

Kastle Kurrents

Your daily camp newspaper with all the news from our field



Colin Says...

I'd like to say a massive thank you to you all for making this Jamborette such a success. It has been an immense privilege to see and hear the friendships being made, achievements attained and fun had by our young people, and adults alike. The international friendship that Scouting is known for, is clearly on show here in the field and I can see that we have achieved our aim of fostering global connections, cultural understanding and empowering you to be responsible citizens..

Our Scouts Own recognised the importance of Teamwork and that has been seen in abundance here on the Field of Dreams. I hope that for you all, your dreams of this Jamborette have been fulfilled in some way, and that you can take home some big memories from your adventures over the past ten days home with you.

I would like to thank all the adult volunteers who have helped this camp flourish by giving their time over the past 2 weeks, and in the many months before. We all have a part to play in the camp's success and we all are part of the Blair Atholl family.

Safe travels and adventures in the days ahead, and Haste Ye Back to our 40th Camp in 2026



Camp Chief

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Athollantics - Which Subcamp will come out on top with all Scouts competing with the reputation and honour of Blair Atholl Jamboree at stake.



Stewart - 1590

Morrisons - 1161

MacDonald - 805

**Athollantics
Final
Scores**

Maclean - 1292

Murray - 1291

Robertson - 1027



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Have you seen people around you making these gestures? Do you find yourself starting to hum and make them too? You may be suffering from La Bambaitist withdrawal which has hit Blair Atholl Jamborette hard this year.

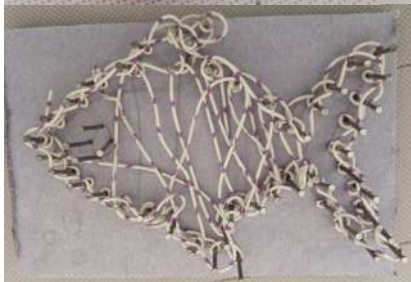


Scouts from Gibraltar are the rumoured carriers of this body swaying camp epidemic.

Advice is to dance it out your system but it can reoccur every 2 years.

If you notice a friend has symptoms you should help them by dancing and singing too. Stay safe out there.

Handmade at Crafts



Meeting the Gibraltarians:

Lucy is from Maclean sub camp, her patrol is Clyde and she got the Gibraltarians as her international patrol. For her this was the best thing about the whole of Blair (so far) was meeting us, the Gibraltarian girls, Ashley, Chloe, Fei and Lilly since the Gibraltarian girls got here its been giggles and memories with the Clyde & Gibraltar patrol. Lucy's funniest memory here so far was when her friend opened a shower door to find it already occupied!!



What do you call a cow with no

legs? Ground beef

How do you make an egg roll?

You push it

What do you call a guy with no chair? Neil

Why don't pirates shower before walking the plank?



Because they get washed up on shore



Showers! We've been collecting data about the ideal times to go, how long people usually take, and the likes and dislikes all about the showers. Although early morning showers used to do the trick, people have caught on to this tactic until it is nearly as bad as going in the afternoon. Now, the ideal shower time is apparently during lunch or right after dinner whilst everyone is collecting their food or cleaning up the showers are no longer swamped though you will still need to be quick to beat the people returning from Atholl experience.

SHOWERS ON AVERAGE

This table shows how many showers have been taken between the time people arrived in Blair Atholl and now among all the people we have collected data from.

1 time-1, 2 times-2, 3 times-8, 4 times-9, 5 times-9, 6 times-0, 7 times-3, 8 or more times-0

Accounts collected from multiple people display that the usual waiting times are just over 30-40 minutes in the morning before activities, over an hour just after activities and 20-30 mins in the evening.

HOW LONG PEOPLE ARE TAKING

It seems the average time people are taking in the shower is 15 minutes though of course if you have taken part in the mud run you can expect it to be around 30-40. One scout named Richard (Robertson) claims to take only 5 minutes in the shower and holds himself at a record of 3 minutes and 5 seconds at his home showers.

Likes and Dislikes

By asking as many people as we could we have all of the common likes and dislikes amongst Scouts about the showers.

- D - People taking far too long in the shower.
- L - The hangers are incredibly helpful.
- D - Disparities in how long the water runs for each tap in different showers.
- L - The showers are nice and warm.
- D - More showers would be a nice addition.
- L - Showers are surprisingly spacious.
- D - Not enough ventilation
- D - dividers for stuff on hangers from the showers to avoid them being hit with water and becoming wet.

Be the friend. The kind one. The listener.
The one who asks, 'Is everything okay?'
Be the unexpected thank you.
Be the postcard on a rainy day.



What's your favourite quote or phrase?

