

# KROSS KURRENTS

THE PAPER AT THE *HEART* OF BLAIR ATHOLL

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## Activities Come To A Close



After 9 days at a very bustling Jamborette, activities came to a close today.

Overall, youth really enjoyed all of the challenges put on by the hardworking activities team here at Blair Atholl. KK will feature comments from many young people about the activities in today's issue and also in tomorrow's bumper final issue. Tomorrow, you can look forward to the exciting Athollantics and an emotional final campfire and closing of this wonderful 29th International Scottish Patrol Jamborette.

## Wet Water Sports

Water Sports was a great activity—you get to leave camp before inspection (a bonus from the beginning!). After a picturesque 20-minute ride, we pulled onto a dirt road and walked down to the activity area, past homes and cows. The loch could be seen after rounding a fence and was gorgeous—set in between mountains and trees. The group got water-proof clothes on and divided into three groups. My group went canoeing first. We had three to a canoe, which wasn't very fun for the middle person—no seat. We canoed for an hour and a half and threw the football around to splash each other. After canoeing, our group went sailing. Due to a dreadful lack of wind, we chased other boats around at a snail's pace. It was awesome when the boys in my boat got a bucket and DRENCHED the other boats. We ate lunch after sailing, then did kayaking for an hour and a half. The wind picked up then, much to the sailor's delight—but not ours. Two kids fell out, but all-around fun was had. The event culminated with a huge water fight.



Are you brave enough (or crazy enough) to brave the cold waters and take a plunge? If you answered yes, then Water Sports is definitely the activity for you. The people who are in the sailboats are likely to remain dry; however, there was still one capsized. When you are in the canoes, there is a good chance of getting wet due to the frequent tip-overs and splash battles that occur. You land on an island, where you have the opportunity to jump off the rocks into the water. On the kayaks, you are certain to get wet since a few people fall in each time. So if you are going to do water sports, then be sure to bring a change of clothes and don't put them on until the very end, because you WILL get wet.

## TRANGIA COMP!

**Congratulations  
to Jonny Smith  
in the Stewart  
subcamp, our  
winner of the  
Trangia portable  
camp stove!**

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## Polska Atholl Experience

W Polsce każda osoba, będąca pierwszy raz na obozie, musi zostać 'ochrzczona'. Są to tak zwane 'BISZKOPTY'. Atholl Experience bardzo przypomina te zajęcia.

Najpierw mieliśmy mieszane odczucia. Nie wiedzieliśmy co nas czeka. Na początku wszystkich ogarnęło przerażenie. Potem stach mieszał się z ciekawością. Początkowo starałyśmy się nie pobrudzić. Jednak szybko zrezygnowaliśmy z tego pomysłu. Baaardzo szybko ☺... Ledwo się zaczęło już byliśmy całe z mąki, wody, jakiegoś płynu (co to było za okropieństwo!!), a no i błoto ☹... Ale tak szczerze to było zabawne, jakby na to spojrzeć z drugiej strony ☺... Zachęcam wszystkich!! Tego się nie da opisać...

In Poland, every person who is on their first camp, has to have a 'christening'. It's called 'BISZKOPTY'. The Atholl Experience is very similar.

At first we had mixed feelings. We didn't know what would happen. We were really frightened. Our fear mixed up with curiosity. First of all we wanted to be clean, but we forgot about it very quickly ☺... I don't know why ☹... yeah... mud, flour, water, liquid (or something like that), that was terrible, but funny, too. I encourage everybody to take part in it ☺... We can't describe it, you have to join and do it!

## Blair Atholl Rescue Team (BART)

On Meall Reamhar, the hill behind the camp, is located the BART. In this base we do a little of everything. First aid basics, recovery positions, explanations and displays of specialist mountain rescue equipment, McInnes stretchers, vacuum mattress, and splints. The team requires lots of physical exercise and great teamwork. During this activity we get one of the Scouts to be a casualty and we assess them on the hill, repair any broken bits, and evacuate them off the hill and back to camp on a stretcher.



