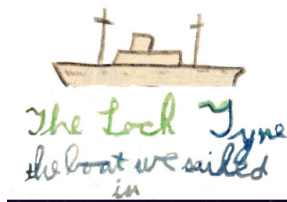


Tarbert Summer Camp 1959 Extract from the Fox Patrol Log

Editorial Introduction: This entry from the Fox Patrol log is brief but backs up information obtained from the two Patrol logs written in camp.

SUMMER CAMP



The summer camp this year was at Tarbert, Loch Fyne¹, which was attended by all members of the Fox patrol². The Troop met at 9:00 am on Gourock pier. It was a glorious sunny day and we were all looking forward to the camp. We had quite good weather all the way and the boat³ was not rocking much. We had a packed lunch each on the boat. We arrived at Tarbert at about 2 o'clock where we got a lorry to the campsite. Some folk brought their bicycles to the camp as well. When the troop was all at the campsite we pitched our tents. There was a forest a stone's throw away where we could get wood, and there was a large stream⁴ for water, and there was also a huge field where the troop could play games such as baseball. The worst day was Sunday on which it poured with rain.

If you want to read a full account of the Summer camp, you can read the Mouse patrol log or else the rattlesnake logbook.⁵

Alan Conway.

Editorial notes for Summer Camp 1959

1. The camp took place from Wednesday 22nd until Friday 31st July 1959. The campsite itself was about 4 miles south of Tarbert on the east side of West Loch Tarbert. To be more specific it was on the east side of the main road and on the south side of the stream identified as Allt Tarsuinn.
2. This implies that John Nisbet, Albert Runcie, Alan Conway, Ronald Weir and Laird McFarlane were all present. The surviving Patrol logs indicate that the Scouts were camping in different patrols at camp. John Nisbet and Laird McFarlane were in a patrol that included Hamish Rankin, Michael Hodge and Billy Phillips. Albert Runcie was camping with a patrol led by Ken Johnson, which also included Allen Taylor, Ronald Lind and a Scout identified as SK. Alan Conway was in a patrol led by Ken Johnson. However, neither of the summer camp logs mention Ronald Weir being present.
3. The boat was the passenger ferry 'Lochfyne' as identified in the sketch.
4. The Allt Tarsuinn
5. Both logbooks have survived the years. Transcripts can be viewed on the website.