

Kastle Kurrents



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Idol of Blair

Die Talentsuche begann fuer alle Pfadfinder um 19 Uhr 30 im Kastle. Jeder bekam im Rahmen einer Karaoke show die Moeglichkeit ein Lied seiner Wahl zu praesentieren um sein Talent unter Beweis zu stellen. Anfangs hielten sich viele zurueck doch die Stimmung wurde immer besser und dadurch auch der anderen zu singen und zu entertaenen.

Schon bald konnten sich einige Talente herauskristallisieren. Nun war es egal ob man singen konnte oder nicht, hauptsache das Publikum war begeistert und tobte mit. Selbst die Staffmitglieder zeigten, teilweise mit auffallenden Kostuemen, was sie konnten. Auch der kleine Andrew aus MacLean schaffte es mit seinem Lied "Shine" die Menge zu begeistern. Nicht nur bei Einzel-, sondern auch bei Gruppenauftritten jubelten die Zuschauer.

Die Auswahl der Lieder reichte von den neuersten Pop- und Rockhits bis zu den aeltesten Schlagern der 80er Jahre.

Leider ging selbst diese nette Show um 22 Uhr 30 zu Ende. Doch der Abend war gelungen, denn sogar am Weg zurueck zu den Zelten wurde noch fleissig gesungen.

The talent search began for all scouts at 19:30 o'clock in the Kastle. Everyone got a song of their choice in the context of a Karaoke show to present and to prove their talent. At first many held themselves back, nevertheless it became better and better and everyone began to sing with one another and entertain.

Very soon some talents would crystallize. Now it was all the same whether one sing could or not, the main thing was the public enthusiastically and raved about the performers. Even the Staff showed, with remarkable costumes. Also, small Andrew from MacLean created a hit with his song "Shine". Not only single performers, but also group appearances made the spectators jubilant.

The selection of the songs reached from the first Pop hits to the alternative hits of the 80's. Unfortunately this very nice show ended at 22:30. But the evening had succeeded, because everyone sang enthusiastically all the way back to their tents.

Clara von Chavanne, Dorothea Drimmel, Teresa Koenig, Valentina Budroni
MacLean



International Patrol Leaders Supper

On 28/7/08, the staff held their annual dinner that included the patrol leaders from all the sub-camps. I went around the next morning and interviewed some during their morning activities. My first interview was with Drew Angus from Connecticut, USA, in Murray sub-camp. He told me that the dinner was “very enjoyable...the hot dogs was good and the people around me were very interesting to talk to”. After I finished with Drew, I began to search for more patrol leaders. My second interview was with Andrew McBroom from Scotland, also in Murray. He was very happy to give me an interview to distract him from walking to his morning class, which I think was Mountain Biking. McBroom told me quickly that “the dinner was highly entertaining... makes me look forward to becoming staff.” McBroom also said that “the hot dogs were delicious and so was the cake... the service was excellent”. After this interview I reached a problem, all the patrol leaders were in their morning classes, but this didn’t stop me. To find more PLs, I went inside the Kastle and silently infiltrated a Celtic Connections activity. During this undercover activity, I found Martin Kelly from Scotland, in Robertson. Martin told me that the entire dinner was “excellent, showed incite into what the staff was all about”. He told me that there was “music, like people dressed up as one-man band stuff and just started performing”. Martin also liked the food, especially the hot dogs and cake. Must have been really good everyone liked it so much. Overall, he said that it was very nice. After finishing my interview with Martin, I pulled out of the activity as fast as I could before the instructors saw me. While outside, I found another patrol leader who goes by the name of Matt Scozzafava. He is also from Connecticut like Drew but is in McLean. He seemed very tired but I got the good stuff from him while he was lashing during pioneering. Matt told me that it was “good and that if was probably better than what we had for dinner”. I asked him what his favourite thing he had was and he said that “the tea was pretty good to have and the fact that we didn’t have to cook was nice”. Overall, Matt summed up the whole night by saying that it was “chill”.

Will Hagan, Connecticut Murray



Adventure for Jamborette Scouts

Scouts from across the world are in Highland Perthshire brushing up on their skills and learning new ones.

About 1,150 people are taking part in the 31st Scottish International Patrol Jamborette in Blair Atholl.

