

Kastle Kurrents



Wednesday 20th July 2022



Camp Chief Colin officially opens the 38th Blair Atholl Jamborette

With much chanting and singing our six sub camps came together at the main flagpoles to celebrate the opening of our camp. The Vale of Atholl pipe band entertained us with Highland Cathedral and other medleys, attracting onlookers from the public campsite. The flags were paraded by representatives of all the countries that have joined us to camp on our field. USA, Canada, Austria, Netherlands, Japan, Sweden, Spain, Germany, Namibia, Northern Ireland, Iceland, Gibraltar, Norway and of course Scotland!

The ashes from the closing campfire of 2018 were added to the new fire and the Subcamp leaders were invited forward to light flames to start their own fires.

Colin then declared the camp officially open!

Everyone then returned to their Subcamps with more chanting and singing to enjoy some time round their campfires.



Blair Atholl The Return of the Scouts

People from all over the world we have gathered here at Blair. With many nationalities, all traveling different and interesting ways.

Vihemaba, is from Namibia. To get here she first went from Namibia to Ethiopia by plane, then to Frankfurt then to Glasgow, then onto camp. She said there was “lots and lots of flying, but I’m here now and happy”,

Natasha is from Lanark in Scotland. She had a car ride to Glasgow then onto a big bus with the rest of the Clyde contingent to camp. The bus journey was “great it was it had A/C”

Lilli from Vienna, Austria had a international journey to get here. She first got a plane from Vienna to Frankfurt followed by a flight to Edinburgh. She and her troop then spent a day in Edinburgh sight-seeing, which they loved. Despite being as excited as her novice scouts don’t be fooled, it is not Lilli’s first time at Blair, having been before in 2018 as a scout. “Blair has the same magic and spirit but some of the tents have moved”.

Kohdai is from Tokyo, Japan. Despite the large distance he only had to take one flight from Tokyo to Edinburgh. He then spent a day roaming around Edinburgh and its castle which were “very historic”.

Lilly from Dundee, Scotland only had to take a bus, she was nervous at first coming to such a large camp but now her dining shelter is up she is much more settled.

Sarah and Erin are only from Bishopton in Scotland. They “passed some nice cottages” on their car journey. When they first got here they were very hot but excited to be here. They are “feeling good” about camp.

Our third Lilly in this article is the one and only, Lilly also from Vienna Austria. She had to get two planes to get to Blair. Her and her troop then stayed in Edinburgh for a night and then got a bus up to Blair. “cool but a lot of people” and “pretty cool”. MJ is from Ottawa, Canada. She travelled from Ottawa to Toronto, then a flight onto Glasgow. When she got there she had to wait for the Scouts from Iceland. They then all travelled on by bus to camp. She slept on the bus because she was really tired.

Scottish Body Parts



BREAKING NEWS: Blair Atholl, Scotland, 20 July, 2022—

First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon announced on Wednesday that from this day forward, the correct way to face the toilet paper roll is frontward. “Scotland sits firmly at the fore of this eternal debate,” Sturgeon said. “We’re proud to wipe the slate clean and push for peace.” While fans of front-facing rolls met Sturgeon’s decree with glee, rearward roll supporters decried the new law. At a rally organized against Sturgeon’s movement, Colin McDonnell, head of Get Behind Us — a support group formed for like-minded fans of backward-facing rolls, shouted “This is absolute crap!”





The people of Blair Atholl Camp have been dreaming about the wildest things...

This sensational experience of Blair Atholl feels like a dream, and for Ross it was! He had dreamt he was chopped wood, crafted a fire and whipped up a scrumptious breakfast for one. The fry up of his dream (literally!) -bacon, sausages, eggs of all kinds, fluffy pancakes and syrup, the whole lot!

For others however, dreamland was not so peaceful... Lions running rampant, tents being ripped down around them and the absolute horror of horror a lion stealing their pizza.



But even these seem quaint compared with Keith's nightly visions.



The Leader, who is suppose to be a grown up by the way, has seen ghastly, grotesque ghost sighing in the dead of night in his dream state! Keith dreamt that the ghost of 'Outlander' legend, Jamie Fraser, was prowling the eerie, stone hallways of our Kastle in the dead of night. Now I know you're wondering 'How is this worse than a lion stealing your pizza?' well, let me tell you. THE MAN HAD LOST HIS HEAD! You heard me right, HEADLESS!

Keith searched for his eyes but instead only saw shoulders. Just when the he thought the worst was behind him, Jamie Fraser's cold eye stared at him from the hands of his headless body. Keith then woke to a wet sleeping bag; he had had a night sweat.



