

Kastle Kurrents



Wednesday 21st July 2010



Impressions of the Opening Ceremony...

We asked scouts from all sorts of contingents what they thought of the opening ceremony last night, this is what they said:

“It was really nice and there were lots of people. It was a good atmosphere and was a real piece of Scotland with all the bagpipes and everything.” *Sofie, Camilla, Anja, Leane – Norway*

“It was really cool! We loved the raising of the flags and the pipeband was amazing.” *Jordan, Dave – New York, USA*

“It was good, we liked the bagpipes” – *Elsa, Kristin, Frida – Sweden*

“We enjoyed it we just couldn’t see it! Really nice music though.” – *Samantha, Christie, Sidnee – Canada*

“It was an unforgettable experience! We loved being a part of tradition and the pipeband were amazing, especially for being so small!” – *Cagil, Tina – England*
By Cat, McDonald

Whats All That Noise..... It's The Subcamp Campfires

MacDonald Subcamp

Macdonald sub-camp is usually a very active sub-camp it's always on the move either fixing tarp with duck tape or playing large games of Snap with patrols or even Chugging the old Irn-Bru they're always doing something. Last night was the official opening ceremony of Blair Atholl 2010 and was very successful! Well maybe not so much the weather but it held well for its duration. Auntie Jackie carried the flame from the 31st Blair Atholl to the chant of " AUNTIE JACKIE DU DU DU DU" Back at the sub-camp the Campfire was lit and the songs and chants began but after about 4 songs the heavens opened (the perfect moment for singin' in the rain) and had to retreat into their two Orange storage tents! But, as always, kept lively with their campfire songs. Here are a few quotes from MacDonald sub-Campers:-

Jeni Southcott thought "Very lively but glad with use of Storage tents!"

Oliver Gough thought "Great Fun! But not too good on the throat though", and Naimh thought "High energy levels good fun but a little cramped in the tents!"

All in all a very good opening campfire to Blair this Year but not so keen on the weather outcome!

By Matthew McAnaw, MacDonald



MacLean Subcamp

Despite the rain starting up, McLean seemed to have pretty good Opening Campfire. According to some of the residents the songs were good and everyone was high-spirited, at least until the rain started.

Over-sea guests said that "there was lots of enthusiasm and the leaders were really crazy" so I think they were rather impressed. They also commented on how easy the songs were to join in with, which is always good.

So all in all, a good welcome to the visitors of MacLean and a nice way to come together as a community.

By Jeni Southcott and Niamh Upton



Morrison Subcamp

Morrison is probably the most loudest, raving sub-camp in the whole of Blair Athol. They're camp fire included strong emotions and "kept it real". The singing was loud and enthusiastic and definitely wasn't "whack" they had a great time but must have had quite a few very croaky voices today! But like everyone, the weather was terrible but still they never gave up!

By Matthew McAnaw, MacDonald

Stewart Subcamp

Last night at the Stewart Subcamp there was a big campfire which involved singing many songs mainly led by Scottish leaders and Scouts. The festivities began as the whole subcamp left the stunning opening ceremony and went through their vast subcamp gates. One person we interviewed described it as an "excellent, friendly subcamp". We were also told that they have built a stage in their sub-camp and decorated their 'mess tent' to look like a castle.

John (Jonesy) Jones
Matt Simon (MacDonald)



Murray Subcamp

Hello Murray! We asked you what you thought of your subcamp campfire on the opening night of the camp. This is what some people said; "It was short but sweeeet!" "It was wet and cold sometimes but we still all enjoyed ourselves" "We found some of the songs a bit difficult (English is not our first language) but we had fun" "It was great but Uncle Robert's boring!!! Ha-ha we're only joking you're amazing!"



Robertson Subcamp

Having taken shelter in their sub-camp marquee, we were fortunate enough to catch up with a Russian patrol who had decided the Scottish weather was a bit extreme for activities. We took the opportunity to ask them about their experience so far. Boris (the one English speaker) said "The camp is very good in not rain so yesterday was excellent but today...'shakes head, gazing into the rain'. However they were looking forward to activities such as mountain biking and water sports



WELCOME TO SCOTLAND

We have breaking news the Scouts from Nimibia have arrived safely. Welcome to Scotland and we all hope the weather picks up and you have a true Blair Atholl experience.



PENNANT WINNERS

Subcamp	Winning Patrol	Camp Chief's Pennant
MURRAY	Buchan & Russia	
MACLEAN	Ross and Sutherland & Demark	
MACDONALD	Clyde 1 & Iceland	
MORRISON	Buchan & USA	
STEWART	Arbroath and Montrose & Iceland	X
ROBERTSON	Strirling and Trossachs & Namibia	

Pennant Judges: Camp Chief & Depute Camp Chief



Auntie Freeze

“CAN YOU MAKE THE RAIN STOP????!!!” – from everyone.

Dear Everyone,
 Just in case you have not noticed we are in Bonny Scotland and every now and then we might get a sunny spell so embrace the drizzle and the damp socks it all part of camp life my dears and you know what puddles are fun to play in.
 Love Auntie Freeze

Atholl Experience
 Pirates V Vikings V Ninjas
Pirates won A.M
Vikings won P.M



Axe Safety

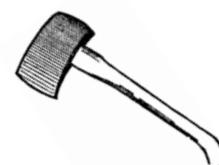
It has only been a short time since we arrived at the Blair Atholl Jamborette and the infirmary already reports an axe related accident. Here are some reminders:

- Chopping and cutting should only be done in a properly roped off area.
- The chopping area should be at least larger than the full extension of the arm and axe in any direction.
- Only one person at a time is allowed while chopping or cutting.
- Do you *really* need that axe? Most woodcutting at the Jamborette is better done with a saw.
- Make sure your axe is sharp. A blunt axe will bounce off the wood. This contributed to our accident.
- A maul is better than an axe for wood splitting.
- Proper foot attire is a must. Only a sturdy boot or shoe should be worn. A boot is definitely better than a shoe for ankle protection. Sandals and flip-flops are definitely not acceptable.
- Be careful of flying wood chips. Wear safety glasses if available

Remember:

SAFETY FIRST!

