

# Kastle Kurrents

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**The 4 L's of Blair.**

Competition between Subcamps is long standing at Blair Atholl. There has been a lot of debate about which is the overall best Subcamp at Blair but we (A + E) are here to give you a final answer judging on 4 categories with a max of 40 points.



Light (decorations) - Morrison got 4/10. We were met with a seemingly abandoned and saggy entrance leading to nothing more than poorly maintained decorations throughout the Subcamp. Stewart and Murray had 7/10. Stewart had very detailed Star Wars decorations but lacked in volume, however their CD placed around the Subcamp created a strong sense of cohesion. Murray had some nice and creative touches however their lack-luster entryway left a little too much to the imagination.

MacLean and Robertson - 8/10. MacLean was very consistent and well placed and we liked the continued Wonka theme throughout the subcamp. Robertson's 'Backstage' entrance made you feel very exclusive but felt messy. With an impressive and well deserved 9/10 is MacDonald! Their Mario Kart entrance felt colourful and welcoming with decorations that have been well taken care of.

Location - Morrison (once again the worst) with 5/10 as they are very far away from all facilities. Stewart, MacLean, MacDonald and Murray all have their useful proximities. 7/10. Robertson got 8/10! You lucky duckies! You guys are close to it all!!

Love (subcamp pride) - Morrison ended with 6/10 as upon interviewing a Morrison participant we were first met with a negative comment as we were told by K that they were not a fan of the decorations. MacDonald with 7/10 as E told us some of the best parts of MacDonald is the cleanliness and we felt this wasn't interesting enough. Robertson and MacLean with 8/10 as both A and B gave reasonable reviews but showed little passion towards their subcamps. With a whopping 10/10 we have Stewart and Murray!! N from Stewart described the Subcamp with great passion, detailing the friendly nature of the people. E from Murray proudly described it as the best Subcamp which we admired.

Leaders - As a final chance for Subcamps to prove themselves, we asked each subcamp leader to name all of their international countries as quickly as they could.

Ross from Murray with a disappointing 19 seconds and a large amount of assistance from fellow staff members 5/10.

Colin from Robertson took 15 seconds and received hints from those around him. 6/10.

May from MacLean took 14 seconds and missed out a couple leaving them with 7/10.

Stacy from Morrison took an impressive 13 seconds but again missed one out 8/10

Mark from MacDonald took an amazing 11 seconds but did miss out a couple. 9/10

Though Raff from Stewart took 15 seconds he had no help and remembered all of his countries therefore scoring 9/10.

Now the moment you have all been waiting for... In last place we have Morrison with 23/40 (sucks to suck) in 4th place

we have Murray with 29/40. In joint 3rd place MacLean and

Robertson with 30/40.

And finally.. drum roll please... winning by 1 point we pronounce Stewart as the best subcamp at Blair Atholl 2024 with 33/40!

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off!



Dear Aunt Aggie .....  
There's always have a massive queue when I need to shower, what do I do? *Well ma wee pet, if ye didnae bring any wet wipes wi' ye then ye will just haftae wait it oot. Have a wee dance*

*or sing song to pass the time*

How do you find a missing PL?

*Try looking between 'O' & 'Q' then between 'K' & 'M'?? Otherwise shout a wee bit louder!*

I'm doing Atholl experience but I don't know what to wear, will my hiking boots be ok?

*I'm sure your boots will enjoy the experience but if they appear a wee bit traumatised get them to speak to the WellBlair team.*



**Meeting the Gibraltarians:**

Lucy 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 Clyde and Gibraltar patrol. Lucy's funniest memory here so far was when her friend opened a shower door to a find it already occupied!!



Dearest gentle reader ..... wandering around the Neon Jungle party on Sunday night proved most interesting, many of our young people were seen to be joined together in romantic interludes. M&G, F&D to name a few, whilst M&E appear to need a little nudge. The Kween is still searching for her Diamonds, perhaps K&S or M&J might warrant an introduction? In darker corners, this author was keen to seek out further romance R&W, C&A, A&M, A&I and O&J were spoken of in hushed tones. This author looks forward to seeing how these new romantic partnerships work out, will they stand the test of time? Will they be seen watching the beautiful sight of the sun going down from Flag Hill? This author hopes, dear reader, that good choices will be made and that all romances flourish. Until next time .....

Lady Bletherdown



### International Snacks

With the arrival of international scouts at Blair many of them have brought interesting foods from their home countries with them, with many very kindly sharing with the Scottish scouts. One group spoke about the amazing wafer biscuits they received from their Austrian patrol all the way from Vienna.

Kenny from the team sports activity told us about Canadian beaver tails. Fear not! They aren't in fact actual beaver's tails apparently they are similar to flattened doughnuts. Colin from Murray subcamp said that he was also excited to try the dried fish from Iceland. Not quite our idea of a tasty snack but we hope Colin enjoys himself! We spoke to one Austrian who said he had enjoyed trying Irn Bru for the first time apparently it wasn't great initially but he got used to it and now loves it. We hope that you all got a chance to taste some of the snacks at Country Fair!



