

Kastle Kurrents



Thursday 29th July 2010



Atholl Antics

36 bases and 72 teams all competing for their subcamp to become Atholl Antics Subcamp Champions 2010. At every base, two opposing subcamp teams would compete against each other to gain points for their subcamp, before the buzzer bellowed through the speaker to say it was time to move on to the next base, with 3 subcamps going clockwise and the other 3 subcamps going ant-clockwise so every team would have new opponents at every new base. CONFUSED yet? So were the Scouts but it was fantastic fun and the sun stayed out. Morrison came 1st and Stewart a close 2nd.

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It's Dancing Time In The Kastle

The band was blasting out traditional Ceilidh tunes and a lot of kilts were swaying as the Scout's very own Ceilidh last night in the Kastle took off if.

A Ceilidh is a traditional [Gaelic](#) social gathering, which usually involves playing [Gaelic folk music](#) and [dancing](#). It originated in [Scotland](#), but is now common throughout the Irish and Scottish [diaspora](#). Before [discos](#) and [nightclubs](#), there were Céilidhs in most town and village halls on Friday or Saturday nights and they are still very common today.

The dances are fairly simple and anyone can just about master them after a few trodden toes.



Burns Supper In The Mess

Last night seen the Staff's Burns Supper prepared by our very own chef Duncan Swan who had his vey own severing wench Norma McKay to help serve the traditional cock-a-leekie soup, haggis neaps and tatties, trifle followed by oats cakes and cheese. We had the "Address To A Haggis by Ken Campbell and were entertained by some unique poetry reading by Jim, Rosie and Johnny Calendar.

A Burns supper is a celebration of the life and [poetry](#) of the poet [Robert Burns](#), author of many [Scots](#) poems.

The suppers are normally held on or near the poet's birthday, 25 January, sometimes also known as Robert Burns Day or Burns Night (*Burns Nicht*), although they may in principle be held at any time of the year.



Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

I went round the site asking various members of camp staff about their jobs, both at Blair Atholl and “in real life”. I was surprised at all the different exciting jobs that people in scouting seem to do!

Clemens from Austria runs the Fencing base here a BA, but in real life he works in a monastery!

Uncle Sandy from Robertson is a Youth Worker, whilst Auntie Claire is an Actuary.

Dewey, who works at Individual Sports, and Uncle Steven – Chief Inspector, from Morrison - are Electricians.

Auntie Elaine, the ‘Morrison Love-Giver’, works with disabled adults.

At the Admin and Home Hospitality desk we had a few interesting jobs, including a Researcher for Scottish Parliament (Fisher), a Special Ed Teacher (Kayla Coe from New York), a Computer Engineer (Brian John Roden from Canada) and a Scientist! (Alan Martin, who tells me ‘I make crystals’)

At the Front Office I found a Lifeguard (Steph Halkerston) and a Sylist (Rachel Hutcheson).

Aimee Turbitt from Global Development is a Student, Fraser King Scott from There’s No ‘I’ in Team is a Gardener, and Camp Chief John Kennedy himself is a Chartered Accountant, whilst the Chief Commissioner for Scotland, Eleanor Lyall, is a Housewife.

Other ‘real life’ jobs included an H-VAC Technician (Mark Turberfield in Site Services) and a Property Manager (Bruce Meek the “Bog Cleaner Extraordinaire” from Canada).

Moo from Krafts is a staff nurse.

Our Kastle Kurrents editor is even a Techy Teacher!

I must say, with jobs ranging from teaching through research through accounting to stylists, who said scouting was only for one kind of people?!

By Nelly from Morrison.

Favourite activities at Blair Atholl.

Top 5

1. Team Sports
2. Gorge Walking
3. Atholl Experience
4. Bothy Cycle
5. Pitlochry Visit

Comments:

Team sports – “I really enjoy doing team sports especially football.”

“My team won three – one and I scored two goals.”

Atholl Experience – “I was in the ninja team, it was really fun getting very muddy.

“I would do it again if I could.”

Bothy Cycle – “The best part of the Bothy Cycle was the cycle down hill.

“Staying in the bothy was also very fun”.

Describe Your Joint Patrol

Patrolname: Sweden 5

Subcamp: Stewart

Fife with the words:

Friendly, good, helpful, tiring and positive.

Patrolname: Denmark 2

Subcamp: MacLean

Ross & Sutherland with the words:

Good humour, nice, hyper, weird and friendly.

Patrolname: Kilmarnock

Subcamp: MacLean

Ayrshire East + France with the words:

Messy, friendly, loud, funny and relaxed.

Patrolname: Dumfriesshire

Subcamp: Murray

Gibraltar with the words:

Helpful, hard working, cool, tidy and fun.

Patrolname: Switzerland 2

Subcamp: Robertson

Deveron 2 with the words:

Nice, crazy (positively meant), amazing, funny and cool.

written by Ditte & Rita, MacLean subcamp.



The Staff Club

The staff club. What is it. The staff club is the place where the staff hide from all the questions and commotion, and for the free tea and coffee.

We asked people what they think the staff club is like: One individual said it was “the Narnia of Blair Atholl” whereas another thought it was like a “leaders lair” Some scouts thought that it was like a hotel for the staff.

For those who did not know, the staff club is a huge marquee with a large amount of tables chairs for the staff to have there own little time out area. Vast amounts of Coffee, Tea and hot chocolate give the relief they seek from the hard days lazing about or rather working

Stuart, Stewart subcamp

What can you do at backwoods cooking?