- "Its better to poop in the sink than to sink in the poop." Joe (leader)
- "If its worth doing it, its worth doing badly." Alice (leader)
- "People that say money can't buy happiness don't know where to shop." Ruben (leader)
- "Chooooocolate" Arran (leader)
- "Soy el capton de el barto" Commander Cameron (leader)
- "You can't connect the dots looking forwards, you can connect the dots looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will some how connect in your future." Steve jobs – Tim (leader)
- "We will burn the bridge when we get to it." Alice (leader)



The Puddle Bath

Do you hate being dry? Well Ashley can tell you how to get soaked in under 20 seconds, try running towards a puddle and have a wild Rhys bolt towards you and push you towards the puddle and you slip and get all wet and muddy Rhys claims he didn't do that but we have a witness; Peter a leader of MacLean sub camp that saw it all. Peter says "I was walking back from the toilets and all I see is this guy push this girl and she slips and falls into this puddle getting her all wet and muddy.



Team MacLean were happy to see the sub camp having a good time dancing to the music even though it was raining, doing the Macarena, Cotton eye joe and more. Who loves the rain? We love the



Blair Bathrooms—The truth!

Ever since the start of Blair it has been known that the bathrooms are a right state. You walk in and are immediately greeted by the sight of muddy bootprints all over the floor. As any of the boys on site will know, the male toilets are in an even more dire state, owing to their near singular use as solid waste disposal, the stench, lack of toilet paper, no hot water, and of course, who can miss the massive puddles present outside, ready for unsuspecting Explorers to slip into, and be forced to brave the shower queues. The lack of paper towels or any working hand driers leads to scouts drying their hands on their shirts or leaving them soaking wet. Even the gender neutral toilets aren't safe from the misery. They too share the stench problem of the male toilets, however they do make for a very good late-night gossip spot.

It does appear that the toilets external situation is being seen to, and the toilets themselves are mercifully cleaned each day, however until the relentless Scottish weather blesses us with dry sunny weather, only damage control can be conducted.

Scouts of Blair Atholl! We must all persevere with the toilets, work with them and attempt to keep them as clean as possible (and avoid falling in the mud puddles).

Explorer Trek

When I interviewed those going out on the Explorer Trek today (19/07/2024) they all seemed fairly enthused. There was a wide spread of expectations, but below I will list the things I was told to be that which was most looked forward to.

Getting Away From My Patrol: 10

Sleeping In: 7

Barbecue We Don't Have To Cook: 10

Not Having To Do Dishes: 7

Pizza Activity: 5

Hovercraft Activity: 5

ADVENTURE!!!: All



As a review of the trek itself the excitement stayed even after the activities completion. A positive review from all individuals asked shows this as one of the best available Blair Atholl activities available. Here I will offer you an exclusive breakdown of the activities in greater detail than even the patrol activity books.

First off you are split into groups of minimal sizing 6 people and given a map and grid directions as your only way to navigate to the activities for the day.

Our three activities are as follows: Kiddy Games & Ice breakers, Pizza Making & Eating, Box Stacking & Hovercraft. All of the activities have their merits, the most popular being Hovercraft, closely followed by the pizza activity.

After your group has finished all three activities (And taken a commemorative picture with your group's duck) you are set to navigate to the site wherein you're sleeping for the night. This short hour and a half long trek up a road leads you twisting and turning through Scotland's beautiful countryside. At the end you are met with a large tent where you all will rest for the night. For dinner you are cooked steak and burgers with the only dishes you must do are your own. After this amazing meal you are free to do whatever you please for the night before turning in... With get this, 3 extra hours you can sleep in.

For breakfast in the morning you're met with sausage, bacon, cereal, and yogurt. After a nice slow morning you will do a further hour hike back to camp using a different route. This route however brings you back right by the showers. And if you're fast you get there before the watersports or Atholl Experience gets there for the infamous massive queueing. Last but not last of course is a commemorative Explorer Scout Hike badge, and not one, but two, yellow stickers on the back of your lanyard.

All in all a wonderful activity with glowing reviews from all asked. It comes highly recommended.

Stay safe and Blair on my friends, and I wish you luck on your journey for the White Cockade.

-RA from Robertson



The perfect addition to your tent, a wee yellow mug, purpose unknown!



"It's come to my attention that some of you are cows."

Our reporters were stunned this morning by the appearance of a lesser spotted jeep. Partly camouflaged by the nettles it sat, quiet and majestic awaiting it's driver to start a new adventure!



How did you get here???

Northern Ireland These fellas from across the small pond took a different approach to getting to Scotland by taking the Stenaline ferry across. They were foot passengers and ended up staying in a scout hut in Pitlochry for the night. Unfortunately for the person I interviewed his roll mat would not blow up and a few of the fellow participants apparently got up to some mischief as they found some golf clubs and balls, so they logically began flinging them around the hut!

Canada Going quite the distance, these maple syrup loving moose flew a total of 9 hours to get to the UK! They then ended up in Heathrow and had a week touring England before coming up to Scotland for another weeks tour. Only then did they come up to Blair for the wonderful northern Scotland experience. Unfortunately for them though they are heading straight home after their experience here.

USA (Maryland) The yanks got here with an astounding 7 hour flight to London then an hour flight to Edinburgh. There they proceeded to rent 2 vans and do a week tour of Scotland which included Stirling, Inverness and Oban then finally at the amazing Blair Atholl campsite. After this they are headed straight back to Edinburgh/ Heathrow back to Maryland where they can get more of their precious Old Bay seasoning.