## Weather for the Week:

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Weather:</b>	Sunny	Clear	Rain/Sun
<b>Max Temp:</b>	19c	20c	20c
<b>Min Temp:</b>	15c	15c	12c
<b>Humidity:</b>	69%	72%	80%

## Castle Tour



The castle was good fun. Dating from 1269, Blair Castle has been the home of the Atholl family for over 700 years. Outside the Castle you can hear the fabulous skirl of pipes. While within, the 30 rooms on display offer an infinite variety of fine objects. Beautiful plaster work and exceptional collections of arms, china, lace, furniture, and paintings. Blair Castle is steeped in history. It is reputed to have been the last castle besieged in Britain and is home to the only remaining private army in Britain, The Atholl Highlanders. The Castle presents a stirring picture of Scottish life from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century to the present day.

The Castle contains:

- Perthshire's 5-star Historic Home
- Modern Restaurant and Gift Shop
- Piper playing daily
- 18<sup>th</sup> Century Walled Garden
- Deer Park

DID YOU KNOW?

There have been 11 Dukes of Atholl so far. The 11<sup>th</sup> Duke lives in South Africa and is 70 years old.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - Tartans of Atholl
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Galloway Antiques
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - Highlanders Parade
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Atholl Gathering and Highland Games



## Kross Kurrents

*I can't believe it's not butter!*

## Today's Pennant Winners

### Subcamp Pennant Winners:

- Banff & Buchan - USA (Murray)
- Forth Valley - USA (Murray)
- Forth Valley - USA (MacLean)
- Perth & Kinross - USA (MacDonald)
- Fife - Sweden (Morrison)
- Dundee - Austria (Stewart)
- Fife - Japan (Robertson)



### Camp Chief Pennant Winner:

Fife - Sweden (Morrison)

## The Scout Shop

The Glasgow Scout Shop at Blair Atholl will be having an end of camp sale tomorrow morning. Many Blair Atholl souvenirs will be going cheap, so come along and get a reminder of the camp. These prices are for one day only! Shop open 9.30am -12.30 pm and 1:30pm - 4:00pm. Buffs are back in stock.



## Cool And Not Cool

### I like:

Meeting people from all over the world.  
Having a chance to do all sorts of activities.  
The hospitality of the Scottish.  
The chance to play football frequently.  
The beautiful countryside.



### I don't like:

Having only six showers for all the boys in the entire camp.  
Stereotypes of people from different countries.  
The weather.  
Not having enough food at meals.  
The Kross Kafe not being open in the morning.  
That it is hard to participate the archery activity.



Adam, Morrison subcamp

## A Leader's Thoughts

Blair Atholl, in the beginning was a very stressful and tiring experience, due to holding the position of patrol leader. Getting the patrol to work and become successful was a real challenge, but it paid off with 3 subcamp pennants. After that the pressure was lifted, and I managed to really let my hair down. Meeting "Groovy Americans" from New York was fun, and we hung out and "partied" around the campfire! I've really enjoyed meeting new people from around the globe, and now I have buds from Poland, USA, Gibraltar, and Ayrshire. Spot, the odd one out.



## Kross Kurrent Korrespondents

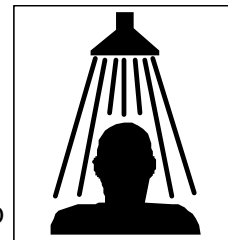
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Andrew Ewan Oliver Colin Taito Yugo Aaron  
Laing Wei Yang Hao Katie

## Finally – A Shower!

Derek, AKA Bobby, finally goes for a shower and changes clothes. Wooo Hooo! However, he admits he is still wearing the same boxers he turned up in many days ago. Bobby says, 'no comment'. No one knows the real reason why he wouldn't shower, but we think he was curious to know what it felt like. We all agree that Bobby is our one and only idol and our new found friend.

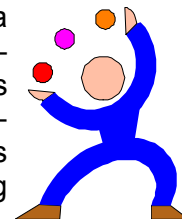
Five ways to be a Bobby:

1. Don't shower
2. Don't change clothes
3. Save a patch off your leg
4. Worship duct tape
5. Walk around the camp site shouting 'Bobby'



## Jamborette A 'Boom'

There was no doubt about it, the 2004 Blair Atholl patrol Jamborette was a boom! Everything was fun! The atmosphere was great, and all the overseas Scouts and the Scottish Scouts definitely got on well. An example of this is when Scottish scouts were making friends on the 1<sup>st</sup> day.



The activities were great, especially the Atholl Experience – lots of mud, but lots of fun! The food was great because it was cooked, just the way it should be, on an open fire. However we never got enough food to feed everyone!

The evening activities were great, especially the movies, although the dances weren't far behind. Overall I would give the whole camp an 'A'!