Backwoods cooking is about cooking on a open fire going back to some basic but easy skills at cooking it is a quick and efficient way to cook food almost anywhere every session there is they change the menu around for what there having it could be from Fish, Hawaiian Chicken, Twisties, Cowboy supper or even chocolate banana's backwoods cooking is open for everyone of any age here at Blair Atholl and it will give you something new to impress people with and take your cooking skill to the next level although it might not be your thing it is very useful, here are some of the people I interviewed Andrew McDonald said he heard good things about backwoods cooking beforehand and he though it was great fun learning new skill's.

Iona Robertson said she only chose backwoods cooking as there was nothing else in the list.

Alasdair Keane said that his favourite part was gutting the fish it was the first time he has done it.

By Jason Derulo (yeahh)



Global Development

Global Development is an activity, where you learn about, and experience yourself, what it is like, to escape from your own country in fear of you and your family's life, and then trying to immigrate into a country where you don't understand the spoken language.

Before the activity starts, the group participating gets divided into family's sharing a family name.

Throughout the activity, the family has to try to escape from their non-safe home country and immigrate into a safe country. We (the reporters) have done the activity ourselves, and thought it was a great (and a little scary) experience. We learnt a lot of things about global issues and development that



Blair Atholl Horrorscopes

Robertson – The Lion

The mane thing to remember today is that on a camp this size, there's always something fun and interesting happening, take any chances you get to have a laugh. Break into a spontaneous dance or "jig" Number 9 will be "old Faithful" for you.

Murray – The Lynx

Take the opportunity, Pounce on something good, Catch the good fortune, and pursue it for as long as you can. Wearing something spotty is fortunate, and funny, Perhaps the number 42 IS the right answer?

Maclean- The Jaguar

Go for everything as fast as you can, but keep the luxury in the camp, no not leather seats and wooden trim, just get comfortable, after 9 days you should be as comfy as possible in your bed. Take some time out today, and laze in the sunshine, but don't let your work duties suffer, remember work then play folks! Can you not feel how lucky number 15 is?

Macdonald – The Puma

Things will become very localised today, always keep on mind that home is where the heart is, spare a thought for the overseas guests who are large distances from their families, make sure they feel welcome, make them feel as at home as possible. Many of your number will have a great success, or even a small one tomorrow, so stick with the fun people and you will prosper. 3.14 is lucky today!

Stewart – The Tiger

Go on the hunt for some fun, enjoy the chase and reap the rewards of hard work. Once the duties are out the road, let yourself loose and take a new chance, you never know how things will turn out. It takes 2 to tango, coincidentally, tandems have 2 seats? 2 is lucky today

Morrison –The Leopard

GO out on a limb, no NOT up a tree, to make an impact on your patrol or subcamp. SMILE!!!!!!!!!! You've made it this far through the camp (and if you haven't showered so far, that is disgusting, Hit the showers!) don't let anything else get in the way of an awesome camp.

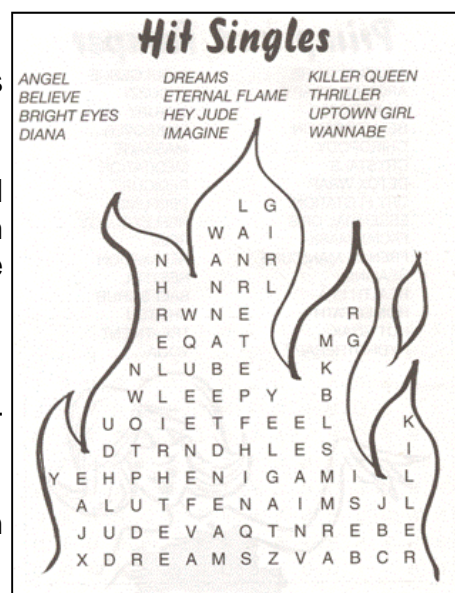
Out And About



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SCOTTISH FACTS

- Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland, apart from being its second largest city.
- [Glasgow](#) is the largest city in Scotland.
- The Kingdom of Scotland was an independent state until 1 May 1707, when the Acts of Union led to a union with the Kingdom of England, resulting in the creation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.
- The official currency of Scotland is Pound Sterling.
- The official animal of Scotland is Unicorn.
- The motto of Scotland is 'No one provokes me with impunity'.
- Scotland has over 790 islands, where 130 are inhabited.
- Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire-brigade.
- Ben Nevis, at 1,343 m, forms the highest point in Scotland.
- Scotland has its own parliament, which was elected for the first time in 1999.
- Television, telephone, video cassette recorder, finger printing, home of golf, tarmac, tyres and penicillin were all Scottish inventions.
- Scotland boasts of over 600 square miles of freshwater lakes, known as lochs, of which the most famous one is Loch Ness.
- Scotland is the 117th largest country in the world.
- Edinburgh and Edinburgh castle are the most visited places in Scotland.
- Scotland hosts over 300 Castles, or one per every 100 square miles.
- Scotland gets enough rain in one year to completely fill Loch Lomond.
- Edinburgh receives half to one third less rain than Glasgow per annum.



The Kastle Kurrents Team

The young, the old, the bossy, the bright and the bold. This years Kastle Kurrents has had it's share of missing files, printer overheating, miss feeds and paper jams, but we have worked together to produce, HAND STAPLE and deliver everyone of the 300 to 400 copies a day of your camp newspaper.

I would like to tank my team for all the late night stapling sessions and for knowing when to leave me alone when the laptop crashes with that days issue or the printer thinks it is too hot to work (BUT before starting puts a message on the screen that it now needs time to heat up before starting).

I hope you have all enjoyed the banter, the stories, the jokes and tales of mischief everyone has had at this camp. We have had our translation problems and spelling errors but we have got there at the end of the day. Goodbye and I hope to see you all again in 2 years time...it not long now till the next Blair Atholl Camp.

Sharon Fleming Editor

