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BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS

A GREAT SOUTHERN ROAD TRIP

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IT ALL BEGINS TONIGHT

IT has taken us two years to get to this point, and we are finally here, day one of OneCamp 2023. An event packed full of fun and adventure, friendships, and new experiences around every corner. From Joey Scouts to Rover Scouts and everything in between, OneCamp will see all of the Scouting Sections come together for the time of their lives.

To mark the momentous occasion Scouts received a special address from the Chief Scout of Australia, his Excellency General the Honorable David Hurley and his wife Mrs Hurley. They congratulated Scouts WA for the work and progress they have made to create OneCamp. Mrs Hurley



Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley address Scouts WA on the eve of OneCamp

said, "[We] wish you well and know it will be memorable." It's time to take up the challenge and make new friends, try new things, and challenge yourselves to step outside of your comfort zone. This is a new and unique

event for Scouts WA so why not have a go at some new and unique experiences for you. That's what being here is all about. Go out there and make the best of your time at OneCamp 2023.

IT'S A LONG WAY NORTH TO SOUTH

ELISE, a Venturer Scout from Karratha, flew into Perth on Thursday night and joined the Event Team at the Swan Valley Adventure Center before getting up on Friday to join the rest of the participants from the Great Southern Road Trip Expedition. Travelling from the top to the bottom of WA in a day is definitely a great way to start OneCamp.



Venturer Scouts and leaders getting ready to depart for Esperance for their Great Southern Road Trip Expedition.

ROVER SCOUTS ABROAD

AS we start to fill onto the site here in the Swan Valley, four Rover Scouts from Western Australia are making their way to Kenya for the 1st Africa Rover Moot. Approximately 2500 Rover Scout from nearly 40 countries will be making their way to Nairobi for the first ever Rover Scout Moot to be held in the region. We will keep you up to date on all the fun they are having while we are here.

ONECAMP WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

FOR a week before the Scouts arrived on site, various event teams spent days on site getting ready for today. All of the event teams worked hard to build activity zones, put up marquees, distribute



A view of Village 5 as leaders begin to set up their campsites on gear drop of day.

gear, and mark out camp sites. All of their hard work is what you now see around the site, and is what really goes into events just like this.

THE FIRST EXPEDITION

ON the morning of Good Friday 23 Venturer Scouts and three Leaders loaded onto a bus and made their way to Esperance, a journey 700km long. The Great Southern Road Trip was the first OneCamp Expedition to get underway, and they have been on all sorts of adventures since leaving. The group have been staying at the Esperance Scout Hall, using that as their home base for all of their adventures. They have spent some time relaxing on the beach and exploring the nearby Cape Le Grand National Park, where they climbed Frenchman Peak, made iconic by the large cavernous space at the peak of the mountain which makes for great viewing of the surrounding beaches and bays. While in Cape Le Grand the Venturer Scouts visited Lucky Bay, known for its kangaroos and some of the whitest sand in the world.

The Venturers had a go at some



The participants of the Great Southern Road Trip explored the Cape Le Grand National Park and climbed Frenchman Peak.

indoor archery, and even got to go for a boat tour of the picturesque Bay of Isles. Even though the weather was a bit dull on one of the days, the Venturers still enjoyed a bit of kayaking and having a walk around Esperance Town Centre to find some of the hidden gems of the town.

Today the group are leaving Esperance and making their way to Albany where they

will be staying at the Gilcreek Adventure Centre. In Albany the Venturers will continue their touring of the area, visiting The Gap and Natural Bridge, the National ANZAC Centre and the Historic whaling station, before they make their way back to the Swan Valley Adventure Centre to join us for the OneCamp core camp.



There was plenty of wildlife on show as the Venturer Scouts explored the Bay of Isles off the coast of Esperance, including this seal who was soaking up the sun.



Above: Venturers making their way down from Frenchman Peak.

FUN FACT OF THE DAY

There are more trees on earth than stars in the Milky Way.

