

Hemyock / Tønder Viking camp 2013



Saturday day on the boat

The boat was a bit boring. From when we got on till we went to sleep (eventually!!!) it was alright also it seemed better as we'd spent so long on the bus. But in the morning till we got off it was fairly boring. The leaders spent the whole time in the bar so we met every now and then. We had a buffet for tea and same for breakfast.

Overall it was good but a bit boring.



Sunday 1st day at camp

I have had a really good first day at camp as we went in the river to cool off. The weather is really good almost too hot. The food is very nice as well and to make the really nice food we have to cook on an open fire.



Monday 2 day of camp

Today we did Viking workshops. Which was really fun. We tried our hands at being blacksmiths when we made little hammer charms and then whittled little wooden beads. We then made some refreshments. Honey bread, cottage cheese, and butter, which tasted very nice! After making some accessories for our uniform scarves we played at archery. Which some people were very good but others not so! We then ate lunch and went for a quick dip in the river there was tree climbing and the adults had an archery competition. Although we haven't had the results. Lots of fun.



Tuesday 3rd day of camp

We walked into town it was a nice walk just a bit tiring. We went swimming in an outdoor pool; it had a massive diving board. We visited the church although it was boring and you could hardly hear what the guide was saying. Some people came back in the mini bus to the campsite then we cooked food on the open fire. It was a fun day.



Tuesday 3rd day of camp

We walked three miles into the nearest town in the searing heat. Most of the time it was out in the sun so I finished of my water really quickly. When we arrived we walked to the church to have a guided tour of it. However it was more of a “sit in the pews and listen to a man drone on” tour. He talked in Danish and English so when he switched you realised half way through that he had changed language. Overall really boring. Then we walked to a nice shop and got some ice cream. We then got to the pool. We had to shower in the nude which was embarrassing but the Danish thought it was natural. When we finally got in the pool it was heaven. There were two diving boards. A high one and a low one. I went on the high one most of the time and did mainly dives and one bomb. It was very fun. I then went into the little pool and mucked around on the inflatables for a little while. We then got changed. Some people cheated and got the mini-bus back. Slackers. I walked back and drunk lots of water. We then said goodbye to the cub scouts and had dinner. A great day throughout.

Andy, Night wide game

Tuesday night of the wild animal escape. The evening game involved the leaders hiding in the woods pretending to be escapees from a research facility. The woods echoed to the sound of animal noises and the hunters were sent in to catch them. In the dark wood the tension was high, screams, shouts and running around the trees what a great game.



Wednesday 4th day of camp

Today what we did is we had a very active assortment of various battles some included throwing axes and spears some involved pulling some involved building but my patrols battle was the best because it involved climbing but they were all very good and I had a great day.

Matt the pirate The week so far Wednesday 4th day of camp

How time has flown on camp so far the Danish have been very welcoming to us all. The leaders are a great bunch of people. The sun has been shining nonstop so all the swimming we have been doing has really kept us all cool. What I have enjoyed seeing is how the two groups of scouts are becoming one team and seeing new friendships forming. All the workshops we have been running are giving me some great ideas for our own programs in the future.



Thursday 25th - A Viking adventure.

Vikings... that's all I really need to say about today because it was just full of them. We started with a couch journey to Rieber and the Viking Museum that was there. After waiting to get our tickets from the leader, we went on a journey through the ages to see and learn all about the Vikings. The first bit was ok, just looking around and reading about them and what they used, but it really got interesting when we went downstairs to the role-play type room. Everything you saw in this room could be used in some way whether that be wear it or eat it. Well, the only thing you could eat was some apples they'd put in a bowl next to the castle but being a Viking isn't easy, you have to eat something! Jokes aside, there was so much you could use there. I put on all the heavy armour (trust me it weighs a tonne!) and had battles with some of my new Danish friends and then Andy took a picture of me wearing all of it. It was such a fantastic picture, I'm sure you'll see it sometime in the future! After we had seen everything that was to be seen and all the battles had been won (by me obviously!) we split up and had a look in the town. First thing to say is, Rieber, really expensive, well most of it anyway. I went into one shop and the cheapest spoon was 29 Kroners! I then treated myself as well as many others to a pizza and an ice cream. The ice cream was the only cheap thing you could find in the town. I was really good value for money. I got 3 enormous scoops of ice cream + free chocolate sauce, marshmallows and strawberry's for only 25 Kroners. That's the equivalent of about £3.50.

Later, we met up back at the bus and travelled to the Viking town. From the moment you stepped in, it was like you had gone back in time. You could visit every building and talk to every person. It was a great end to a very Viking-y day.



Friday 26th 6th day of camp

Today it was a very tiring day as the weather was boiling and we had to pack everything up and I mean everything. Firstly we woke up tired and sleepy to enjoy a game called the stick game. Basically you had to flick the stick and try and not get caught out or try and defend your base. It was fun but the weather was so hot it was hard to carry on. After lunch we had to start by taking down the tents and fitting them back into their bags (trust me it was a real struggle!) after a big water fight which really refreshing we got back to taking the tables and returning the wood to where it was found - in the woods. After this we went for a swim and sat on the grass and cooled down in the shade. Finally the tuck shop opened for the final time on the camp – I bought loads of stuff but it only cost me 11 kroners which is about £1.40. Overall it was a fantastic end to a great camp.

Carolyn, Saturday 27th July

Camp has finished we have all survived, other than a few bites due to the very hot weather, Andy and I are camping at the scout house, it is a very large bungalow, with large grounds we are very envious.

