highland haggis???

The elusive Scottish haggis has

been a delicacy of our great nation for hundreds of years. This small, furry animal lives exclusively in the highlands around Blair Atholl and eats the nutritious heather. They live in disused rabbit holes, and some of them make great pets, especially the albino haggises. As they spend all of their lives high up in the mountains their two legs on their left side are about half the size of those on the right. This is so they can run around the mountains anti-clockwise and always end up back at their hole. Contrary to some beliefs they do not run up and down their mountain, they only run round it. The haggis is most frequently eaten on the 25. January because this is the birthday of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns.

It is best eaten with mashed neeps and tatties and it tastes great!!! So as you tuck into your haggis dinner tonight, spare a thought for Scotland's national animal!

By Michael and Callum, Dumfries, Scotland, Morrison.

I asked some scouts what they thought about haggis. Here are a few of their answers:

- It's very vicious with big teeth
- I would like to taste it
- What is haggis?!?!??
- It's like an Icelandic food called Slatur.
- Meat
- It's a food
- Wild haggis is nicer than farmed
- Caught by big hairy Scotsmen
- Haggis hunting should be banned!
- It's disgusting!
- It's beautiful!
- It's like bad meat loaf!
- Sheep's stomach
- Spicy
- Gravy (?)
- Burns supper
- Looking forward to try it

Activities

We asked a variety of campers from the length and breadth of the world about the range of activities at Blair Atholl and what activities could have been added to the camp to make it better.

Most of the people we asked said that the Atholl experience was their favourite activity because it is a laugh and the mud is fun. Although, some people said that activities, like The Pitlochry Visit, were their favourite. Other said crafts and some others said the explorer trek was their favourite activity. One girl said that all the activities were great.

When we asked them what activities they thought would make the camp better most said that the camp was great the way it is. But one camper from California USA told us that Shot Gun shooting would be a great activity to have at the camp. But having it at camp wouldn't be such a good idea for obvious reasons.

Written By George and Keiran of MacLean

R U UP 4 IT?

For those wondering who the people behind the Kross Tent running around in wheelchairs and crutches, they are not the disabled scouts nor are they committing benefit fraud. They are in fact doing the Up 4 It activity which involves many fun activities such as races, challenges and games. Many people are finding the activity fun and enjoyable. So only one question is left R U UP 4 IT?

So now you know what haggis is and what it is like. I hope you enjoy the Burns supper!

By Michael, Dumfries, Morrison.

A little about the Celtic cross

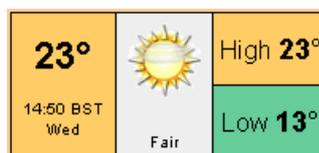
Everyone has seen the Celtic cross on the hill but no one really knows much about it. I went to Celtic connections and asked a few questions of Stewart Cunningham.

He explained that the spiral in the middle of the cross is one of the original Celtic designs and it was later formed into the Scout sign. The first time they started building the cross was in 2000. There is a different design every Blair Atholl. Before I left he stressed that people, especially the Scouts, should not to touch the rocks since he has to pick them up and replace them when they roll down the hill. Whether anyone will pay attention is unknown, probably not, but there is a chance.

Written by Gordon Coupar, Scotland, Stewart Subcamp

Musings...

We've heard the Morrison Clan doesn't need clocks to tell time. They wait until the sun comes up and then go to bed!



Bungee Jump–A Real High!

The bungee jump, located at the Kross, is one of the most fun activities on site at Blair Atholl. It involves being strapped to two poles on either side of the trampoline, which have bungee ropes attached to them. You will be tied to these bungee ropes with a harness and then you're off. Try doing frontflips and backflips or enjoy the experience of being high in the sky on your own with this great fun trampoline. It really can make you feel wide awake in the mornings if you were to try this and it would mean that you would want to do this same activity every day for the rest of your lives. You can try this bungee jumping thrill every evening at the Kross. You will also see the sumo – wrestling next to it where you can kick the living day-lights out of your friends – just for fun!!! Make sure you try these activities before you go home everyone!!!

