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A Very Bad Case of Wind

Nighty night

A special mention should go to two young men from Uttlesford. Despite being big brave boys, they were so scared by the storm last night, that they were found curled up and fast asleep. Not in their own tent, which was under a tree, but hiding in a different tent (on a different Challenge entirely!). Oh dear boys - not very brave and macho was it?!?

Don't forget

All the photos taken this weekend will be available to view on

www.photos.essexscouts.org.uk

If any Challenge Leaders have taken any digital photos, please talk to Media Simon or Media Liz before you leave.

Feedback

Leaders - please don't forget to fill in your feedback forms and return them to Gordon before you leave.

If anyone else has any comments to make - positive, negative or suggestions for the future, please let your Leaders know, talk to Claire or Gordon, or drop them into the *Essex Experience News* office.

It's been the windiest Challenge Camp ever, but we survived! I'm sure that there were times last night when you were sure your tent was going to take off, but we can happily say that all the tents and marquees on the site stayed firmly pegged to the ground.

Listening to the weather forecast on the radio, they said that the wind was due to atmospheric something-or-other. We here at *Essex Experience News* believe that there were more sinister reasons for the bad weather.

Many of you responded to the plea for help in yesterdays edition of *Essex Experience News*, and joined Harlow Challenge in trying to unravel the mystery of Black Schuck.

As we sat in the dark, we summoned the forces of the ley lines, but obviously they were misdirected and the power was diverted to the wind instead.

After a terrifying walk through woods in the dark, it is rumoured that several campers (and Leaders) actually spotted pairs of glowing red eyes in the distance. Reports are coming in of even more chilling sights to behold, but unfortunately the *Essex Experience News* reporter was so scared by this point, she had her eyes shut and didn't see the gruesome sights...

Gotcha!

Well done to Dean for avoiding the camera all weekend.

But we said we'd get you!



Certificates

Remember to pick up your certificates from your Challenge Leaders. Everyone who has attended will get one, and they look really good in your Record of Achievement portfolio.

You've got to be joking...

Thanks to the Uttlesford Challenge for proving today's rib-tickler.

Q: How do you make a Swiss Roll?

A: Push him down a hill!

Thank You

Firstly, thank you to all of you for coming. We hope you have had a brilliant weekend, and look forward to seeing many of you again next year.

Thanks must also go to all the Challenge Leaders for running the camps and looking after you all. It's amazing what people can do with only 3 hours sleep a night!

Although most of them only came for the day, we would like to thank all those who ran the activity bases yesterday.

Thank you to all the behind-the-scenes teams: ESCAT running site communications, Site Services who have kept everything clean and in full working order, ESFAT who were running the Field Hospital and sorting out all your bruises, scrapes and sprains, and the Security Team for keeping us all safe around the clock.

Thanks also to the caterers who were feeding the staff all weekend. As everybody knows, an army marches on it's stomach!

Not to be forgotten are the central organising team, who are in charge of everything (apart from the weather!) and without whom the whole thing wouldn't be possible.

Well done, and see you all next year!

Technical Difficulties

Thanks to everyone who helped out yesterday, when the *Essex Experience News* was delayed due to technical difficulties.....

Take the Challenge

Hopefully you enjoyed being 'Challenged' this morning. Have a look at the pictures below and see if our roving photographer managed to snap you in action.