There is a grave near Blair Atholl that has Duke's bones scattered in, we believe due to that there has been some strange occurrences. We found a staff member happy to tell their own spooky stories.

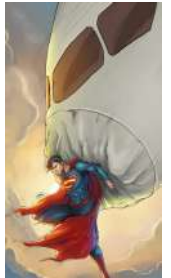


Kenny, a staff member at Robertson Subcamp, has told us about some ghosts living up at Lapwing Lodge. Before Lapwing became a campsite it was a sanatorium (a medical facility for people with tuberculosis) and before that, it was a medical station in WW2. A bomb hit the medical station and there is a dip where the bomb had hit and that is where the grey and green lady came from . The ghosts are lurking about Lapwing and Kenny told us he has seen them appearing to treat patients when he was walking at night. Lapwing definitely has a creepy vibe and this story confirms it. While staying at Lapwing have you ever seen the ladies?



'Heroes are not born, they are made.' In Matthew dream, he was proved correct and truly rose to the occasion when a plane full of people bounced off his garden trampoline and crashed through his bedroom window.

Matthew flew into action like superman to save the day of the bewildered passengers. Although this was only a dream, Matthew is still a hero in our eyes.



While most of the campers in the Blair Scout Village are only night snorers and sleep talkers, Matthew is a dream hero.

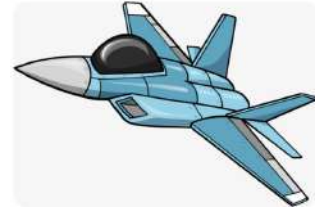
Sleep talkers and snorers on our field of dreams include; Dotty, Seamus, Finlay, Philipp, Andrew, Emily, Sharon, Scott, Nailyah, Ruaridh, Reece, Michael, Ruaridh, Ross, Norma, Zoe, Nathan, Blain, Fraser, Dave 'The Sonic Snorer', Fudge and Kristy. N.B while other sleep talkers and snorers may exist on our field, they have still to be named and shamed to one of our reporters.



Mystake Macleod has been gazing into the murky depths of the krystal ball again..... There are dark shadows across the field today, there's too much mystery in Murray, especially around dinner time when no one is quite sure what's been cooked. Tensions will build in Stewart as the shadows of giant heads can be seen wandering loose between the tents. Beware all Robertsons, toxic neon clouds can be seen on the horizon. There is too much glare from all the glitter and mirror balls on McLean to be able to see clearly so be careful out there. Morrisons watch out as there are large beasts in your future, watch your back and listen out for deep growling and finally MacDonaldis, be on the lookout for a scary green one eyed monster that can be seen peeking into the tents at night.



You will no doubt have heard the jets zooming across the campsite, but did you know that they use the camp for training? Because the Subcamps are all arranged in circles it's perfect for target practice. Don't panic though, they never drop anything on us.



YOU'RE SO PUNNY

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!

The past, the present, and the future walk into a bar. It was tense!

How did the picture end up in jail? It was framed!

You really shouldn't be intimidated by advanced math it's easy as pi!

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve!

What did the hamburger name its baby? Patty!

One lung said to another...we be-lung together!

Why was the cookie sad? Because his mom was a wafer long!

I used to go fishing with Skrillex. But he kept dropping the bass!

What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter!

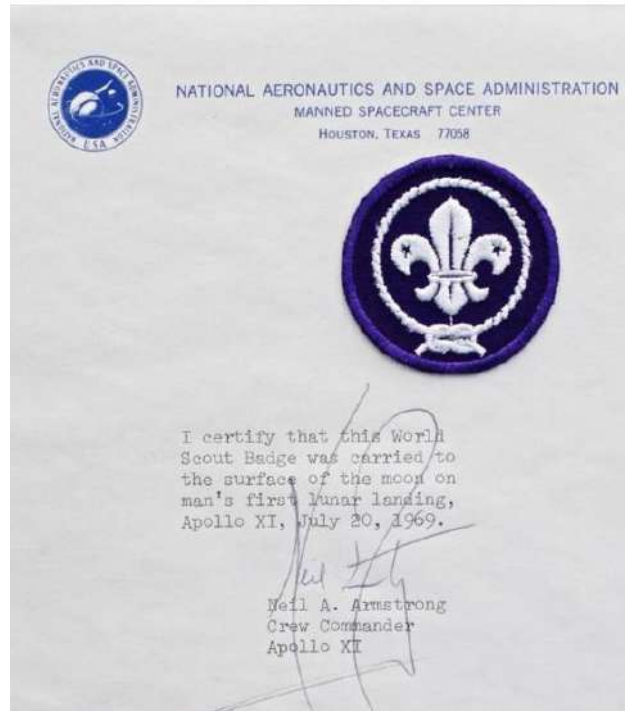
Interesting to know...