Reported by Brad, Morrison subcamp

## Fight At The River Tilt

Today at the River Tilt, unknown to the rafting participants, a severe shock was waiting around the bend-event leaders waiting to attack Scouts with tremendous amounts of cold water. The Scouts returned fair, and in the end all Scouts ended up soaked. Fun was had by all. Taylor

## Smelly Fish, Smelly Fish

Recent pranks involving fish have stunk up the tents! Many have reported horrible smells coming from the storage tents. We haven't found out who did it, but have been told it was expensive fish. Reported by Sarah & Kirsten



## Monkey For Sale

Well house trained (most of the time), responds to the name "shoe lace boy ". Skills: acquiring useful objects. See Dundee/Singapore, Robertson

# BA Word Search

C D H T I U A O M S P R U S T  
 T J I H P X W A K V C V G H J  
 T P S I O S R J Q S G Z E X I  
 P Z C B Z P Q T X V I I T P B  
 F P G N I R D N A V M N P B O  
 D H T R E F A L L A J F G K X  
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**WORDS TO FIND:**

FJALLAFERTH (ICELANDIC)  
 HEIMA GISTING (ICELANDIC)  
 LAGER (GERMAN)  
 OBOZ (POLISH)  
 OGNISKO (POLISH)  
 OPKOMST (DUTCH)  
 ROP (SWEDISH)  
 RUFEN (GERMAN)  
 SANGLEIK (NORWEGIAN)  
 TUR (NORWEGIAN)  
 VANDRING (SWEDISH)  
 VLAGHIJSEN (DUTCH)

# Blair Atholl Sun

G D Am D  
 I know a song you can sing in the rain  
 G D  
 And when you sing this song, the sun comes out  
 Am D  
 again  
 C D Em C  
 You don't really worry if the rain has just begun  
 D G  
 Cause deep inside you've got the Blair Atholl sun.

And when you're making friends from far and wide  
 There's a warmth you get, building up inside  
 When you sit round the table telling jokes and hav-  
 ing fun  
 That's when you feel Blair Atholl sun.

As time goes by we'll know each other so well  
 We'll have songs to sing and stories to tell  
 And when you remember all the things that we've  
 said and done  
 That's when you've got the Blair Atholl sun.

I'm singin' in the rain  
 Just singin' in the rain  
 What a glorious feeling  
 I'm happy again  
 That's when you feel the Blair  
 Atholl sun.



# Yuk Yuks

What is worse than biting into  
 an apple and finding a worm?  
 Biting into an apple and finding  
 half a worm.



What is worse than a hail storm?  
 Hailing taxis.

What is the difference between Winnie the Pooh and  
 Cinderella?  
 Their names.

# Auntie Freeze

Dear Auntie Freeze,  
 The food here is horrible. The leaders get  
 us up too early to cook, and then they get  
 their food cooked for them. Can you fix  
 this?



Yours, Fredrik Tootin

Dear Fredrik,  
 The reason the leaders get their food cooked for them  
 is because they can't actually cook themselves! They  
 get you up early so that they can learn from you guys  
 how to cook properly. If you think the food is disgust-  
 ing, speak to the QM. They might get some food in  
 that you would like to eat. Remember, cooking a spe-  
 cial meal is an activity that the whole patrol can take  
 part in.

Dear Auntie Freeze,  
 I'm from overseas, I am having a great time on my first  
 trip out of North America. However, I haven't seen my  
 girlfriend in over a week, it's another two weeks until I  
 see her again. Any suggestions to help a really lonely  
 heart.  
 Homesick & Lonely

Dear Homesick & Lonely,  
 We all have people that we care for, and yes indeed, it  
 does hurt when we don't see them for a month, but in  
 today's modern world one can keep in touch with peo-  
 ple no matter how far away. You can use the Internet  
 Kabin and e-mail her, you can have a "collect" tele-  
 phone conversation, or use really old technology and  
 send a postcard.

Dear Auntie Freeze,  
 I am from overseas and my main problem is that I like  
 10 girls at the same time, and I don't know who to  
 choose. PLEASE HELP!!  
 Yours, Mr Overseas.

Dear Mr Overseas,  
 If you need to choose, make a list of each persons  
 good and bad qualities, and see which one you think  
 is best, then rip them, throw them away and let your  
 heart decide.

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## *Photo Gallery*

Photos by Kross Kurrents Kamera Krew