Today Andy and I went site seeing, firstly we went to the beach at Romo, what a site! The beach is miles long, Cars, Motor homes, Cars with Caravans all parked up on the shore, I have never seen anything like it, we walked through the sea for a way the water was very warm.

We then went into MogelTønder, this is famous for its princely castle, and its village main street is cobbled, Since 1993 the castle has been habited by HRH Prince Joachim

We also went into Tønder there was a music festival event in the town centre with a live band playing, this area was very busy.

Lastly I am sat in the Danish scouts grounds underneath the BBQ area, it is raining and thundering hopefully this we'll clear air we have had temperatures up to 30C very hot and stuffy.



Sunday 28th July

Had a nice long lie-in in a comfy bed this morning, and then went to Tønder Museum. It was pretty creepy! Then I did some cooking – snail pizza and sausage rolls. For once my cooking didn't fail!

Then we went to the barbeque. It was really fun. I fell off a chair – oops! We went to bed quite early, about 10 o'clock because we are getting up at 6 am. I'm really excited about the theme park



Monday 29th July

We went to Heide Park in Germany! We left at 7am with a 4 hours journey and came there at 11am! Heide Park is a theme park.

When we got to go in me and Erika went to queue up for the Krake. It took 50 MINUTES!!! But it was worth it! When we got there me, Erika, Cheyenne and a Danish girl went to go and sit in the front! The Kraken is a ride that drops down into a fishes mouth but before you pauses for 3 seconds and then drop and then lots of water comes up and then went on a side! Our pictures were sooo funny! Cheyenne's face was the funniest.

Next we went on the screamer, this is when you go up really high then you stay up there for 10 seconds and then you literally drop. It was like free falling!! It goes 100 km/h, that's as fast the motorway goes here . We didn't scream though coz it was going so fast.

The next thing we went on was the Big Loop. The Big Loop is when the loads off loops and going upside down! It was fun. I brought a photo of all off us. After that we stood above the part of the Krake were all the water comes out to get wet. Oh my god we got soaked! But it was so funny.

After we got soaked we went on the Schweizer Bobbahn. We queued for ages and it was RUBBISH! Waist off time. Then we got something to eat! YUM.

After we ate we queued for Colossos, it's a wood roller-coaster that went really fast. And I mean FAST! Me and Erika screamed at the beginning. Then we went on Desert Race, that's also a roller-coaster. That went so fast. At the beginning it shots off and then takes your picture. My face was really funny.

Next we got ice-cream and slush puppy! YUM! My tongue turned blue. Then it was time to go on the bus.

Overall I had so much fun and when I next time I go to Germany I'm going there!! My fava ride was the Kraken because it was the scariest and funniest. Now I'm on the bus going back to the Danish's house! I'm so tired



Wednesday 31st July on the way to the boat

Today we had to wake up at 8.00 and pack all our stuff up, because we were leaving to get the boat to go back to England. We went to the scout house at 10.00am and we had to say goodbye to all the Danish scouts and leaders and the family we stayed with.

I stayed with Ditte and it was really fun, It was really hard to say goodbye to them, as we really got to know them, then all of a sudden we were leaving to go to the ferry.

On the way to the ferry Charlie, Max and I were in the car, we all went to the beach, and went in the sea but some didn't go in because apparently it was cold but it wasn't, Matt Horler and Delboy didn't go in, the waves were really fun, if you just stayed there the big waves just took you but if you were out of your depth you would get pulled by the current and if you couldn't swim you are stuffed.

Then we stopped and had some food and drink then we set off to the ferry and I fell asleep on the way there because I was really tired. It was really fun all together I had a good day.

Charlie Wednesday 31st July

The journey to the Denmark was boring and long but as most of us slept on the way it wasn't too bad.

The boat journey was nice and calm on the way out and it was really relaxed, as we couldn't lose any of the scouts as they knew where the leaders were, and they couldn't leave the boat so we knew they would be somewhere. When we got there we had a great and friendly welcome from all the Danish scouts. Even the weather was nice all week, the scouts involved themselves in everything. The activities we did on camp gave us a lot of ideas to do on scout nights and all the scouts had smiling faces on camp.

All the host families as well gave us a very friendly welcome and took the scouts to see some places around Denmark. The best day for me and some of the scouts was when we went to the theme park it was so much fun but a very long drive, 4 hours! The farewell evening was really good and all the Danish seemed to love it which gave me a brilliant feeling. I have enjoyed the camp and being at the home as I got to see all the friends from 3 years ago.

Michelle

The boat trip was better than I expected although it was long, when we got to Denmark there was still an hour to travel to the scouts camp site.

When we got to camp the Danes were very welcoming when we arrived we settled into our tents we went to bed

The next day we had to integrate with the Danish it was quit hard for some of our scouts the Danish were very nice to our scouts some of the scouts met with old friends

On one of the days we had a Viking day when the children made a variety of obstacle's with big bits of wood and string, Andy liked the axe throwing

The next week we went to home hospitality I stayed with another leader called Suzanna and her son Emill they live near to Tønder town centre

We went to the beach and swam in the sea the water was very warm

We went to a theme park in Germany with lots of roller-coasters. I went on four of them

On the last day I took the family to the Chinese restaurant and had a lovely meal

See u in three years SHELL XXXXXX

Andy

I would like to thank all those who have helped, supported, sponsored, advised and steered the planning of this trip.

Scouts and their parents can be proud of their behaviour during the travelling and camp.

I personally had an easy time thanks to the leadership team and would like to thank them for their efforts and support and the work put in by the Danish team.

We will now be thinking about Anglo/Dan 2016. We have a big challenge to run a better camp than this but we will try