There are only two countries with names that begin with "The."

You might find yourself saying "the" before various countries and place names when referring to them, thanks to grammar and common pronunciation, which is why we say the United States or the Maldives. However, only The Gambia and The Bahamas formally include "the" in their names.

On this day 53 years ago, Neil Armstrong took a giant leap for humankind by being the first man on the moon! 🧑🌕

An Eagle Scout himself, Armstrong took his World Scout Badge to the moon. 🦅 On the way, he sent a message to US Scouts wishing them a good time at their Jamboree. 🐼



Despite what they said in their original ads, Irn-Bru isn't made from girders but it does contain iron



Oh Irn Bru, is wonderful
Oh Irn Bru, is won der ful
Because its ginger and its fizzy
Oh Irn Bru is wonderful

A Short Story

It's raining outside. Collin is taking a stroll. He loves rain. Eat it he thought to himself. He thinks about eating a lot. He sees a fly. "Lets eat it". He tries to catch the rain with his tongue. Fail. Suddenly he sees a big tent, many people inside cheering, "what's that?" let's have a look. He's standing in the front row. It's Coldplay! They are performing "fix you". The crowds going crazy. There are many colorful lights. The tent changes his color every five seconds. Blue, red, green. The crowd sings along. So cool. The next moment it turns quiet, everything's dark, the lights are out, the tent is empty, the crowds gone, only one light's still on. It's blinding him. It shines directly on him. He sees feet. He looks directly in the eyes of a man. "Collin, you shouldn't be here any more, go inside." "Collin, come inside!" Collin the Sheppard dog lifts his head, opens his eyes and runs inside.

Lilly



Dear Aunt Aggie,

Everyone in my patrol knows a ton of songs — and they're not afraid to sing them! I want to join the fun, but I'm a bit shy and embarrassed to sing in front of people, even in groups around the campfire. What should I do?

Sincerely, *Shy Singer*

My Dear Shy Singer,

You're not alone, Shy Singer! And you're options are plenty. For example, during big group songs, just lip sync the words and no one will even notice. And if you find yourself urgently in need of a song to sing, fall back on familiar children's songs (or even holiday tunes!) where you're likely to know all the words. But remember you're among friends here at Blair, and singing with gusto is nothing to be bashful about. If all else fails, just clap along!

Dear Aunt Aggie,

Last night I dreamed I was being chased by pack of wild monarch butterflies. They kept trying to wrap me in a cocoon and turn me into one of them. Now I'm wary of walking in open fields. What should I do?

Regards, *Butterfly Fear*

Dear Butterfly Fear,

How frightening! Well, nothing clears the mind better than a refreshing walk in an open field, so remember it was just a dream and carry on. If your fear persists, consider avoiding fields where milkweed grows, as it's a monarch butterfly favorite.

Dear Aunt Aggie,

My friend keeps wanting to borrow my toothpaste, and now I'm running low. How can I politely tell her to please get toothpaste of her own?

Kindly, *Dental Dynamo*

Dear Dental Dynamo,

We have all been there, it is too easy for friend to take advantage of your generosity, but we have a few options for you. First, consider bringing your friend to the Glasgow Scout Shop. Then casually point to the toothpaste on display and say, "Oh look, toothpaste! How lucky for you." If your friend doesn't buy her own, consider a more drastic approach: Find two small wafer biscuit, put a thin layer of your toothpaste on one, place the second biscuit on top, and offer your friend a "crème sandwich" biscuit as a treat. After one bite, problem solved, as they will never want that taste in their mouth again.