Jordan Harkins, Maclean, Scotland

Watersports

I'm going to tell you something about the activity water sports. The first thing that we did on that day was take a short, bumpy ride. When we had reached the endpoint, we had to walk to the lake. I thought it was a huge lake because comparing this to the lakes we have got in Holland, the Dutch lakes are nothing. First everyone needs to get changed and find yourself a life vest. Without that you weren't aloud to go in to the water. The whole group was split into three smaller groups. My group was going in the open canoes first. The leaders gave us a quick lesson on how to steer and stuff, and than we paddled the big lake. I think my canoe was the only one that didn't capsize but I was still soaking wet, thanks to monkey boy. Our canoe looked bad because Andrew had a soapy shoe. We played some games with the Frisbee and some balls. After that we went to the side again and switched activities. My group went sailing. There wasn't a lot of wind, so we were going really slow. And there was a hole in our boat that we couldn't find so we had to remove the water with a bucket to keep it from sinking.. After that, we went back to the beginning point to hve lunch. Suddenly the wind appeared and we were all freezing. When everyone finished their lunch, we switched again and my group went in the kayaks. Again, we had a little lesson first and that we were ready to go. We just played around a bit in our kayaks. It was quite difficult though. We played a game with passengers. Everybody got a little toy. I got the pink duck and pink rules. We had to kick the passengers off the others without getting your own passengers in the water. That was it and we went back. We had a shower in the water and got in warm clothes again. Walking back to the bus, we met some sheep and sheep poops also. The bus was already waiting and on the way back everyone was tired. So this was my story. Bye.

Xx Dominique (Netherlands) Morrison Subcamp

be one of the attackers' boyfriends!!! The girls claim they were bored and saw the opportunity to have some more fun. Tying the boy up with rope the girls searched for a razor and set to work shaving off the boy's eyebrow!!! The boy was powerless against the possessed girls. After they had successfully shaved of his entire eyebrow, they moved on to his legs shaving them in a striped pattern. Since this ordeal, boys from other sub-camps have been very weary of these crazy, dangerous Girls!!!!

BEWARE OF: VIKKI (Forth Valley) & LEAH (Canada) Stewart Sub-camp!!!!!!!!!!!! Our condolences to Ross and Gordon, the people affected.

Careers Advice

Some of us are now reaching an age when we will be choosing what job we will do in the future. If you can't decide what job to do, then read on for some Careers Advice...

Some say that an Astronaut's job is out of this world. If you become a Baker, you'll always make plenty of dough. To be a Lumberjack, you have to be a decent feller. Becoming an Optician is good for people who don't see eye to eye. Why not read up on becoming a Librarian. The job of a Chimney Sweep should soot you. A Shop Cashier is a great job to check-out. An Oil Driller's job is boring. A Footballer's job is fantastic for people who want to have some goals in life.

Simon Lamb from Scotland, Morrison Sub-camp

I'm A Canyoneer

I never wanted to be a reporter writing about current events from day to day. I wanted to be a canyoneer, leaping from rock to rock as rapid waters flow from down the mighty rivers of Blair Atholl, plummeting down from 30 ft high cliffs into deep waters, and sliding along rock flumes with my best buddies by my side. We jumped, slid and dived. I went Canyoning and its OK. You can jump from ear popping high altitudes into white water rapids. It is by far the greatest activity in Blair Atholl if not the world! Canyoning is new to Blair Atholl so you are very lucky. And if you have not already been, I highly recommend it as it rocks. Andrew Chan-Scotland-Morrison

STEWART GIRLS GONE MAD

Late last night in the Stewart sub-camp two unnamed girls were spotted terrorizing boys with makeup and razors. The first boy was captured after removing poles from a tent where one of the attackers was residing. He was dragged back to the site where he was then strapped to a tent pole with duck tape and sprayed with water. The girls soon got tired of this and moved on to vandalizing the poor boy with eyeliner and lip gloss!!!!!!

After spending most of the night removing makeup the boy is now in a stable condition. Later that night there was another attack on a boy who happened to

Walk on the wild side

Walk on the wild side contrary to popular belief is not a walk. They are infact building steps and doing other tasks on the estate to help. One of the estate rangers who was there said that she felt it was a chance to do helpful things and to learn new things. Some scouts we spoke to, Ellis Mutch and Roger, admitted that they originally thought that the activity was a walk however, they were pleasantly surprised. Ellis said "it was rare" when asked about the activity.

