



Carriage rides, photo shoots, parades and Kareoke. Girl Scouts take on the Fair Grounds



Let the fun
begin!!!



Encampment Director displays her new crown as she opens the evening ceremonies Thursday. Mr. Nauman leads his horse team and a group of singing Girl Scouts through the fair grounds, and troops display their banners in the opening parade.

Open-toed shoes ultimately lose in shoe debate

By Jessica Beck
Midnight Sun reporter

With so much time spent worrying about the blazing sun, we lather on sun screen, pull out the tank tops, but sadly tend to forget the very things that carry us through the busy Encampment days: our feet. This was especially evident today, as, strolling through the sweltering heat of the fair-grounds, we saw the debate between open and closed shoes brought to a new level.

Several girls interviewed from the Core Staff emphatically agreed that open-toed shoes were, given the conditions, way more comfortable and convenient than their counterpart. However, those are the same girls who have pledged to help keep Encampment a safe experience for everyone, which is why even they must encourage the younger campers to stay away from sandals.

Be serious. The ground on our camp-sites is less than perfect. The tall grasses

hide ruts, rocks and sudden dips, not to mention the visible-but-unseen ropes holding up the tents. A broken toe is the last thing you'd want while you're here. Close-toed shoes

protect against such mishaps.

So...the next time you even think about wearing those sandals, think again. They are discouraged for a reason.

Girl Scouts track down Tiki Tina

By Rachel Voehl
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reporter

Yesterday's Tiki Tina winners were: First Place - Troop 212 a prize of \$5 to use at the crafty cash or concession booth; Second Place - Troop 60 with a prize of \$3, and Third place goes to Troop 575 with a \$1 dollar certificate. Winners may claim their prizes at the Press Room from 4-6 P.M. The Press Room



is located next to the security office. The deadline for entries is 7 p.m. Here is today's riddle.

You will find me while waiting in line,
Watching others have a good time,
On my rickety bridge that's made from rope,
I will not be around other people I hope,
The people I'm with are healthy and true,
Even if they are feeling a little blue,
They will never ask for directions even if
it would cost them their live,
But that's only because they don't yet
have a wife!

10 Camping Tips

By Lauren Bryant
Midnight Sun reporter

1) Stay hydrated. Not drinking enough liquids (mainly water) will give you a headache and you will overheat more quickly.

2) Use the buddy system. Encampment spans across a great distance, and it is very easy to get lost while going to the bathroom.

3) Wear sunscreen. Red, sore, and peeling skin is not fun to be stuck with while trying to have fun. Plus a sunburn now can cause serious health problems later.

4) Listen to your leaders. When your leader tells you to do something, it is probably to help you or protect you.

5) Get plenty of rest. The more sleep you get, the more you will enjoy the classes that are planned for you.

6) Wear the right clothing and shoes. If it is very hot outside, do not wear a sweatshirt and jeans. You should also remember that open-toed shoes are not allowed at camp.

7) Be careful. Many people are injured at camp, and being careful will help you to not be one of those people.

8) Be respectful. Many people have volunteered their time and effort to ensure sure you enjoy camp, and treating them with respect will tell them that their effort is appreciated.

9) Be courteous and polite. The presenters have volunteered their time, so please be on time when you go to their classes.

10) Have Fun. Encampment is here so that many girl scouts can have fun, and get to know the other girl scouts in their state.

Most of all just follow the Girl Scout Law and make camp fun.

It's better with buddies

By Heather Wright
Midnight Sun reporter

I know all of your leaders have told you "Take a buddy always!" I also know that you're thinking blah blah safety blah.... BORING! You know what? I agree, but I still follow it. Not only because I have to, but also because I need help.

I have seen flying, rolling tents. I have also seen the tents hit people. If I was hit I would really love to have my super buddy help me up.

Do you have a map? Core staff and leaders have them, but what about everybody else? The Midnight Sun advisor said, "It's a long way from purple to red, and it's



Alison and Mary ahnging out and enjoying the buddie system

another little hike to yellow." If you walk the ENTIRE fair grounds trust me you'll get lost. (I did) There is only one thing worse than being lost; it's being lost alone. Remember to find a Super Buddy near you!

Photographers capture the moment



By Tabitha Chartraw
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Have you got your pictures? Well, if you have, do you remember those people

who took your pictures? They have been taking pictures for Encampment two years in a row. Working in there, they have Marie, Dave, Mike, Todd, Cindy, Catelyn and John. The company is called Sports Section. They work in Anchorage.

An interesting fact is that two of them have been in Girl Scouts. One was a daisy and one went all the way through the program.

"In the olden days we never had any big event like this. You guys are lucky!" Marie said. So next time you ever see them say pickles.

Need more SWAPS? It's your lucky day.

By Cari Jamieson
Midnight Sun reporter

Are you afraid you will run out of swaps? Troop 422 is running a 'make-it-yourself' ongoing swap activity during the Saturday afternoon sessions. This troop likes to be known as the 'Swap Kings', "because if they were the Queens, a King could come along and they would have to be second," said leader Kris Miller (and that would not do for Girl Scouts).

On Saturday, these girls will have kits prepared for any interested Girl Scout to make

a maximum of 20 swaps. They have also made boards, displaying their array of past and present swaps. You can check these out, and have a blast making some cool swaps, in Raven Hall Saturday afternoon.

