



13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

To: Blair Atholl Coordinators

cc: Regional Commissioner (for information)  
District Commissioners (for information)

Dear Colleague,

**33<sup>rd</sup> SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL PATROL JAMBORETTE  
BLAIR ATHOLL 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012**

Thank you for agreeing to take on the role of Blair Atholl Coordinator. Preparations are now well under way for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Jamborette, which will take place at Blair Atholl in July 2012, and your appointment is a crucial part of those preparations. As Coordinator you have a major role to play in relation to promoting the Camp, selecting and training the participants from District or Region and assisting in relation to Home Hospitality. Welcome aboard the organising team!

**Promoting the Camp**

At present we are relying almost entirely on the website for promotion of the camp [www.jamborette.org.uk](http://www.jamborette.org.uk). This is currently being upgraded and will soon be re-launched with a lot of new and updated information. The front page of this can be printed and copied if you wish to have something to hand to Scouts/Explorers, but otherwise they should be directed to the site. If you wish assistance promoting the Camp within your District or Region from someone who has direct experience of it then please let me know.

**Scout Selection**

Scouts/Explorer Scouts who wish to participate in the camp must be over 13 years of age on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and under 18 years of age on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Sea and Air Scouts are equally eligible. The camp is, therefore, for older members in the Scout Section and members in the Explorer Section.

It does not matter if there is more than one Scout who is an active Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader among those selected. However, a PL and APL should be designated for the duration of the Jamborette.

**SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL PATROL JAMBORETTE, BLAIR ATHOLL 2012**

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As I am sure you will appreciate, the Scouts/Explorer Scouts who are selected represent your District /Region and Scotland, and as such should be of good character and demonstrate the highest standards in conduct, smartness, camping and Scouting skills. Uniform must be impeccable and a kilt is essential.

Once selected, the Scouts/Explorer Scouts should have opportunities to meet and camp together to allow them to prepare for the Jamborette.

I would encourage you to involve other Leaders – those who have attended Blair Atholl in the past and those who have applied for the 2012 Camp – in the selection of the Scouts/Explorer Scouts and in the training of them. If you require any further assistance please let me know.

### **Staff Selection**

Whilst you are not expected to be involved in the selection of staff I think it is worth explaining the process to you, especially as this is quite different from previous years. All potential staff complete and return a staff application form (available from the Jamborette website), this is now done electronically.

All applications received are checked to ensure an up-to-date PVG/Disclosure certificate gained through Scouting exists and the Scouting role given on the form is correct. If this is all in order then the form is electronically forwarded to the applicant's Scouting Line Manager for approval.

For Network Members, Group and District Scouters this will be is their District Commissioner; for Regional Appointments, their Regional Commissioner; and for Active Support Unit Members their Active Support Unit Manager.

Once approval from their line manager is granted their form is forwarded to the 'Core Team' who then proceed with allocating roles at the camp.

### **Equipment**

Each Patrol attending must provide two sets of Patrol Equipment – one for themselves and one for an Overseas Patrol. A full list will be issued at a later date, but will include two Patrol tents, a store tent and cooking utensils. It is part of your role to ensure that all equipment is of a high standard and that it is fully insured for the period of the Camp, including transit.

### **Home Hospitality**

Your District/Region will be expected to host one Overseas Scout for every one of your Scouts attending the Camp for a period (a maximum of 5 nights) of Home Hospitality following the

Jamborette. Pairings will not be made until during the Camp, but if any Scout is unable to offer Hospitality arrangements should be made to find an alternative host.

### **PVG Scheme Membership**

The Scout Association requires that all parents & guardians offering Home Hospitality have either an existing Disclosure Scotland *secured through Scouting*, become PVG Scheme members or update an existing PVG Scheme membership. Other adults who live at the property i.e. brothers and sisters - albeit over 18 years of age - are **NOT** in scope of the current legislation and cannot be asked to become PVG Scheme members. Therefore coordinators should establish if a PVG Scheme membership or update is required and by how many adults and take appropriate action sooner rather than later to arrange it.

The Scottish Government are due to announce in the New Year how we are to deal with retrospective checks and this may impact adults who have an existing Disclosure Scotland. There may be a need for some last minutes checks and Scottish Headquarters will provide guidance on this matter as soon as possible after this announcement.

### **Transport**

Your District/Region is responsible for arranging transport for your Scouts and Equipment to Blair Atholl for the start of the Camp (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012) and for the transportation back home of your Scouts, their Overseas Guests and the Equipment at the end of the Camp (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012).

### **Cost**

The cost to Scottish Scouts will be £200 per head, to include all food, camp services, activities, etc. A deposit of £50 per head is due by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 with the balance by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012. This should be paid direct to SHQ and can be by cheque made out to The Scout Association or by Credit Card/Debit Card. An additional charge of 2.04% applies to Credit Cards transactions.

### **Visitors' Day**

The Jamborette will be open to visitors during the afternoon and evening of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Parents, Scouts, Scouters and anyone else in your District/Region who may be interested, are warmly invited.

### **Communication**

I will keep in regular contact with all Coordinators, and would encourage you to contact me if there are any matters you wish to discuss, or if you wish assistance with anything. My telephone numbers

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are: Home 01555 664 399, Mobile 07801 565490 or you can contact me by email:  
andrew.sharkey1@btopenworld.com

I look forward to working with you in the preparations for Blair Atholl 2012.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharkey". The letters are cursive and fluid.

**Andrew Sharkey**  
Camp Chief