They have come from across Scotland, as well as countries including Canada, Austria, the USA, Japan, Singapore, Sweden, Hong Kong and Russia. The event started in Blair Atholl in 1946 and has run every second year since then.



From — BBC
NEWS

PENNANT WINNERS FOR TUESDAY 29TH JULY

Sub-Camp	Winning Patrol	Camp Chief's Pennant
MURRAY	West Lothians & USA Connecticut	
MACLEAN	Fife & USA Ft. Worth	X
MACDONALD	Angus & Austria	
MORRISON	Fife & Japan	
STEWART	Galloway & USA Baden Powell	
ROBERTSON	Clackmanashire & USA California	

Blair Atholl Sun Words and Music by Sandy Black Excerpt from "Singing in the rain" by some famous guy

I know a song you can sing in the rain, aaha
And when you sing this song the sun comes out again, aaha
You don't really worry if the rain has just begun
Cause deep inside you've got Blair Atholl sun.

When you're making friends from far and wide, aaha
There's a warmth you get, building up inside, aaha
When you sit round the table telling jokes and having fun
That's when you get Blair Atholl sun

And as time goes by, we'll know each other so well, aaha
We'll have songs to sing and stories to tell. aaha
And when you remember all the things we've said and done
That's when you'll feel Blair Atholl sun

I'm singing in the rain, just singing in the rain
What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again.
That's when you feel Blair Atholl sun.

Start Wearing Purple (Gogol Bordello)
Additional words by Sandy Black Chords Em, B7

Start wearing purple, wearing purple
Da da da da da
Start wearing purple, be a scout
Your sanity and wits will vanish, I promise
It's just a matter of time.

You get a neckie and a woggle
You get a scout shirt and a badge
And best of all one thing you can count on, I promise
30 million friends around the world

So Start wearing purple.....etc

When you get home from Blair Atholl
Tell all your friends you had good fun
And maybe some day they will join us, and promise
To be scout 30 million and one

So Start wearing purple.....etc

Dead Skunk (Louden Wainright III)
Chords G,C,D



Chorus
There's a dead skunk in the middle of the road
Dead skunk in the middle of the road
There's a dead skunk in the middle of the road
And it's stinking to high heaven
V1
Crossing the highway late last night
Well he should've looked left and he should've looked right
He didn't see the station wagon car
The skunk got squashed and there you are.
V2
Take a whiff on me that ain't no rose
Roll up your window and hold your nose
You don't have to look and you don't have to see
You can feel it in your olfactory
V3
Well you've got your dead cat and you got your dead dog
On a moonlight night you got your dead bullfrog



Quote of the day

"A ver near boak'd"
Forth Valley patrol,
Morrisoner and Bria Steven ,

People at Camp

Christopher Mooney- shopkeeper of the scout shop
Christopher feels great fun as he can meet a lot of people from different places and he thinks watching people fencing is funny. As the weather is really hot , he drinks plenty of water and keep himself in shade to make himself more comfortable and cool. We asked him if there's no costumer what will he do, he said , 'the weather is hot in the afternoon here. The fencing group usually get in here(the space outside the shop) to take the lesson. When there is no costumer, I will watch them and standby for any help like answering your questions for the Kastle Kurrents.'

Helper of the crafts

The helper of the craft course thinks that working there is happy but tired and hot. The ways she makes herself cool are to drink plenty of cold water, that's important, wear less clothing and find a place where is windy.

Vicky- first aid course helper

Vicky comes from Hong Kong and she works as a helper in the first aid course. She feels happy working there and she thinks watching the students practice is funny because they listen to music when practising the skills. She feels glad that she made friends with people from different places and this makes her cheerful.

KC Chan – kitchen helper

Chan sir, from Hong Kong, is the leader of the Hong Kong Contingent. He helps in the kitchen and feels tired working there but happy. He hides himself in the shade when he feels hot. He thinks this camp is really fun and he said, ' thank you god for giving us such a good weather!'

Mysteries of the Blair Atholl Castle

Have you ever wondered about the castle that is part of our everyday? It overshadows our camp and shines at night. Join a castle tour and you will learn all about the mysteries of Blair Atholl. Inside the castle is beautiful and furnished as it would have been over the years.