### If you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Thomas from Norway, Maclean subcamp:

"Hamburgers because they have so many variations"



Caitlin, Reception at craft base:

"100% raspberries because I just love them so much!!"

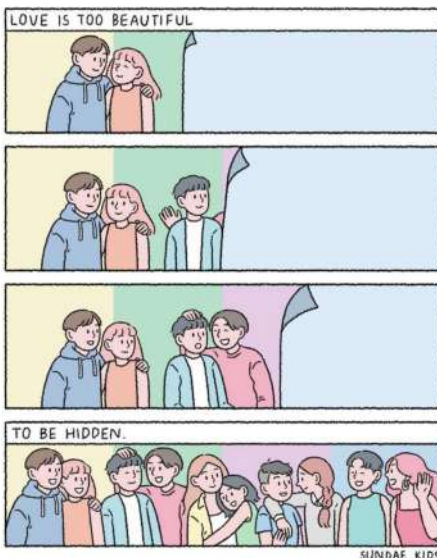
Andrew from Scotland, Maclean subcamp:

"Cream crackers because they are small and very addictive!"

### Texting

is a brilliant way to miscommunicate how you feel, and misinterpret what other people mean.

Lisa from The Netherlands, Stewart subcamp: Poke bowls



Ma wee krystal baw is oot the cupboard again today, it was makin' a load o' funny noises? Maybe the dregs o' last nights campfires at the chill outs altho' it sounded like an owl being strangled? Robertson's you need to keep on rockin, a ken ye are awfy sleepy but keep it goin, Stewart's may need to use the force to get through the day today and Murray's might need a wee bit more hair & make up than normal to hide the baggy een. Macdonald's will need a wee re charge to keep motoring and Maclean's will be looking for a wee sugar rush. Morrison, keep passing GO and claiming your rewards. The mists are closing in again so that's all for now folks!





## Photography – Snore or Score?

It is definitely not a snore and the output has been rated highly by the activity staff.

“I’m very proud of the photographs that have been produced, they are of a very high standard and the photographers should be very proud of themselves, said Jack.”

Some of those on the activity today had some positives to mention as well, with one telling us that they were excited to try a new type of activity that they hadn’t done before. Others told us that the activity was “better than last Blair”, a “good opportunity for competition between friends” and was a “welcome break from the other more high octane activities on site.” This is a great activity to help release your artistic side.

Ladies, if he can’t appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that mango.

## **Cirque de Blair**

We took a long stroll down to clown town as we had on shoes that were too long and too big for us. Cirque de Blair is a base where you can embrace your inner child and tryout some of the skills of the circus. Everyone seemed to be having fun learning various new circus skills! Daniel from Scotland in Stewart subcamp said; “Diablo’s are amazing to do and such are fun!”. Isla from Southeast Scotland in Stewart described the base as a challenge but once you practiced you could do it. Ignacio from Spain in Maclean subcamp said “I love Cirque de Blair because you can have a laugh, have fun, make jokes and make new friends!”

Ali, the leader teaching the skills said “it great to pass on skills, and be a bit silly, once they learn they get quite good”. Why do you not use one of your activity sessions up here at Cirque de Blair.



I had a crazy dream last night! I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. Turns out it was just a Fanta sea.



## Radio Blair- What is it like

Everyday Blair Atholl participants listen into radio Blair, but what is it like running such a crucial radio station? Thalia from Murray who was working at radio Blair when we came round said that “its stressful and lots of hard work but rewarding... its had a big impact in only 5 minutes, its changed my life” We asked her of her thoughts on those who wouldn't want to take radio Blair and the response was to vulgar to writer here. We then moved onto interviewing staff and their thoughts on the station, Morvin, a staff



member at Blair Atholl said “I like radio Blair but not enough gossip”. She also shared her disgust for the fart noises played on the station last week. Saffron (Leader) says, “its so good, the person who runs it is such a top tier guy” showing how loved the staff are and how much representation the leaders get. The participants also had information to share about radio Blair, Ali from Canada had to say this inspirational quote, “I feel like Radio Blair is cool as we all get to cheer for our Sub Camps”. It is fair to say that many love Radio Blair and everything it has to offer but some parts have room for improvement.

To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing.

