

THE DAILY EXPLORE



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Activities

Thursday was the first big day for the more than 45 activities that opened up at 10 a.m. Everybody could easily find an activity they could enjoy. All the creative people were gathered together at the Desert of Zin where they could make picture frames from natural materials. All water activities took place at the Jordan River; there you could have a go in a kayak or canoe. At the Land of Giants you got the chance to take part in combat archery games where you had to eliminate your opponent with a bow and arrow. Another popular activity here is the life-sized version of Angry Birds where you have to shoot down a guy who had balanced himself on the top of a pile of boxes, with a foam stone. At the Canaanite Fortress you could make your own pocket-sized kite or try paper quilling. Finally, the Valley of Grapes is the place to be if you would like to be active. Here you can play football, volleyball or just take a swim.

All the activity spots were buzzing with life and happy Pathfinders there were all enjoying their own activities. Some Pathfinders had also taken on the task of completing an honour, like the Felt Craft Honour or the Raku Glazing Honour.

There are a lot more activities than we have space or time to describe here, so there is only one thing to say: just get out there and try them for yourself.

Dennis Møller



	Saturday		Hi: 28 °C Lo: 15 °C
			Hi: 23 °C Lo: 18 °C
	Sunday		
			Hi: 25 °C Lo: 13 °C

Friday, August 1

07.30-10.00	Wake up, breakfast, worship
10.00-12.00	Activities 3
12.00-14.00	Meal
14.00-16.00	Activities 4
16.00-17.00	Free Time
17.00-19.00	Meal
19.00-20.30	Evening Meeting
20.30-22.30	Local Encampments
23.00-07.30	Silence

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Interview with Lemuel Comvalius

What do you think of the Camp so far?

Good! We have had some minor difficulties, but the sun is shining, the children look happy, there is a lot to do today with activities, so overall, I am still happy.

What does it mean for the Netherlands to host this event?

It means a lot. We are always happy to be the host; as Dutch people we are very happy to do this. It means a lot for our Scouting-Pathfinder Organization as well. In the last six months leading up to the Camporee, we have seen our numbers double in size for both Scouts and Pathfinder Clubs, because they heard that the TED Camporee was coming up.

What is your role at this Camporee?

My role is that of Scout-Pathfinder Director at the Netherlands Union. I don't really have any specific role other than that. I have a good site management team which has specific tasks to attend to and they are doing a fantastic job. So it is only making sure that everything is going

according to plan. If everything is going according to plan, I don't have a lot to do.

When was your first TED Camporee?

This is actually my first TED Camporee. I have been working at the Union Office for three years now. I have lived in the Netherlands for 14 years. Before that I was born and grew up in Surinam. We didn't have international camps, it was too expensive then, but I was a Pathfinder and I attended all the camps organised. I went to the EUD Camporee in Rome in 2011, so I got the idea and a feeling of what a camporee it is like. I was excited as I am excited now, seeing children from different countries, and the Getting to Know you Game, that is what it is all about.

What would you say to people who haven't joined the Pathfinder Movement yet?

It is a very valuable experience to have. It develops you as a person and it develops you as a Christian.

Alexander Bjørnsfeldt



WE LOVE OUR PETS!



The British are well known for a few things, including their obsession with animals. Here are a few facts about our favourite creatures:

1. The Queen owns all of the whales, sturgeons and porpoises in the water surrounding the UK. The reason for this is that these sea creatures are considered royal animals and are not allowed to be caught or sold by anyone.

2. In the medieval period of Great Britain, animals were tried when they committed bad acts. For example, if an animal killed someone, it would be put on trial with a judge who would deter-

mine its sentencing. Today the animal would be put to death.

3. People in Victorian Britain who couldn't afford a chimney sweep dropped a live goose down their chimney instead. Its flapping would dislodge the dirt and ash and could be swept away when the goose landed in the fireplace.

4. King Henry III kept a polar bear in the Tower of London and it went for swims in the Thames.

When you come to visit the BUC camp, perhaps you could share your pet photos and stories with each other!



SWIMMING TEST

Wednesday morning the Jordan River was filled with pathfinders. At the Camporee you need to complete a swimming test before you're allowed to go swimming.

Of course, we had some pathfinders showing off their swimming tricks, but we also saw why the test is important! Some children panicked in the water, others just didn't know how to swim. Fortunately, most of the participants passed their test.

Everyone who passed the test received an orange wristband with a number on it. The numbers are linked to a person's name. The test took the whole morning.

There were some pathfinders who needed help for scratches or cuts to their feet, but they were all small injuries. Approximately 650 people passed the test yesterday.

Patrick Nab

PATHFINDER PROFILES



Name: Ronald & Daphne
Country: the Netherlands

At a glance you'd think these were two quiet and reserved Rovers but once you've talked to them for a while, they become fun and chatty. They are both enjoying the Camporee and think the programme's full and fun. They are looking forward to the Rover activities and especially the rafting. They hope the Camporee'll just get more and more fun.



Name: Angela & Anotida
Country: UK (Newbold)

The girls are both very nice and friendly. According to Anotida, Angela is creative and artistic and Angela thinks Anotida is enthusiastic, fun but sometimes a little loud. Their favourite thing about Pathfinding is that there's so much you can get out of it. They would really like to grow into leaders. They didn't have any particular expectations for the Camporee but think it's fantastic! The Tent Services in particular are brilliant.