Find out what they used horse urine for while under siege. See all the weapons. And see the bed that Queen Victoria slept in.



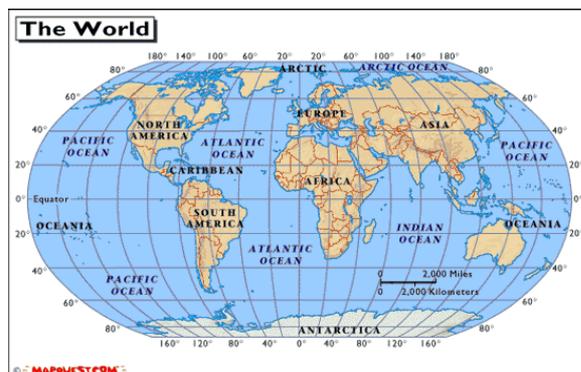
Games around Blair

We all know what goes on with the activities during the day, but there's a lot more fun and games taking place. Scouts are staying active with football, rugby and getting international with a bit of American football. Against the subcamp leaders' advice people are enjoying refreshing water fights. Many people we asked play card games at night until the leaders beckon them to bed. Speaking of bed, Uncle Neil and Uncle Mark from Macdonald play a game called Turbo, where they have to try and get into their sleeping bags as quickly and quietly as possible, unfortunately the scouts don't really find this game as much fun. Some more unusual games are being passed around such as ultimate frisbee which involves teams, if you want to know how to play, talk to Andrew from Connecticut in Stewart. The peg game is very twister-esque and people get all tangled up. For more information visit the girls from Western Isles in Stewart. Jamie Stewart from Glasgow in MacLean told us about a game called Taps, which is an American game. It's basically throw and catch but with a jumping twist where each time you throw or catch the ball you have to jump. We met some Russians in Murray who told us of "Like Chicken" where you sit in a circle and copy each other's actions. This isn't our type of game because there's no real winner! Another game from Murray was where one unknown lad brings his twin to the campsite and they play guess the twin.

Morrison have their own games including giant jenga, giant connect four and twister. But most people we asked said they don't play games, they just prefer to have a group of friends around them and chill out.

Leah K.A Pears and Andrew Sanderson from Stewart.

**What do you call a knight who is afraid to fight?
Sir Render**

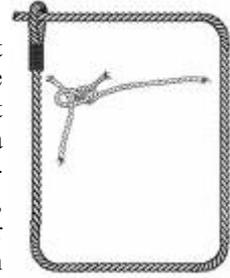


We are all here at Blair Atholl and have come from all over the world. We have compiled a list of approximate distances everyone has travelled to get here.

Campers from Austria have come 1600 miles, Canada west coast 4400 miles, Quebec, Canada 4300 miles, Denmark 600 miles, Germany 700 miles, Gibraltar 1400 miles, Hong Kong 5900 miles, Japan 5700 miles, New Zealand 11,400 miles, Australia 10,000 miles, Netherlands 460 miles, Norway 600 miles, Poland 1000 miles, Russia 3300 miles, Singapore 6800 miles, South Africa 6000 miles, Sweden 750 miles, New York, USA 3000 miles, Florida, USA 4200, Texas, USA 4500 miles, and New Jersey, USA 5200 miles. We know there are many more states in the USA that are represented here but this will give everyone a rough idea of how far you all came. One World – One Promise

What is that Pioneering structure?

There has been a lot of question as to what the pioneering structure that has been built at the back of the Kastle by Norrie and his team really is. To try to put an end to the debate once and for all, we interviewed a few people from around the campsite, and we got a lot of different answers. Cameron from Glasgow, in Robertson sub camp said "Isn't it a giant suicide mechanism... maybe?" whilst Kevin from Morrison sub camp said "I suppose it's a stairly thing with a platform". Quite a few people thought it was just a tower, including Ali from the staff, who also came up with the very original name of 'Blair Tower' when we asked him for a suggestion. One final person we asked, Matthew from Morrison was not popular with the rest of the pioneers when he suggested it was simply a giant campfire. So it seems that there is no conclusive answer yet, and we will have to wait until it is finished to find out what it really is, and what all these pioneers have been inadvertently building.



How are we all keeping cool?

