



FROM THE EDITOR

Already the 8th edition of the Newsletter online. Summer has arrived in Iceland and was celebrated on the 25th of April, on a day called "Sumardagurinn fyrsti" in Iceland. This is a clear message that RoverWay is less than 80 days away so we hope you are all prepared for the upcoming adventure in July.

Tribes are already exchanging information's and ideas on facebook. If you haven't joined your journey group yet please do so right now.

In this issue you will find information about journeys, Althingi and Icelandic Names.

JOURNEYS

All journeys have now their own Facebook group to start planning the journey. The groups will be platform for all teams to contribute to their journey and to get to know who they are

going on. Several have already signed up for their groups but there are still few missing, please sign up, it's easy and fun.

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ALTHINGI PROGRAMME AREAS

There will be five different village available at Althingi. Arty Party, Sporty, Viking, PSST and Environment. There is also the opportunity to join some offsite activities during the Althingi programme. Each group gets a ticket to visit a village one time.

What happens within the villages?

ARTY PARTY VILLAGE is all about creativity and friendship

SPORTY VILLAGE is offering a change to learn new kind of sports and activities

PSST is for you to take an active part in society, discussions, politics and technology.

VIKING VILLAGE gives an great opportunity to see and learn about the Viking culture, the sagas and the challenges that Vikings had.

ENVIRONMENT VILLAGE is giving you a change to raise awareness about the environment and how we can easily contribute to better environment for us and those around us.

Offside activities?

There are some activites that groups can choice to do that are around the camp side. Short hikes, swimming and sailing among few others.

More information about the Althingi programme can already be found at www.roverway.is

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ICELANDIC NAMES

Icelandic names differ from most Western family name systems by being patronymic (and sometimes matronymic) in that they reflect the immediate father (or mother) of the child and not the historic family lineage.

Iceland shares a common cultural heritage with the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark and the last's crown dependency the Faroe Islands. Icelanders, however, unlike other Scandinavians, have continued to use their traditional name system, which was formerly used in all of Scandinavia; it has also been re-introduced in the Faroe Islands. A well-known example is Leif Ericson, son of Erik the Red. The Icelandic system does not use family names. A person's surname indicates the first name of the person's father (patronymic) or in some cases mother (matronymic).

Some family names exist in Iceland, mostly inherited from parents of foreign origin, while some are adopted. Examples of notable Icelanders who have an inherited family name are former prime minister Geir Haarde, football star Eiður Smári Guðjohnsen, renowned Icelandic actress, Kristbjörg Kjeld, and film director Baltasar Kormákur Samper. Before 1925, it was legal to adopt new family names; one Icelander who did so was the Nobel Prize-winning author Halldór Laxness. Since 1925, one cannot adopt a family name unless possessing legal right to do so due to inheritance.

First names that have not been previously used in Iceland must be approved by the Icelandic Naming Committee before being used.[1] The criterion for acceptance of names is whether or not they can be easily incorporated into the Icelandic language. First, they must contain only letters found in the Icelandic alphabet and second, they must be able to be declined (that is, modified according to their grammatical case).

In Iceland, directories of people's names, such as the telephone directory, are alphabetised by first name, not by surname. To reduce ambiguity, the telephone

books go further by also listing professions. Iceland's small population makes the problem less than one might expect, as opposed, to say, Russia, where although Icelandic-style name-patronyms are also used (such as Ivan Petrovich), the vast population has made actual surnames obligatory in large cities.

Icelanders formally address others by their first names. For example, former prime minister Halldór Ásgrímsson would not be addressed as Mr. Ásgrímsson by another Icelander; he would either be addressed only by his first name or his full name. In Icelandic culture, an Icelander's surname is not part of one's name, but a short description of one's recent lineage, i.e. Halldór Ásgrímsson is a son of Ásgrímur.

This means that if there are two men named Jón in the same group, perhaps one named Jón Stefánsson and the other Jón Þorláksson, one could address Jón Stefánsson as "Jón Stefáns" and Jón Þorláksson as "Jón Þorláks". When someone holds a conversation with these two people at the same time, the appendage "son" would not need to be used; in that case, the father's name could be used like a nickname, although this is not a common occurrence.[citation needed]

Another example of the formal mode of address is the Icelandic singer and actress Björk. Björk is commonly mistaken for the artist's stage name, such as with fellow musicians Sting and Bono. However, Björk is simply Björk Guðmundsdóttir's first name, and this is how any Icelander would address her, whether formally or casually.

As a result of each person using patronymics, a family will most probably have a variety of last names: the parents could be named Jón Stefánsson and Bryndís Atladóttir, and their children might be Fjalar Jónsson and Katrín Jónsdóttir. With matronymics, the children in this example would be Fjalar Bryndísarson and Katrín Bryndísardóttir.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Icelandic_name

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GÍSLI ÖRN BRAGASON

NAME

Gísli Örn Bragason – journey team

Gísli has been in the scout movement since he was 9 years old. He finished his Gilwell wood badge training 2004 and has been group leader for boys at the age 10 -12 last 10 years. Gísli has participated many international events like Blair Atholl in Scotland and Scout 2001 in Sweden. Also he had attended IMWe in Germany for the several years. He was a troop leader at Tarus in Finland 2004 and World Scout Jamboree 2007.

FOOD HE WOULD NEVER EAT

I don't like fish with shelters

MOTTO IN LIFE

Smile to the world and the world smiles to you

FAVORITE PLACE IN ICELAND

Gísli is a geologist and therefore like the most volcanic activated area on Iceland, Landmann-laugar. It is very colorful area with a blowing hot springs and glaciers.

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