Prepare for battle at Bannockburn this summer

The National Trust for Scotland is preparing adults and children for battle this summer, hosting a range of medieval activities at its historic site, Bannockburn.

Participants have been taking part in medieval soldier training, archery and shield making, and have been bringing their experiences to life at the place where Robert the Bruce camped on the eve of the 1314 battle.

With activities on-going until the end of August, there is still plenty of time to test your archery, craft making and trebuchet skills, take part in a range of medieval games or become an Archaeologist for a day.

Scott McMaster, property manager at The Battle of Bannockburn, said: “It's always a pleasure to see both adults and children taking part in the medieval activities and experience a small part of the battleground and its history.

“The Battle of Bannockburn is such a large part of Scotland’s history so it can be an inspiring experience for people of all ages, and a great way to spend more time outdoors. We still have a lot of exciting activities lined up over the summer holidays and I would encourage families to come along and join in the fun.”

Inside the Battle of Bannockburn experience, visitors can get a taste of medieval battle thanks to immersive 3D technology, and try their hand at the battle tactics which secured Robert the Bruce’s most famous victory.

The National Trust for Scotland is Scotland’s largest conservation charity with 360,000 members and growing, and is the only charity to care for both built and natural heritage.

You can find out more about the Battle of Bannockburn activities on Facebook (@NTSBannockburn) or Twitter (@BattleofBannock), or contact
learningatbannockburn@nts.org.uk. Members and non-members are welcome.

The heritage site at Bannockburn benefited from a £9 million project in 2014 – generously supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Scottish Government, its A-listed monuments were sensitively restored and the new visitor centre was created.

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