

Kastle Kurrents



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It is time to say good bye, but haste ye back dear friends.

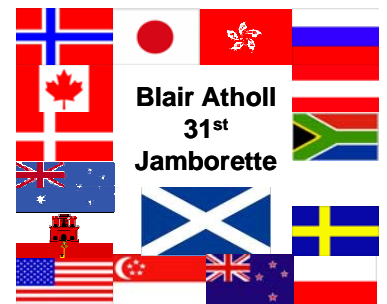
ATHOLL ANTICS



Atholantics – the Antics to end all Antics

The Thursday morning stillness of Atholl Estates was shattered by the sounds of blaring music, screeching buzzers, yells, cheers, groans, and all manner of sounds of competition between subcamps. Mortal combat was done in the arenas of tug-of-war, wellie toss, slide the hill, rope walk, hammer the nail, human pyramid, obstacle course, and all manner of gruelling contests. It was subcamp against subcamp. The pride of the Uncles and Aunties was at stake. This was not the field for the faint hearted. Contest after contest was fought through the morning. Combatants fell by the wayside, victors cheered wildly. The air was full of the sense of competition, and the smell of sweat. It was a sight to behold.

At the end the scores were tallied and the victors announced. 6th place went to McLean, 5th to Robertson, 4th to Murray, 3rd to Stewart, 2nd to MacDonald, and claiming the top of the hill was Morrison.



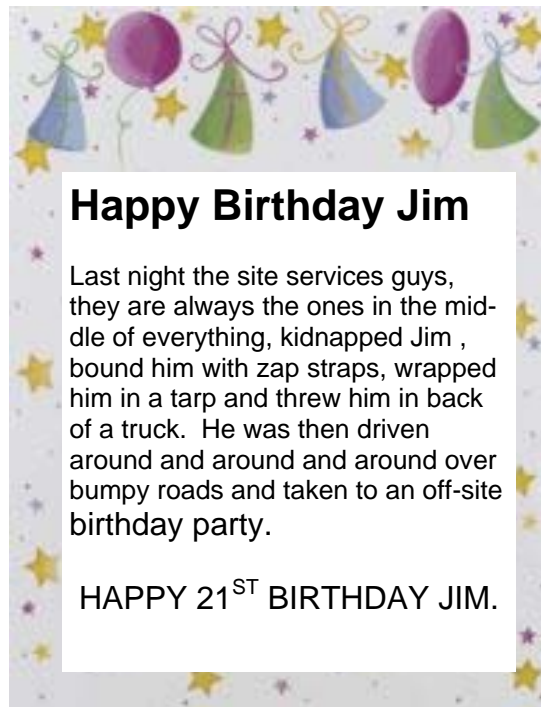


My First Burns Supper

The Burn's supper last night was very moving and special. Everyone was dressed in their finest and the dining hall looked magical with all the candles and white table clothes. And then in true Scottish tradition the top table was piped in. After grace came the incredible Scotch broth soup. I grew up on canned Scotch broth soup and this was wwwwayyyy better. Then more piping as the chef ceremoniously brought in the haggis. The haggis was addressed in Scots, which to my ears sounded truly magical. Ken Campbell did a great job. The haggis has been maligned so much that I was expecting it to taste terrible and was very pleasantly surprised to find it was delicious, so much so that I had a second helping. Moose, moose, moose. Acid Burns was the best poetry reading I have ever heard and again the magical Scots language was used. Thanks Jim. Steward's history of Burns was enlightening and made him into a real person. Last night was my first Burns Supper and as a Canadian of Scottish ancestry it was very special and I thank all those that worked so hard to make it special for all the International visitors. Heather Classen



This is the finished Celtic Cross which was made by painting stones and carrying them up the hill and placing them into position during the Celtic Connections activity.



PENNANTS AWARD

Fife and Japan are the patrol winner of the Camp Chief's Pennant. They were selected by the Camp Chief and Stuart Imrie.



Traditional Scottish Foods

At last night's Burn's Supper you may have tasted some of these traditional foods but here is some more. See how many of them you can taste before you leave Scotland. This article does not cover haggis as it is in other articles.