Outside Paisley This Scottish participant describes life outside Paisley with words that I cannot bring myself to write, but to summarise; it is a bit dull. He took a 2 & 1/2 hour bus drive up and presumably the same back. His plans when he returns to outside Paisley is to see St Mirren play FC Valur in a qualifying game for a European championship.

Canada Kaya from Canada made quite the trek with a 5 hour car ride followed by a 7 hour flight into Glasgow before the final 2 hour stretch which was covered by car. So with a total journey time of 14 hours she said it was completely worth it and is ready to do it all over again Friday morning.

Texas Craig started his journey from the Texan desert with a half hour car ride followed by a 4 and half hour flight, then a 5 and half hour flight into Edinburgh before a final hour and a half car journey to camp.

Dearest gentle reader my word, hasn't there been a lot going on over the last few days, this author thinks that because our days are now numbered many of our young people are using their last hours to make sure that they make the most of their time together. News of G&M getting cosy and P&A being official has reached my ears. It is also rumoured that one of the Roberston Explorers who shall remain Nameless has not taken so much as a shower since arriving last week? My dear reader, thoughts are with the patrol ... Raff's kilt socks appear to have vanished, some are saying they walked home of their own accord whilst others suspect foul play (SM is in the spotlight) I am most keen to observe the happenings at the Ceilidh dance later and hope to update you all soon. Until next time

Lady Bletherdown



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13 groups of 12 Scouts came to Kastle Kurrents to be photographers and reporters. Treading the field looking for stories, news and views to help create a daily camp newspaper. Each team brought with them a different energy and perspective. Thanks to all you reporters you all put in a great effort and made the base a fun place to work. Lorna and myself ran this base just the 2 of us this year and I think we made a cracking wee team. Thank you Lorna for embracing the craziness of reading though articles and helping me to make them paper appropriate. We have received many more stories which have been a hoot to read but did not make cut into the paper. We may have ran out of toner for 4 days but all the editions were printed and hand delivered by handy paperboy Matthew who was on speed dial and friends.



Lorna Whitelaw

Sharon Fleming

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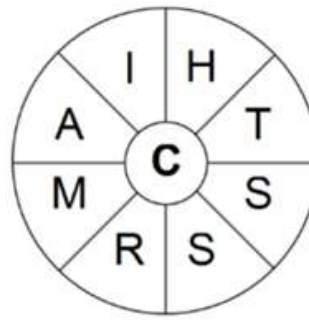
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The Weather Forecast

Fri 26th	17° 8°	Sat 27th	18° 8°
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Christmas Word Wheel



This Christmas themed word wheel is made from a 9 letter Christmas themed word. Try and find that word, then 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 C.

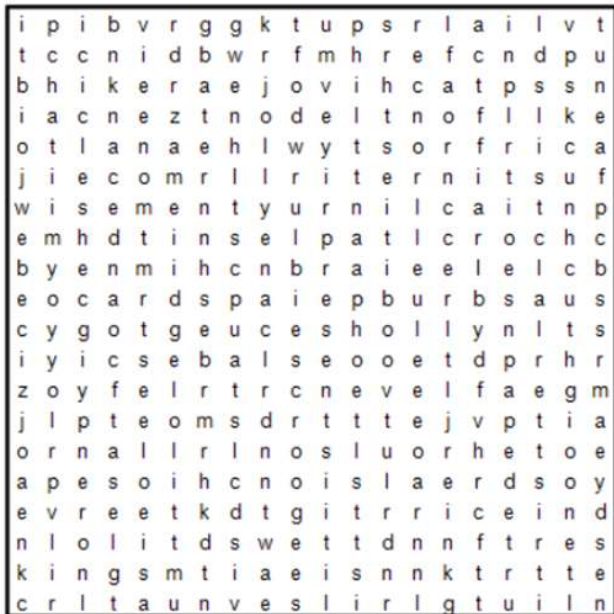
This Christmas themed Word Scramble features 10 Christmas themed words which have been scrambled. See if you can unscramble them to see what they are.

- oesmlitte - - - - -
- ilst - - - -
- sonw - - - -
- ramy - - - -
- sepdehrhs - - - - -
- ebermedc - - - - -
- lesev - - - -
- nwteri - - - - -
- ssiahmrct - - - - -
- bieenadgrr - - - - -



Christmas Word Search

Christmas is a Christian holiday held on the 25 December each year to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a special time for children as they receive gifts from Santa Claus to mark the special occasion.



Word List

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|---------|-----------|
| Bauble | Birth |
| Cards | Carols |
| Elves | Eve |
| Holly | Icicles |
| Kings | List |
| Scrooge | Shepherds |
| Winter | Wise men |
| Candle | Jolly |
| Chimney | Presents |
| Frosty | Tinsel |



Haste ye back, haste ye back
Haste ye back and don't forget
Happy days here at Blair Atholl.
May God bless our Jamborette.

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