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Your daily camp news with all the news from our field

NEW LOOK Kastle Kurrents for 2024

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of arriving

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The Invasion of the Scottish Explorer Scouts has Begun...

The Explorers arrived in warm, dull weather which broke at dinner time into a heavy down pour, but nothing will dampen our Jamborette sprit.

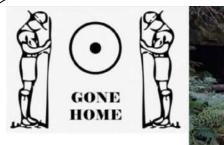


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Goodbye to our dear Blair Atholl friends who are no longer with us





Jimmy (Hamish) Kilbane 8/11/1934 to 15/7/2024 after 62 years of service to Scouting



At 9.45am a gathering of old and new leaders meet at the flag poles to pay their respects to a much loved member of our Blair Atholl family Duncan Alexander.

Staff will know that for many years Duncan

Alexander rang the gong





signalling the camp to fall silent for the flags. John Kennedy spoke to the crowd of his fond memories of Duncan leading his favourite song 'Deep and Wide' but not quite getting the actions right, leading to amusement and slight confusion.

John Kennedy, Andrew Sharkey and Colin Peters then proceeded to raise the fist flags of the camp. This was a poignant and dignified gathering.



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Tips to Help You Sleep Well at Camp

from your seasoned subcamp buddies

"I use a blow up air mattress and I have a thin blue foam pad to put under it. The combo is pretty comfy for short camps like a weekend. For longer camps like our Jamborette, I have a self inflating pad with memory foam. It's comfy but too heavy to carry around."





"I don't always sleep well on camping trips, so I carry a Kindle with favourite book, a nice distraction until I get sleepy. My ear plugs also save me from the snorers"

"When i started going to long camps I tried using an inflatable pillow, and even a real one a couple of times. The "real" one was too bulky, and the inflatable one was too unreliable. So for the rest of my scouting career, I took my soft sided day pack, put all my extra clothes in it, and covered it up with a jacket. Works fine for me. Not as good as a real pillow, but it made good use of what I already had available."

"I use a fisherman's camping bed. It is padded and has an attachable pillow. I put a blanket below and above my sleeping bag and if it is really cold I find somewhere to fill my hot water battle and I also wear a hat. All of this gives me a toastier night's sleep."

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always bring the repair

kit with because if it

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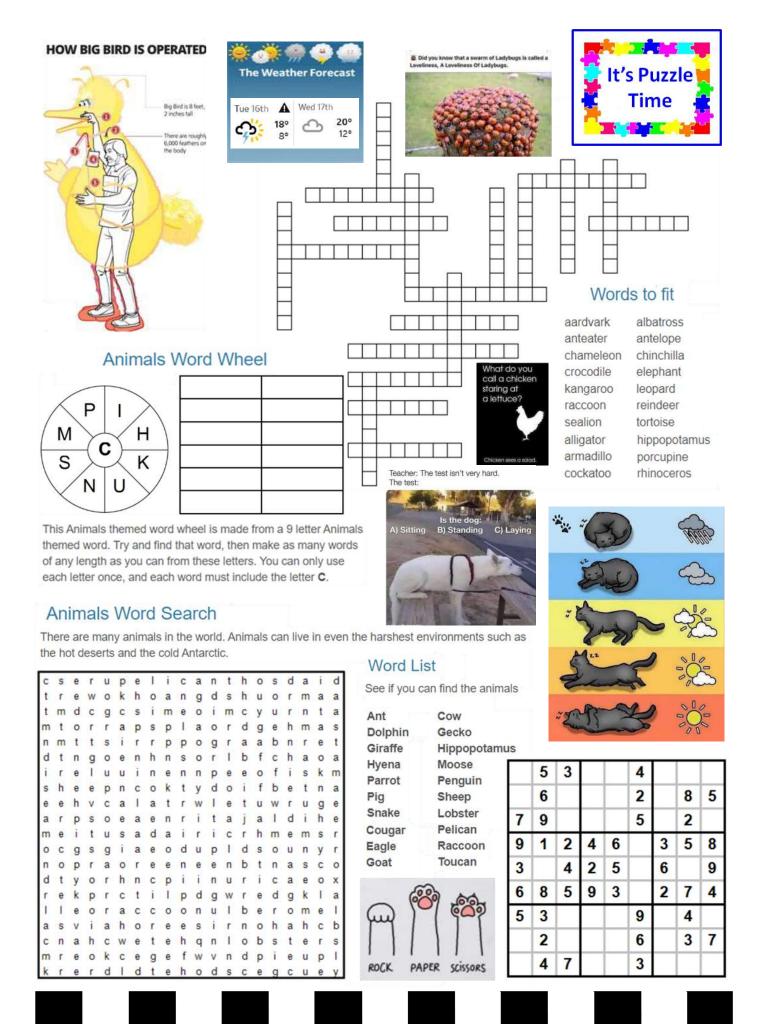
BEWARE the Biting Midges

Midges are small two-winged flies which often from swarms or clouds. The bites on your skin are small red dots which can develop into itchy, painful swellings. The bites are harmless but annoying. Only the female midge bites by picking up on the carbon dioxide exhaled by people and are most common from May to October. They love humid and damp conditions as well as shady spots. Midges are most active at dawn or dusk. They also like damp, clammy days with overcast skies and little wind.



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