## Cowboy hats vs clogs the battle of Target park



### Food Is Getting Wasted

Whilst researching this debate, we have discovered plentiful amounts of information regarding opinions on cowboy hats and clogs. Aurther and Daniel both went for clogs but when asked why they admitted to both being biased as they are both Dutch. Saffron a staff member at Blair Atholl said “she preferred cowboy hats” and her message to those who favour clogs to “get a grip and get a better life and to put a cowboy hat on. Many of those who did favour cowboy hats weren't necessarily big fans of cowboy hats but rather imagined clogs to be uncomfortable, James a Maclean subcamp leader said “anyone who wears clogs should be ashamed of themselves”, and “those who wear clogs should buy a pair of crocs.” Niall said cowboy hats because “they look so much better” and “are more multi purpose” he also discussed with us his views on Clogs and he thought they weren't practical for everyday life. Clonaid who is also a participant said that “cowboy hats are much more sway” and that she feels cooler wearing them. Out of everyone who partook in the survey Cowboy hats won with ease with 80% of the total votes. This camp is definitely rooting tooting.

“WE ARE GETTING TOO MANY MUSHROOMS” We have interviewed many participants and staff from around the camp and they all say the same, we have too much food. The field of dreams? More like the field of screams as rats scuttle around our camp looking for our left over food.



We may be hangry beasts after activities but we are not THAT hungry. We understand you want us to be well fed and we don't want to starve but we don't need feed the whole of Scotland.

Some things we have noticed is the lack of space for food waste, so people are resorting to the slop pits. As we have found out through our research, Morrison turns out to be the skinniest camp because they are the ultimate food wasters. Binning an average truck size of food per day compared to Robertson who must EAT a truck of food as they have the least amount, I mean at least they are anti food wasters. Stuart subcamp feel that bad about their food waste they try to hide it by leaving snacks out for the site service team, the ants are eating well tonight. These poor staff members are scrapping their plates clean as it seems we have stolen some of their food. We have interviewed many of these staff members and they all agree they are lacking in the stuff we have been binning. Just to name the main victims of food waste Rice, bread, chicken and MUSHROOMS.

In almost every meal involving vegetables we are given a disproportionate meal, where is the rest of our bacon and why do we have a mountain of mushrooms?

On a serious note food waste is a big problem and we must try hard to prevent it. We have come up with some ideas such as, better portioning out the rice by patrols being able to go their subcamp and get as much as they need rather than what they are given and continuously asking patrols for their opinions if their portion sizes are good enough.



### The Weather Forecast

Thu 25th	Fri 26th
19° 9°	17° 8°

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Turn clock into clown.

## NOTICE

**Wednesday**

- 6pm Modern Burns Supper
- 8pm Kelidh in our Kourtyard

**Thursday**

- 11am Atholantics
- 8.45pm Closing Camp Fire

**What food is never on time?**

Choco-late!

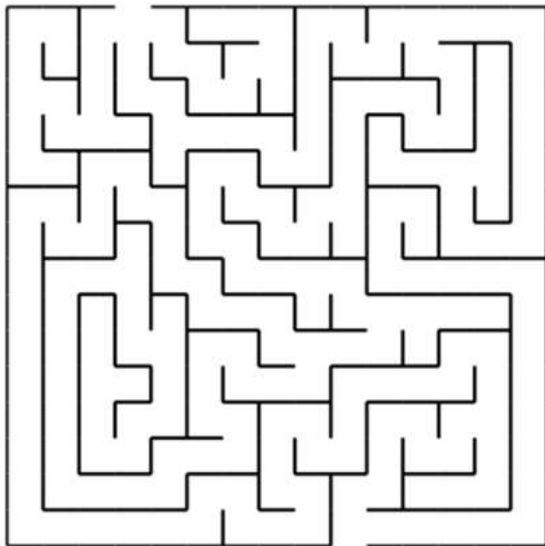
**What does a house wear?**  
Address!

**How was Rome split in two?**  
With a pair of Caesars

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

### 15 x 15 Oceans and Continents maze

There are seven continents on Earth covering about a third of the Earth's surface. Continents include Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Australia, Africa and Antarctica. Oceans cover two thirds of the Earth's surface. The five oceans are the Pacific, Indian, Atlantic, Arctic and Southern Ocean (sometimes called the Antarctic).

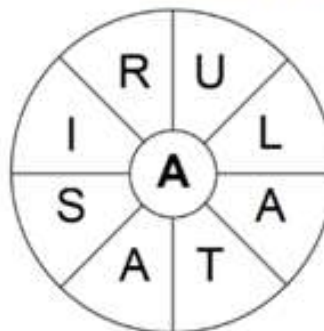


The geographer has been drawing a map of the world but has lost it amongst all of the clutter on his desk. Can you guide him through the maze of clutter to find the map?



CAMP CHIEF'S PENNANT		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024		
MacDonald	North East 6 & USA (Martland)	★
Maclean	East 4 & USA (Texas)	
Morrison	East 2 & USA (Narcoossee)	
Murray	East 19 & Canada Ottawa Voyageur	
Robertson	West 2 & USA (BP Council)	
Stewart	Stewart: East 1 & USA (Glendale)	

### Oceans and Continents Word Wheel




This Oceans and Continents themed word wheel is made from a 9 letter Oceans and Continents 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 A.