

11th Youth Outdoor Outdoor Charity Challenge 2011

218 teenagers and 63 staff and youth workers from schools and youth groups from across Highland, Moray and Aberdeen took part in this years Badaguish Youth Outdoor Charity Challenge on 23th & 24th April. The event has run for 11 years. Raising over £50,000 to help the Speyside Trust. Getting the next generation of young people out and about learning to have fun in the outdoors and enjoy a fit and healthy outdoor experience in safety.

We are astonished every year at these young people's understanding and commitment to raise funds and help the charity provide outdoor holidays for people with a disability.'

We are very grateful for permission from the Forestry Commission for this two day sponsored trail finding event in the Glenmore Forest Park. Also we are grateful for the local business community for sponsoring our fundraising events. Aviemore Business Association provided Easter Eggs for the winning teams. Alex Burns-Smith, the Chairman presented the prizes to the winning local team Scott Dixon, Calum Irvine and Scott Grosdanoff from Kingussie High School.

The challenge provides young people with a chance to practice their camping skills and enjoy a fun evening of taster activities at the Centre. The event is popular with young people with a wide range of abilities. Many are first time novices who simply want an enjoyable two days gaining skills and confidence in the outdoors. A few are highly competitive teams who are out to enjoy something a bit different. It has now become a major event in the Highland schools calendar and an important fundraiser for the Trust.

Winning Male Teams



**1st Elite Boxing Squirrels
Kingussie High School**
Scott Dixon, Calum Irvine, Scott Grosdanoff.

**2nd Veni, Vedi, Vici
Nairn Academy**
Mike Ashmole, David Behrendt, Innes Sutherland.

**3rd Bieber Fever
Nairn Academy**
Kalum Turnbull, Alex Dale, Jordan Snitch, Calum Robertson.



Winning Girls Teams

**1st Goudy Stouts
Aboyne Academy.**
Kathryn Christie, Melanie Christie, Kelsey-Ann Williamson.

**2nd Can't think of a name
Nairn Academy.**

Deanna Lundie, Sophie Strain, Lisa Munro.
3rd Wii Not Fit - Millburn Academy
Laura Fraser, Rebecca O'Connor, Sarah McKenna, Emily Jones.



Best Dressed Team

Fairy Floofs – Buckie High School
Lauren Hay, Hannah Johnstone, Ellis Macaulay

Speyside Trust gratefully acknowledges support from many local volunteers and helpers on the day and from The Forestry Commission, Aviemore Business Association, Outdoor Discovery, Nairn Academy, Millburn Academy, Speyside High School, Keith Grammar School, Buckie High School, Elgin High School, Inverness High School, Aboyne Academy, Methil Sea Cadets, The Scout Association, Mosstodloch Explorer Scouts, Darroch Explorer Scouts.