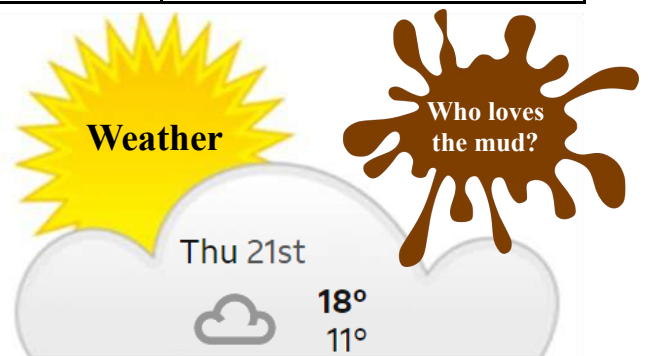
Squirrel Finger Hand Puppet



CAMP CHIEF'S PENNANT

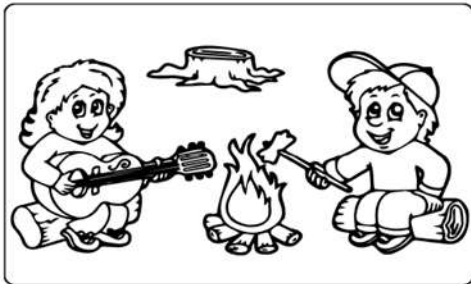
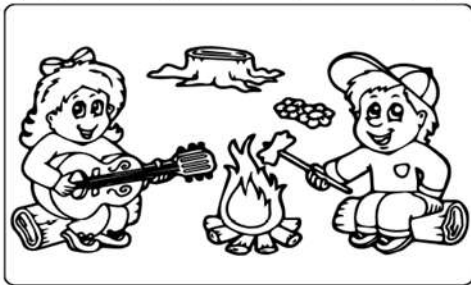
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Maclean	East 15 + St Lawrence Canada	
Morrison	Fourth 13 + Austria Yoland	
Murray	East 4 + Iceland	
Robertson	East 5 + New York	
Stewart	Clyde 1 + Austria Yoland	



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 7 differences between these two pictures?



Sudoku

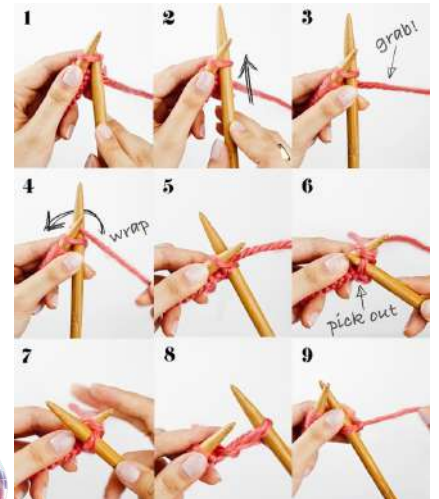
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What kind of parties do Minecraft players have?...

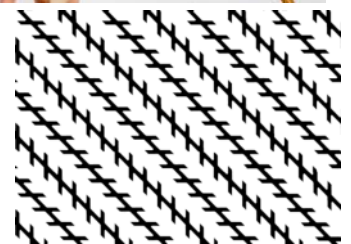
Block parties



How to Knit



These diagonal lines are perfectly parallel...it's an optical illusion



CRYPTOGRAM

This quote by Martin Luther King, Jr., from his "I have a dream" speech is one of his most famous...

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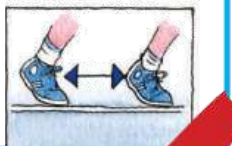
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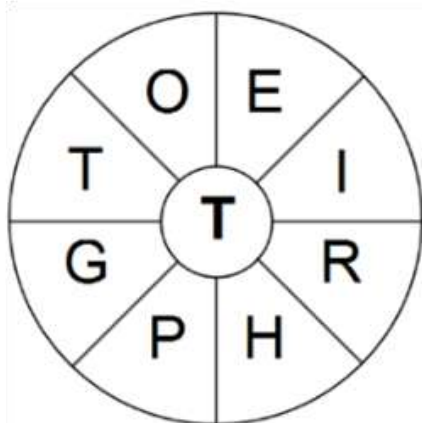
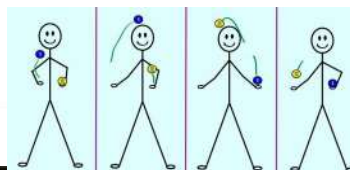
Tightrope Walking

- Lay a rope or mark a line on the floor.
- To stay balanced keep your eyes on a fixed point ahead and don't look down.
- Walk the rope with a series of one foot balances.
- Now set challenges along the way such as turning around or stopping to pick something up along the way.

It's easier than just walking, try it!



How to Juggle (use rolled up socks)



Wednesday 20th July

Daily Activity Programme starts 5pm Reception for Overseas Leaders 8pm Opening Party—Neon Party

Thursday 21st July

6.30pm Camp Dinner Staff cooking with Patrols—dress casual 8pm Camp Chief's Challenge

This Circus themed word wheel is made from the letters in the word TIGHTROPE. Try and make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter T.