Right: The amazing leaders on the expedition enjoying some quiet time while the Venturers are off exploring Esperance



BEST VIEW IN THE WORLD

THE coastal town of Exmouth, in Western Australia's north west will be the best place in the world to see the solar eclipse taking place on April 20. It is expected that thousands of tourists will make their way to the small coastal town get the perfect view of this once in a lifetime event. Although a total solar eclipse occurs every 18 months, being able to see them is a little more difficult as they happen all over the world, and often the only place to see them from, is in the middle of the ocean. This rare astronomical event is the namesake of our event.



UP, UP, AND AWAY THEY GO!

AN EARLY START FOR ADRENALINE SEEKERS PAYS OFF WITH THIS VIEW

THE Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts on the Adrenaline Seekers Expedition had an early start yesterday, getting up at 3am to head out to Northam. Once they were there they got their balloons set up and ready to go on a fly up the Avon Valley. Taking in the sunrise and the sun drenched rolling hills the Hot Air Balloons drifted along for a 60 minute journey before touching down in a field just outside of town. These Venturers and Rovers were then on their way for a game of paint ball in the afternoon, then they got a well deserved rest.



A morning balloon flight soaking up the morning sun across the Avon Valley.

THE WEATHER TODAY



Today's weather will be partly cloudy with a high of 22° and a low of 13°
A beautiful first day for OneCamp.

THE SITE OF A NEW MOVIE PRODUCTION

THE Swan Valley Adventure Centre has recently become the site of a new movie production with the star of the show being a bus. The new movie is aiming to raise awareness for the importance of public transport and bus safety. A spokesperson from the production team said, "with an expected rise in the use of buses in the coming days, we thought it was important to make this movie, and we hope that the target audience really engage with this new type of production." Now showing on-line.



New movie production aims to raise awareness around the use of buses.



Daniel Craig
Lily Hammal

SHIP SETS SAIL



Participants of the Catalpa Escape Expedition set sail from Fremantle on Sunday morning.

A group of 32 Venturers Scouts and Rover Scouts have braved the weather and set sail on the Leeuwin II as part of the Catalpa Escape expedition. They sailed out of Fremantle on Sunday and made their way to Rockingham to drop anchor for the night. Expected rough weather meant that plans had to be made just in case the weather became too tough to handle. The plan is for the Crew to enjoy the next few days of nice sailing weather before they make their way back to Fremantle and then make their way to the core camp. Once they Venturers

and Rovers have completed their journey they will have had the experience of living life at sea, reenacted the daring "Catalpa Rescue," climbed the masts to furl and unfurl the ship's sails. They will have even stood watch, including night watches. A truly unique experience allowing for the development of new skills, making new friends, and forming life long memories that they will look back on for years to come. A special thanks goes to Barb and Josh who worked tirelessly with the Leeuwin to pull together this great expedition.

YOUR GUIDE TO ENTERTAINMENT

IT'S the first night of OneCamp 2023 and the event will be kicking off with a bang. After the official opening, the party starts with a disco and a Minute-to-win-it competition. So get dressed up for a night of quick fun and groovy entertainment.

ONECAMP SHOP

DID you know that there is a OneCamp shop on site? Located in the Event Operation Center is a small shop where you can buy event merchandise, including some special items only available at OneCamp. You can even get yourselves some lollies for a needed sugar boost. And, best of all, you can buy from a selection of OneCamp event badges.

Some of the things you can buy are:

- Jumpers
- Event Shirts
- Bouncy Balls
- Scarf
- Soft Drinks
- Lollies
- Event Badges

Drop in and see what we have on offer.

WELLBEING 6:00 - 6:30am Daily

Are you leaders looking stressed? Do you think they need some time to relax and get away from the buzz of the Unit? Then you should send them to our leader Wellbeing Program. We are running several different programs from 6:00 - 6:30am daily.

More information about what is on each day can be found in the Meeka Cafe or the Hub.



IN FROM THE EAST

PEOPLE are coming from all over the country to attend One Camp. We have someone attending from each Branch, with the biggest attendance from another state being Victoria with 22 participants making their way to WA. Even the smaller Branches like the Northern Territory and

Australian Capital Territory have a few members coming along, including Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts, and leaders. There are even a few Cub Scouts coming along from the Northern Territory and South Australia. If you see one, make sure to say hello, they're a long way from home and we want them to have a great time while they're in the beautiful state of Western Australia.