As we are all undoubtedly aware, today has been the hottest day of Blair Atholl yet, reaching a scorching 31 ° C! For this reason, we decided to try and get some sound scientific advice on how to stay cool. One of the best answers we got was from a Russian scout (who withheld his name), who replied "I do not understand". Another suggestion was relaxing in a paddling pool; Blair Wallace from Angus on Morrison subcamp decided yesterday that he should build one in the middle of the sub camp, beside the flagpole. Unfortunately, the subcamp uncles and aunties who maliciously told him to "put the spade away" thwarted that fantastic plan, on the grounds of "Do you know how much water that would take?" Other people have resorted to drenching themselves in water, throwing water balloons and in more disturbing cases, streaking. However, most of Morrison sub camp tend to laze on lilos and inflatable beds due to their unfortunate lack of proper cooling facilities, which has resulted in one bed being burst by Joshua from Jacksonville, Florida leaning on it with a stave, and as a result getting the Morrison sub camp 'Dunce of the Day' award. So our advice to you; don't lean on inflatable beds with a stave.

Ronan Murphy & Henry Marsh (Morrison)

The Kross on the Hill

We've all seen the white stones laid out on the hill but why are they there? As most people know it's a cross but what not everyone will know is that it is a 'celtic' cross. We asked some of the people who were building the cross what they thought the cross was for... Jean Luc from Stewart subcamp said he thought the cross was to signify Jesus dying on the cross with the sun setting behind him, we also asked others why they thought the cross was actually there, Angus from Stewart subcamp said he reckoned it was there for us to relate to our celtic ancestors. Not a lot of people knew why there is a circle behind the cross so we went to ask Fergus in celtic connections. He didn't exactly know why there was a circle behind the cross but he did tell us to look it up on the internet and find out... soo this is what we came up with. There are many reasons out there why there is a circle so go look it up yourself if you really care



13 steps to build a campfire

1. Split dead limb into fragments and shave one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make a structure of slivers (including those embedded in the hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match.
8. Repeat "A Scout is cheerful" and light match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flames.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
13. After thunderstorm has passed, repeat the above steps.



Weather forecast for Tuesday

Blair Atholl

Min7°C - 16°C

Mostly cloudy

Remember to consult weather stones regularly for an up to date weather report!

International Weather

Amsterdam

17°C - 24°C

Showers

Berlin

18°C - 32°C

Fine

Stockholm

14°C - 25°C

Fair

Hong Kong

27°C - 32°C

Cloudy few showers

Tokyo

25°C - 31°C

Partly Cloudy

Quebec

17°C - 23°C

Rain

Washington D.C

19°C - 34°C

Partly cloudy

Cape Town

11°C - 17°C

Partly cloudy

Canberra

10°C - 14°C

Fine Sunny

New Zeland

12°C

Cloudy rain Brief sun

Gibraltar

21°C - 28°C

sunny

Weather Reporter

Donald Mitchell Robertson

International recipes.

Scottish Ideas on Porridge-

Honey

Maple syrup

Frozen Blueberries

Brown Sugar

Bananas

Sugar!

Raisins

Peanut Butter

Whisky



Canadian Smores

Chocolate biscuits x2

Marshmallows

Toast your marshmallow on a fire.

Squash between your biscuits with the chocolate on the inside.

Scotland + New Jersey = Recipe for Love.

Steven (Scotland) has found his true love and now his search has ended (see yesterdays paper). Kathleen (New Jersey) and him met on the ghost walk it was love at first sight and they have been inseparable ever since. Feeling romantic, Steven is spreading his wings and planning to fly across the ocean to be with his one true love. They have become so close that she is going to go his house for home hospitality to continue the romance and to meet the parents.

Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?

A: Ground Beef

Q: What is a cow's favourite rock band?

A: MOOtley Crue

Q: What is a cow's favourite school subject?

A: COWculus

Q: Why do cows wear bells?

A: Because their horns don't work.

Q: What do you get when you have a cow and a duck?

A: Milk and Quackers

Q: What do you call a cow that doesn't give milk?

A: a Milk Dud

THE SUBCAMP, MORISON!