You arrived at Blair Atholl with ten fingers and ten toes. We want to make sure you go home with them.



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A lot of this



makes a lot of this



which means we need a load of this!



Lets Get Active

There are loads of activities for us to try and we look at a couple of them,

Dook In And See:

Our friends Lisa (of Clyde, Glasgow) and Bjorn(of Iceland) were doing 'getting to know you' challenges. They involved asking people questions about themselves. By doing this we found out that Bjorn owns FOUR horses and that Lisa HATES getting up in the morning. What they were mainly pleased about was the fact that they were inside and dry (Unlike us who are sitting soaked through our skin).

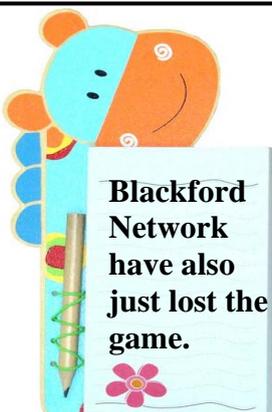
Individual Sports:

We asked Fraser Stuart (Of Midlothian, Scotland) what he was doing in this activity: "I'm doing Sumo wrestling and I just beat Euan Waugh 3-0"! He also said " we were one of the last to choose activities but this is actually pretty good".

John (Jonesy) Jones
Matt Simon (MacDonald)



Could someone out there please help me. I have lost my lovely Phil. For anyone who was here last time we met, fell in love and got married at camp. My friends at the Staff Club pond told me it was all a big mistake and only a camp crush. I cannot find him anywhere. He was last seen with the Hill Walking Team but he is not with them this year. Please help me find mu one true love.



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Evening Activities
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DAY-GLO DISCO



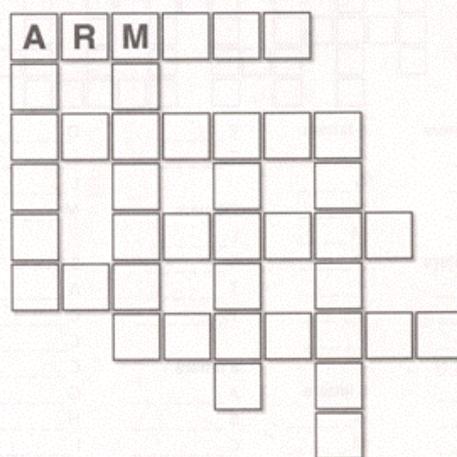
It's the start of Evening Activities for Blair Atholl 2010 so slip on your raving clothes, lace up your dancing boots, grab your glo-sticks and head on down to the Kastle for the Day-Glo Disco where Target Park's finest mixmaster DJs will be pumping out bangin' beats, bouncin' choons and assorted funky grooves so that you can bust a move, throw shapes and put a donk on it with all your new friends. 's gonna be a large one, BRRRAPPP!

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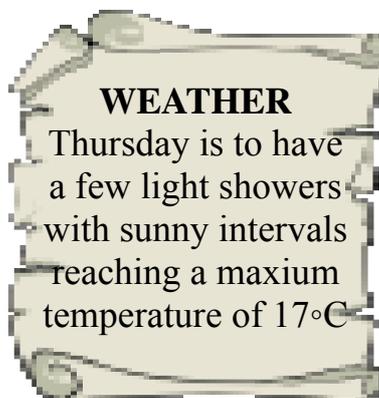
SIXES AND SEVENS

All the words below except one can be paired up to form new words of six or seven letters. Then fit the new words and the leftover one into the grid.

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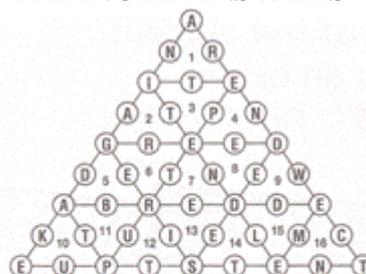
- A woodpecker can peck twenty times a second.
- Dragonflies are one of the fastest insects, flying 50 to 60 mph.
- The largest cockroach on record is one measured at 3.81 inches in length.
- It is estimated that a single toad may catch and eat as many as 10,000 insects in the course of a summer.
- Moles are able to tunnel through 300 feet of earth in a day.
- Howler monkeys are the noisiest land animals. Their calls can be heard over 2 miles away.
- The fastest bird is the Spine-tailed swift, reaching speeds of up to 220 miles per hour.
- The copperhead snake smells like fresh cut cucumbers.
- The blood of mammals is red, the blood of insects is yellow, and the blood of lobsters is blue.
- The underside of a horse's hoof is called a frog.



THE KASTLE KARNIVAL

Thursday 8pm

TRIANGLE ANSWERS



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| 1 Retina | 2 Gaiter | 3 Petite |
| 4 Deepen | 5 Badger | 6 Regret |
| 7 Tender | 8 Needed | 9 Wedded |
| 10 Uptake | 11 Abrupt | 12 Purist |
| 13 Desire | 14 Eldest | 15 Meddle |
| 16 Cement | | |

No.2 ANSWERS

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