

Kastle Kurrents



Wednesday 18th July 2012



Blair Atholl Opening Ceremony

The 33rd International Scout Patrol Jamborette kicked off last night in an amazing opening ceremony. The members of the different Subcamps marched into their set areas around the cauldron which held the flame of the Blair Atholl Jamborette. Then all of the sub-camps did their special cheers in an attempt to outdo each other. It seems that Robertson cheer was the best and had the most thought put into it as it went on for about five minutes! Then Camp Chief Sharky made his appearance at the ceremony. He addressed the members of the Jamborette and welcomed them all. Next the Blair Atholl pipe band signaled for the flags of the participating countries to be brought in. The participating countries were: Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, Finland, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Northern Ireland, Norway, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, USA, Wales and of course, the hosts Scotland. The World Scout Flag was also carried which got the biggest cheer of the lot. Then Sharky introduced the sub-camp chiefs - MacDonald- Uncle George, Robertson- Uncle Colin, McLean- Auntie Amy, Murray- Uncle Robert, Stewart- Uncle Robbie, Morrison- Uncle Steven. Then the band made its final performance of the night and marched away from the ceremony and through the gateway. The Sub-camp chiefs then lit torches from the cauldron that they brought back to their own sub-camps and lit their own camp fire.

By: James, Jack and Sam-From MacDonald



How Did You Travel To Camp?



Hi, we're Shannon O'Hanlon and Hannah Johnstone from Clyde. We came to Blair Atholl on a bus. The journey lasted about an hour and a half. This morning, we have been interviewing other Blair participants to see how they travelled to the site...

Firstly, we met two girls from Norway called Anya and Nora who travelled for one hour on a plane, followed by one hour on a bus. After sleeping overnight in a scout hall, they had a two hour bus journey to get to the site. Enjoy the rest of the camp!



In the crafts tent, we bumped into our friend, Mairi Gillespie, from Clyde who travelled one and a half hours on the bus.



Struan Cattanach-Rodger is from Arbroath and came to Blair on a bus (minus one of our Scouts who slept in) which lasted an hour and a half.



All the way from Canada, we met Seyan and Abiram who had a ten hour journey! They travelled here on two planes and a bus.

We met Emelie and Malin who have come to Blair Atholl all the way from Sweden! Firstly, the girls travelled on a bus for 5 hours to the airport, then, they travelled on a plane for two hours to get to the UK. This was followed by a two hour bus journey to the camp yesterday.



Eliza and Ellie are from Edinburgh and Aberdeen and they travelled by bus.

Ethan and Luke have travelled all the way from Gibraltar. Their journey lasted six and a half hours consisting of flying to London, then to Edinburgh, followed by a bus journey to the site. Happy camping!



Did you know:

- there is no such thing as a naturally blue food
- M&M's chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars and Murrie
- that you burn more calories eating celery than it contains (the more you eat the thinner you become)
- the only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- the longest street in the world is Yonge street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km (1,178 miles)
- about 90% of the world's population kisses
- the Internet was originally called ARPA-Net (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network) designed by the US department of defense
- sound travels almost 5 times faster underwater than in air
- toilets use 35% of indoor water use
- the fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco
- Koalas sleep around 18 hours a day
- the average speed of a skydiver is 200kph (124mph)
- the first Burger King was opened in Florida Miami in 1954
- all insects have 6 legs
- that 90% of an iceberg sits under water



Subcamp First Campfires

According to members of Murray Subcamp, the South African scouts led a song called 'Zulu Warrior' and their campfire was very noisy and full of songs. Unnamed sources, the Scouts of Murray were made to stand up and sit down a lot for songs. In the Stewart Subcamp, a cub led a campfire song which was appreciated by all of the members of the sub-camp. There was also the Canadian 'Labadoo' song which was very popular among the camp. In the Robertson Subcamp, Stewart was horribly beaten in a shouting match of 'aint no flies on us' according to Robertson! Everybody was joining in and enjoying themselves and nobody was left out of the fun. There was plenty of dressing up in McLean as there were loads of people wearing morph suits and someone even dressed up as a meerkat and a Santa invaded their camp. In Morrison, Camp Chief Sharky made a special appearance and led a song. Loads of scouts contributed and there was a group of Americans taking part in a skit. Finally, in the best sub-camp, also known as MacDonald, it was amazing and everyone was getting in to it and they did a nursery rhyme rap competition and loads of other amazingly fun songs like rattling bog and ginggangooly and other favorites. Well that was the opening ceremony and it was really fun and we all hope that the rest of the camp is just as outstanding or even better (if possible).

By: James, Jack and Sam-From MacDonald

The adventure of the Alberta, Canadians travelling to Blair

It all started at noon on a nice sunny day in London. All of the 2nd International Alberta, Canada Scouts just boarded their train when an announcement came on saying that their train would be delayed due to a power failure farther up the tracks. They waited at the station for the 90 minutes when finally the train started to move! They were moving for about 30-44 minutes when the train came to a halt. The train in front of them was broken down and is going to take another hour and a half to get going again so they waited, and waited, when finally there is another announcement made.

Except this one is most defiantly not good news.