Scotch Pies are a round crusty pastry pie, approximately 4 inches in size. Made without using a pie tin, these self-contained pies are filled with minced meat. The tradition is that this meat is mutton, although in modern times beef is almost always used. A variation of the theme may contain onion in addition to the beef. Differentiating between the ordinary pie and the onion variety was traditionally made easier by the number of holes in the top; one for plain, two for onion.

Porridge is a simple dish, made of boiled oatmeal. It needs to be boiled slowly and stirred continuously with the traditional *spirtle* - a wooden stick which is about 30cm (or 12") long - to avoid the formation of lumps! Porridge should be thick and not thin like gruel. It is good for filling a person up and is often eaten for breakfast with milk..

Traditionally crofters in the Highlands of Scotland would make a large pot of porridge at the beginning of the week. Once allowed to cool, it would be cut into slices, and the crofter would place a slice in his pocket each day for lunch.

Stovies are a potato-based dish, designed to use up left over meat and vegetables. Several onions should be cut into small pieces and fried in a good amount of beef dripping (fat from the cooked meat) in a large pot. Scraps of meat and left-over vegetables (usually carrots and peas) are then added to the frying onions.

Six to eight good sized potatoes are peeled and cut into 3cm (1.5") pieces. Approximately 2.5cm (1") of water is added to the pan containing the fried onion mixture and the potato pieces are added to this, seasoned with salt and then left to simmer until the potatoes are soft. More water is added only if the pan is likely to become dry.

The resulting stovies should have the consistency of mashed potatoes, but the potato pieces should still be detectable.

Cullen Skink a famous Scottish fish soup made with smoked haddock.

Scotch Broth Soup was originally made using mutton, and whatever winter vegetables are in the pantry.

Chappit potatoes and bashed neeps are mashed potatoes and turnips

Cloutie Dumplings (rhymes with booty) a cloutie dumpling is a rich dark fruitcake served as a dessert, like a Christmas pudding. It is boiled or steamed in a clout (or cloth). Until the recent past, cloutie dumplings were made as a birthday treat for children and, like Christmas Puddings, were often made containing sixpences.

A Scotch egg consists of a cold hard-boiled egg removed from its eggshell, wrapped in a sausage meat mixture, coated in breadcrumbs, and deep-fried.

The **scone** is a small quickbread made of wheat, barley or oatmeal and uses baking powder as a leavening agent. Most people sweeten them and serve them with jam.

Scotch pancakes are drop scones that are fried.

Tattie scones, tottie scones or potato scones scone mixed with mashed potatoes and then fried..

Oatcakes are widely considered to be the national bread of Scotland, and have held that position for many centuries. They are made almost entirely of oats, the only cereal to flourish in northern Scotland. Oats formed the Highlanders' staple diet of porridge and oatcakes.

Scottish soldiers in the 14th Century carried a metal plate and a sack of oatmeal. According to contemporary accounts, one would heat the plate over fire, moisten a bit of oatmeal and make a cake to "*comfort his stomach. Hence it is no marvel that the Scots should be able to make longer marches than other men.*"

Black bun is similar to fruitcake, but instead of having a batter into which fruits are mixed, it consists of a pastry crust surrounding a heavily spiced, and sometimes brandied, raisin or currant filling. The typical black bun is made in large loaf pans, and may be made several days in advance of eating it so that the currant and raisin mix mature. Usually the black bun is served in slices.

This dessert is famed in Scotland where it was once most often served on Twelfth Night, but it is now more associated with the celebration Hogmanay, the Scottish New Year's Eve. It forms a traditional dessert uniquely connected to Scotland, and recipes for it exist well into the past.

Shortbread is a type of biscuit or cookie which is traditionally made from one part white sugar, two parts butter, and three parts oatmeal (although white flour is common today, and other ingredients like ground rice or cornflour are sometimes added to alter the texture). Shortbread is so named because of its crumbly texture (from an old meaning of the word short). The cause of this texture is its high fat content, provided by the butter. The related word "shortening" refers to any fat that may be added to produce a short (crumbly) texture

Tablet is like toffee, but not chewy, it's like fudge, but more grainy. It's basically a wee bit of heaven





Water sports

The Ultimate Water Experience

A short journey away from the campsite the daring bunch of Blair Atholl scouts went face to face with the merciless cold water of Loch Tummel to attempt to not only master the seas in new boats/kayaks but to survive the leaders constant attempts to soak them.