Morison sub camp is an excellent sub camp to be on if you want to interact with people from different countries and this is all down to everyone especially, the aunties and uncles. They make the camp enjoyable and great fun by having giant jenga, twister, connect four and the amazing random activity board. The different ages ranges from 20months to 90years old!! (Uncle Stephen!!) Meredith who is 20 months is now famous with our whole sub camp. She has friends from Hong Kong and even got American badges from leaders because she is so cute.

Morison is the place to party! The rain this morning did not stop this as we had our rave in the rain, listening to 'here comes the sun' 'why does it always rain on me' and 'umbrella'

The camp chief, John Kennedy, visited Morison sub camp to inspect the winning patrol and he mentioned that Morison is very welcoming and with a general air of tidiness. The gateways are fantastic with the colourful flags.

We interviewed Angus Patrol from Morison and asked how they were getting on with their overseas patrol from Norway and they said "Totally BMA's." They have got on so well that they are taking them home for home hospitality. Their patrols are just like two pees in a pod and a pair of shoes!! Their idol of the camp has to be Howard with his one finger one thumb song! They can now say their life is complete after meeting him.

We love 11pm

Joanne Rafferty and Rachel O'Neill
Morison (the best)

Q: Why is the little ant always confused?
A: Because all his uncles are ants.

Q: Who sleeps with their shoes on?
A: Horses

Q: Why is a river rich?
A: It has two banks.

Q: What kind of room has no door or windows?
A: a mushroom.

Q: What is faster - heat or cold?
A: Heat - you can catch cold.

Q: How do you find a lost rabbit?
A: Make a noise like a carrot

International Interviews

Tommy Rybak, a leader from Berlin, Germany. This is Tommy's first Blair experience and he loves it. He thinks the camps are wonderful and would definitely come back to Blair again. Unlike Mr. Rybak, for Collin O'Neill the Blair Atholl experience is nothing new. He has been attending Blair for sixteen years! This is almost rivalled by his fellow Scotsmen Keith Paterson who has been attending Blair for thirteen years now. Both men just absolutely love the camp and its atmosphere.

For those who are helping organize the home hospitality Blair Atholl is nothing new. Like David "Trooper Dave" Vincent, a man from Weirsdale, Florida, U.S.A., this is his second Blair and has come back for the benefit of the children as well as the overseas experience. Also those helping with home hospitality are Chris Pinnell and Iain Fyfe who both have been to Blair numerous of times. They keep coming back for the benefits of the scouts and the team work atmosphere.

Other leaders we met around camp was Ray Lockhart who is from Vancouver Island, Canada. It is his fifth Blair and keeps coming back for the International Flavor and the friendships. From Maclean we met up with Chris Hall from Utah, USA and its his second Blair and he quotes the experience as "Bomb Diggitty." Also Mike Uchimiya from Japan is experiencing his 9th Blair and declares it very exciting to let the scouts have this experience. Last but not least we met up with Daniel de Kooter from Holland stating that this is his first Blair and is a very good one. Also all the staff is great and will love to come back.

Daniel Mangum-Robertson Trentan McCall-Murray

Countries at Blair Atholl

S A X V S K W Y S O P K D R J
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Find the name of all the countries:

AUSTRALIA	AUSTRIA
CANADA	DENMARK
GIBRALAR	HONGKONG
NETHERLANDS	NEWZEALAND
POLAND	RUSSIA
SOUTHAFRICA	SWEDEN
	SINGAPORE
	UNITEDSTATES

Dear Aunti Freeze,



It's Wee Phillip again. Sorry to bother you but I took your advice yesterday and thought I'd won the heart of Kate Dalrymple and would live happily ever after. However I've found she is two timing me —not only with one other man but several — Doc, Dopey, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Happy, Bashful, and Sleepy. All are slightly bigger than me. Any final suggestions, time is running out and I am desperate to spend the rest of my life with Kate, my dream hillwalking partner.

Oh Phillip, Phillip. You are really a sorry case. I have thought and thought of how you can win her heart against all this competition. The only thing I can suggest is that perhaps your name does not show your true character. Ladies like men with dashing names, daring names, names that show their true nature. Perhaps if you changed your name to Phillip the Desirable, Phillip the Handsome, Phillip the Lover that might get her interested in you. If that fails, I suggest you apply for admission to the nearest monastery. By the way, can you send me the mobile numbers of those 7 other guys.