The passengers including the scouts on board were informed that their train would be terminated at the next stop due to technical issues. They ended up getting of on finding out that there was going to be another train coming in 5 minutes to pick up the passengers to take them to their destination. They boarded their train and set off to Edinburgh. They made it and was waiting outside the train station for their bus to take them to Blair. They called the camp to tell them the had arrived at the station. The driver then tells him that he does not see the scouts at the station that he is at. They put two and two together and fin out that the driver is at the wrong station. Finally they were picked up and off they went. They arrived at around 12:01. when they arrived at their sub camp they were greeted by many scouts with welcoming words and smiles. Including a boy wearing a monkey suit. All in all they got here and it seems as though they will have a wonderful and adventurous time.

Hailey Brooks, Canada
MacDonald.



How Time Flies

I am quietly pitching my tent on Saturday on staff lines, when how should walk by but Sandy McPherson.

He was my assistant Scout Leader in Aberdeen 60 years ago! Yes he had greyed a bit, but it was the same Sandy. We had last met 50 years ago when I joined the 10th Aberdeen. I had just moved from Dublin and Sandy sill called me "Irish", now we had met again in a field at Blair Atholl after all this time. We chatted about lives, work and changing families. He told me he had been in Scouting ever since those early days - brave man. I have just returned after a gap of 40 years.

I wonder how many of you will meet again 50 years from now when pitching your tent in a field at Blair Atholl.

John Knox

Subcamp Dinner
6.30pm Thursday



Karnival In The Kastle
8pm Thursday





Axes Are Not Toys



On the second day of Blair Atholl a tragic event occurred in Morrison Subcamp. A young Russian boy called George was casually chopping wood for dinner and all of a sudden his axe slipped and took off the top of his thumb. The incident went unnoticed by both George and his fellow campers for several minutes. George finally noticed that his thumb was missing and Jamie Lee (from Paisley and District) found it lying on the floor. Cameron Speirs then heroically rushed to the scene and cradled poor George in his arms. The Subcamp uncles were then made aware of the situation and swiftly stepped in by calling the camp doctor who made his way to the scene of the accident by bicycle. Regretfully, Uncle Dougie was too traumatised to give a comment on the events that had unfolded and only said "I'm too traumatised to give a comment on the events that have unfolded".

Comments from some of the staff at Blair on axe safety were from Michael Bisland (Bizzy) and Gordon Wright (Gudgie). Bizzy said, "*Even pros have accidents, man*". Gudgie went on to say, "*Axes are very dangerous, that is why we use saws*".

QUOTE OF THE DAY ON AXE SAFETY (from Bizzy):
 "AXES AREN'T TOYS...THEY'RE TOOLS."

QUOTE OF THE DAY ALSO ON AXE SAFETY (from Cameron Speirs): "*How big's yer wing-span?!*"

By Sarah Robertson, Fraser Wright, Jamie Lee, Cameron Speirs, Johnny Boyd, Bernhard Kratky and Leander Loschnig.

Camp Chief's Pennant		
MacDonlad	Stirling & Canada Duncan	
Morrison	Fife & Japan	
Maclean	Clyde 8 & Maryland USA	
Stewart	Dunbartonshire & Ireland	
Murray	Buchan & Finland	★
Robertson	Buchan & Ireland	



WEATHER

Thursday 19th July

White Cloud
 min 10°C
 max 16°C

Oo Those Crafty Scouts

One of today's highlighted activities is CRAFTS!! today these artistic Scouts are making many interesting and fun crafts!! They are making self made candles, Gingerbread Tents, tile painting, creating their own jotter and last but not the least colouring! Now doesn't that just sound like a load of creativity and fun? Hopefully you go and check out these tasty, colourful and bright crafts by the time these two fun and adventurous weeks are over.

Hailey Brooks, Canada
 MacDonald.



A Country Walk

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- BIRDWATCHING
- BOOTS
- BRACING WIND
- CLIMBING
- COUNTRYSIDE
- DALES
- EXCURSION
- EXPLORING
- FIELDS
- FOREST

- HILLS
- INVIGORATING
- LAKES
- MEADOWS
- MOUNTAINS
- MUDDY
- PARKS
- PICNIC
- RAMBLING
- REFRESHING



Iver, 13 from Norway, staying on Mclean, was enjoying himself on Global development today when tragedy struck. He was being supported by his team carrying a full newspaper water carrier when he had to go over a rope swing, (provided by our pioneering team). he realised he had no way of holding the rope. So took the daring, some may say MAD option of holding the rope between his teeth and trying to swing. The result being he lost a tooth.

LAUD	Noisy
	Thug
	Attic
	Not hard
SOOT	

Tuesday's Answers

7	5	9	6	8	1	4	3	2
6	1	3	4	2	9	5	8	7
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9	4	8	2	5	7	3	1	6
1	8	5	7	9	2	6	4	3
3	6	7	5	4	8	2	9	1
4	9	2	1	3	6	7	5	8

- POKY
- POKE
- PIKE
- BIKE
- BAKE
- BASE



Dear Auntí Freeze,
This is too much rain! How can I stop getting wet?
Sponge Bob from Morrison

- Dear Sponge Bob,
This is Scottish sunshine, not rain. But if you insíst, I have a few suggestions.
1. Don't go out in the rain, that way you will not get wet, however you won't do too many activities.
 2. Run very, very fast between the rain drops.
 3. Wear your boots on your head and the smell will make you forget you are getting wet.
 4. Sing very loud and scare the rain away - but you might scare your friends away also.
 5. Finally, totally cover yourself in oil, the rain will just slide off.

Always glad to be of service,
Auntí Freeze, the Weather Woman.