When you first arrived to the loch side the cold fresh air hits you and you marvel at the vast amounts of kayaks, sailing boats and powerboats all waiting for you to go into the water with them. After a quick safety instruction and squeezing into a buoyancy aid you are then left to sort out what you want to try first.

Once into your separate groups leaders take you onto separate routes to let you learn the basics and get a feel for the vessel you are in (usually by falling into the water). There were 2 powerboats, 3 sailing boats and there were around 18 kayaks. There would've been canoes but someone mixed them up with kayaks and forgot to rent them.

Still in the water the kayakers were taken around the island further down the loch to dock there to swap around but also to play a few games such as kayak running. Very simple to play all that is needed is a bunch of kayaks all together and someone brave (or stupid) enough to run along the front of all the other kayaks then back into yours without falling in or capsizing any other people. Many tried but only a few succeeded.

Power boaters spent most of their time rescuing capsized kayaks and generally just riding about soaking and taunting the sailors, as there wasn't enough wind for them to sail properly. The sailing boats when not having enough wind to let other people steer and have a good shot resorted to boarding and soaking each other in usual pandemonium.

The whole activity was described as: 'Very cold but also very good,' by Ryan from MacLean. Others described it as : 'Wet and wild fun,' 'great watery madness,' and 'lots of fun.'



Explorer Scout Trek By Kaitlyn Hallworth

If you enjoy adventure and you're 16 and over, this is defiantly the program for you. Although you can't go now, you may be old enough to go at Blair Atholl 2010. I chose to go on the trek because I wanted an adventure, however I got much more then that. Considering we were all older youth, we bonded pretty well. The food, cart climbing, hovercraft driving, team building, and swimming were all highlights, however my favourite part was just to sit around a campfire with friends from around the world. In the end, I really enjoyed the trek and I totally recommend it.

WANTED

Two missing Japanese woggles (metal). They were lost at team sports area. Reward on return to Laura of R&I in Morrisons



Funny People

What do cannibals do at weddings? They toast the bride and groom.

Why did then man buy a budgie? Because they we going "cheep".

Two pies in an oven one goes its hot in here and the other pie says oh my goodness a talking pie.

What are you doing after camp?

Uncle Dougie from Morrison sub camp is going home to his friends' house for one night then writing a best man's speech and going to his friends' wedding all before he goes home to see his girlfriend!



Fergie is going home to wash his little baby (his car!) and have a proper shower then ... well; we'll leave that to your imagination!!

As Blair Atholl comes to an end you will be thinking about future camps where you will be able to meet up with new friends made.

Caledonian (Cally) Rally takes place 17 – 19 the October at Inverness. There are 360 places for scouts and guides aged 13 – 17 years old. Places fill up fast (last two years the camp has been full 4 weeks before the event)

Activities Include –

- Kayaks, Power Boats, Sailing, Bell Boats Cruising on Loch Ness
- Quads and 4x4 off road driving
- Climbing wall
- Clay pigeon shooting
- Landmark Adventure(high ropes, skydive, water slide and more)
- Mountain bikes
- Archery
- And much more including Saturday night disco!!

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glass of single to warm his lonely soul before bed. (Companion must be willing to risk life and limb in Clackmannanshire for this strapping lad).

Creag Henderson of Individual sports-Seeks love from a female of ages 18-74. He enjoys tight clothes, fluorescent colours and loves being active.

Anthony Wilson of Murray is still seeking loads and loads of girls. If you haven't already seen his desperate pleas for love, he has curly hair, large pectoral muscles and can be found on Murray subcamp. Win over his heart with a packet of crisps.

Have I Got A Team For You!

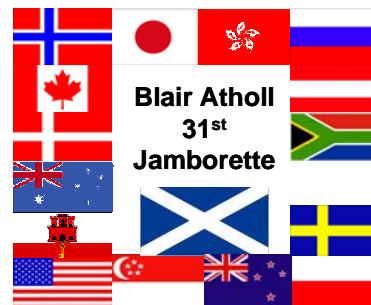
Have I Got a Team for You is one of the best activities that there is at Blair Atholl 2008. It takes place around the Kastle. It involves fun team building activities such as a game that involves two teams that bounce water bombs at each other using two nets. The most popular activity is the Sumo match. Two people put on large sumo suits and duke it out in a no holds barred death match. The final activity is human foosball. This is when you are duct-taped to pvc pipes and play the worlds largest scale foosball game. Its all good fun!