Laura Ryan, Ireland, and Vikki Young, Scotland-Stewart

PL Dinner

Last night, as the subcamps were finishing up evening chores, the PL's were enjoying a mini version of Deal or no Deal/Deal or nae Deal. A certain PL from Morrison was the only contestant for this popular TV game show last night, and unfortunately, she didn't get her perfect deal.

It was an eventful night, with great food, including coffee, which this PL reporter was thrilled about, great music, and lots of random fun.

All the PL's would like to thank the camp chief for the wonderful night he put on for us.

Leah Henneberry -Canada - Stewart



Perth and Alyth

The city of Perth...

The city of Perth is a very nice place to live with a swimming pool, a shopping Centre, a Cinema, A Scout Hut, a good football team (St. Johnstone), a brilliant school called Perth High school and a brilliant area to live in Craigie. But... there are also bad points to Perth like Neds, Letham, the ice factory which is a night club, the skate park, Emo square where all the emo's hang out, Perth Academy and Perth Grammar which are both rubbish schools and the worst thing of all the fact that it is near Dundee.

Alyth

The town of Alyth in the foothills of Scotland, in comparison to Perth, is small. Everything here is either downsized or non-existent. Swimming pool? Long gone. Shopping centre? Well, 3 shops, a hairdressers and a bank. Cinema? Go to Dundee. High School? Blairgowrie High!!! Decent Scout Hut? I wish! - Alyth's hut has a fire escape made of wood! However, this is unfair - like comparing Glasgow with a stick hut...

Alyth does have its good points - Not many NED's, peaceful, decent primary school, low chance of mugging, and it doesn't take long to travel into Alyth's town centre.

Both places have their good and bad points, but you can't really say which place is better, which is why we should all move to Eindhoven, Holland.

Fraser 'weiner' Magill, Stewart and Martin Arnold, Morrison

Our Patrol

The Banff and Buchan area from MacDonald sub camp, (I'm loving it), is getting on well with other folk around the camp and some of the staff. But someone, who wants to be kept anonymous, thinks that it is unfair that the staff keep adding on points to other patrols because we keep winning, they just can't except it.

There are five of us in our patrol. There is Angus Swan, patrol leader and Ross Mitchell, whom you might have seen at the international showcase playing 'sold to a ginger'. Kenneth Morgan, he is from Calendar. He is a legend, Ryan West, one funny boy, Ellis Mutch the little Devil and last but not least Camy G, the ure mam joker. There are other Banff and Buchan people but we can't be bothered to write about them.

Ryan West & Camy Gordon Banff & Buchan (MacDonald)

Jokes

Why did the hedgehog cross the road?
To see his FLATMATES!

What crisp can't fly?
Walkers!

What crisp can fly?
Plain

How do you get pikachu on a bus?
Pokemon

Ryan West and Camy Gordon Banff and Buchan (MacDonald)

Songs!

Everyone has a talent and my own talent is writing songs. My friend Danica Ewashina and I have written a few songs. Danica isn't part of this camp, but I am, Elena from Morrison. The first song is very special to Danica and is something that we have worked really hard on. This song is called "Even Though You're Gone", and I hope you like it:

Verse: When I see you hanging there,
I know your thoughts are going no where.

Chorus: And I wish that I could tell you once again that I still love you even though you're gone. Even though you're gone, even you're gone, I still love you. Even though you're gone, I still love you, I still love you, even though you're gone.

Verse: The tears start coming when I think of you,
My soul is breaking into two.

Chorus

Verse: My world is changing because of you,
And what I see can not be true.

Chorus

The next song is the newest from our collection of our hand written songs and it doesn't have a name yet but here it is:

Verse: You lead me into the light when I close my eyes and think of you. As I fall into the never ending sleep.

Chorus: Shake me down, pull me under, you the only thing that really matters. This life its self is meaning less, unless you're here.

Verse: Every move and turn you make, you play me like a game. Each touch I feel can not be real. Your not even here so why do I feel?

Chorus

Verse: I turn away to only see the darkness that is hidden in me. No light can shine through these eyes, not unless you give me life.

Chorus (REPEAT 2)

Well there are a few songs we wrote and hoped you like them. Bye for now
Elena from Morrison