

THE DAILY EXPLORE



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“Getting to Know You”



Wednesday afternoon we had a game called “Getting to Know You”. Your national leader gave you 8 beads to trade with other people. While you were trading the beads you had to ask the person you were trading with 3 questions. With those questions you got to know him/her better and you also had to ask how they say “God” in their own language. Once the game started everyone went out to talk to other people and trade their beads.

It was a kind of chaos, most people were able to trade their beads very easily: there were

countries who traded all 8 beads in ten minutes. Unfortunately, there also were countries (like England) who weren’t that lucky: 6400 beads to trade with 1500 people. Israel only had 64 beads to trade with 2300 people - they were finished very quickly. At the end everyone had traded at least some of their beads and went back to the camp with new beads and new friends.

Debora Tan & Ronald Tempel



Friday



Hi: 25 °C
Lo: 14 °C

Saturday



Hi: 28 °C
Lo: 15 °C

Hi: 23 °C
Lo: 12 °C

Thursday, July 31

07.30-10.00

Wake up, breakfast, worship

10.00-12.00

Activities 1

12.00-14.00

Meal

14.00-16.00

Activities 2

16.00-17.00

Free Time

17.00-19.00

Meal

19.00-20.30

Evening Meeting

20.30-22.30

Time to Explore

23.00-07.30

Silence

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Interview with Paul Tompkins

What do you think of the camp so far?

Very positive. It's amazing to have everybody here, arriving from different places. I think it's great.

What is your role at the Camporee, Paul?

I am the Camporee Director. I have to make sure that everything is set up in advance, but the most work is done by the Dutch staff, who have done a tremendous job. It's brilliant how well they've done and now we're all here, I organise the programme with the countries and their leaders.

When did you start Scouting?

(laughs...) Well that is a long time ago. Over thirty years ago, so a long time ago.

Where was your first international Camporee?

My first international Camporee was in Ommen in 1986, and that's where I got the vision and the power of an International Camporee. It was at the campfire: the band was singing songs and it caught my interest. Since then, I am a believer.

What are the differences between the Camporee in 1986 and the Camporee now?

We've doubled in size: we've got more countries involved, so we have many more people now. Technically things have moved on, but the basics of Scouts and Pathfinders are the same as they were in 1986.

What would you like to say to people who haven't joined Scouting yet?

You really are missing something. Please get involved! I just believe so much in the Pathfinder & Scouting Movement. It means so much. It's a sense of belonging. You belong somewhere and you have the sense of spiritual involvement which I think is extremely strong.

Thank you very much.

You're welcome.

Alexander Bjørnsfeldt & Ruben Dingemane



THE DAILY MYTH

Some say that Hungarians are not allowed to eat breakfast before they have done 15 press-ups, but is that really true? To find out if it really was the truth, we went down to the Hungarian camp to see what we could find out.

At the Hungarian camp there were a lot of fit people, so there could actually be something to this rumour. We met David Zarka, who looked a bit suspiciously at us when we explained the myth to him. David told us that this was not true, but that they do do some morning exercise every morning. Morning exercise may consist of a lot of different elements, like a bit of light jogging, sit-ups, stretching, jumping jacks and also press-ups, so actually David had to admit that some mornings they

might have done 15 press-ups before breakfast. However it was not planned on a regular basis and if anyone was not able to do the morning exercise for some reason or other, they would still be allowed to eat breakfast.

The Hungarian group is one of the smaller groups, but they are very easy to get in touch with and they are staying in a nice spot, so you should definitely stop by if you get the chance, or if you would like to do some morning exercise.

A new rumour has been heard during the day: that at the Finnish camp they have brought their own sauna to the Camporee, we will investigate that later.

Dennis Møller





FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Everyone at the campsite needs food, but with 2300 participants it needs a lot of organisation. A few volunteers have been found willing to put all their energy into it, so we can get food to the camps every day. You wouldn't believe it, but the British Union is the union which gets the most food: almost 36% of all food goes to them.

In comparison to the BUC, Israel only needs 0.7% of the food.

Every day between 10 and 12 volunteers work at the Food Distribution Marquee. In the morning there are just two people at work, but in the afternoon it is 12.

Around 3.00 pm a truck from the MAKRO, a large wholesaler in the Netherlands, arrives at the campsite to drop off almost 100

m3 food. This food is for the following day.

In the Marquee every country has their own allocated space. The volunteers divide all the food in that space and after that it is easy to distribute the food to the different countries and campsites.

Next to the marquee there are two big cold storage rooms which hold the milk, mushrooms, fresh vegetables, soft drinks, yoghurt etc.

Be thankful to the volunteers who distribute the food to your camp, because it is hard work at Food Distribution.

Alexander Bjørnsfeldt & Ruben Dingemans

PATHFINDER PROFILES



Name: Hrisijan Tomovski
Country: Macedonia

Hrisijan is a happy guy from Macedonia, so if you are looking for a new friend, head down to Macedonia and ask for Hrisijan. Hrisijan tells us: "I am a Pathfinder because I like the company of the other Pathfinders, I like nature and just being a Pathfinder. The best thing about being a Pathfinder is going to camps like this Camporee, just being around friends and making new friends and living close to and in nature."



Name: Essi Leinonen
Country: Finland

Essi's birthday was yesterday, she turned 17 and therefore she was dressed up nicely for the occasion. Essi told us: "I am a Pathfinder because of the community we have together. My best Pathfinder experience was the Camporee in Denmark in 2006 because it was my first Camporee. At this camp I am most looking forward to my baptism on Saturday. I have chosen to be baptised here because I would like to make it a special moment."



Name: Nile Philip
Country: UK

Nile is currently training to be a Master Guide. Nile tells us: "I was more or less born and raised as a Pathfinder. I like to drum and I have been able to combine this with the drilling activities where I play the drums. I am actually going to the International Camporee in Oshkosh next week, where I will be part of the drum team. I would say: If you've never heard of Pathfinders, you've not lived."