We interviewed many people to get there opinion on the Have I Got a Team for You. Jim McCloskey (The Monk from Living History) said "It looks like fun" and "it is the second best activity next to living history". He said that he would like to try "Sumo" but because of a recent hip injury he can't. Kevin Masterton from Alabama said "He loved Sumo but got crushed in his first match". Brody Behm from Murray said that "He was the king of Human foosball". He then showed us where he got his lip cut by getting hit in the face with the ball. Jim Oster who runs Team Sports said that "I like human foosball almost as much as I like regular football now". It looks like Have I Got a Team for You is a smash hit!

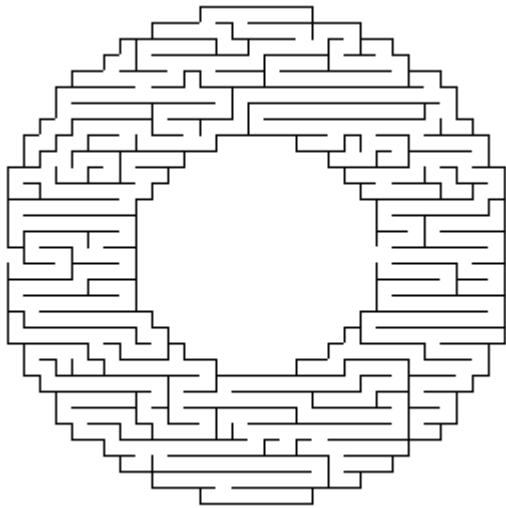
By Joe (The Juggernaut) Pitts and Alec (The Terminator) McCloskey

Lonely Hearts.

Andrew Greenhill from MacDonald sub-camp. Young Clack lad looking for either male or female companionship. Seeks someone who can wait out the dangerous nights in Clackmannanshire. 'Greenhill' as his so called friends call him enjoys a large



Ooh I'm Puzzled!!!!



The Last Fun Facts

1. Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
2. Sherlock Holmes never said "Elementary, my dear Watson".
3. In "Casablanca", Humphrey Bogart never said "Play it again, Sam".
4. A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time: 1/100th of a second.
5. Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
6. First novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer
7. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original film "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
8. Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

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The Kastle Kurrents Team

A Wee Note Of Thanks From Me

This year Blair Atholl has held a lot of new things. For myself it has meant new activates, the new Kastle, the new Kastle Kurrents, being its new editor and running a team for the first time. I have found this a daunting task with the last few years of the Kross Kurrents being of such a high standard. I hope the Kastle Kurrents Team and all the Kadet reporters have managed to capture some of the memorable

goings on of the camp. I have had the great fortune to have worked with Heather Classen who has been a true trouper working long into the evening to make sure the Kastle Kurrents got out to all the sub-camps and she has contributed many of the witty and informative articles. Ray Himmelblau has been photographer extraordinaire, attending all the events and activities to bring you many of the pictures used in the paper. Ray Ciupek has brought his experience and witty out look to many of the articles you have enjoyed reading and took on the role of International Editor for the day on Tuesday. Last but not least Andrew Jack has been the legs of the operation, being sent off on earns for the paper which always seem to be at the other end of the site. He has also been our weather expert and fact finder. A big thank you to all the IT team who tried to fix the many technical problems we faced and to site services for all their electrifying help.

Sharon Fleming: Kastle Kurrents Editor

Colin hard at work!



Wednesday's Solution

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Dear Auntie Freeze,

I am starting to feel really sad, it's almost time to go home and I am going to miss all the fun, the people I've met and everyday life of being here. What can I do feel better?

Well Sharon you are a member of staff so you will be back in just 2 years time but why not sit down when get home with a wee caramel log and go onto www.jamborette.org.uk web site and

look over all the lovely photos and you can even reread your Kastle Kurrents and correct some that terrible spelling lady.