



## CAMPERS CHATTER

**Thanks to Sally for the camp report**

**KONINGSKOP  
13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Campers:**

Trevor and Sandy Biggs  
Sally & Gianni Carchesio  
Johnny and Sandy van Rooyen

**Guests:**

Michelle, Cloe & Michael Graf and Amy



Gianni was very excited to go camping in July as we had my aunt visiting from Uruguay and our house was always busy. He overworked himself at Greenlight just so he could avoid coming home to face the chaos. I was a bit hesitant as it rained non-stop the day before and even though the weather report said no rain Friday – it really did rain – a lot. So off we went to Koningskop as soon as Gianni returned from work. The country side was so green and beautiful. A total different picture to the last time we drove out that way.

On route I was reading the texts of a brand new camper, Michelle, asking whether she needed a 2<sup>nd</sup> ground sheet for under her tent because of the wet ground. I thought she must be very brave to camp for the first time with us in the rain. Maybe I should have told her to take a rain check but then again we are always keen to meet new campers. Sorry Michelle but at least you've been through the worst conditions.

We arrived at camp and was met by Sandy, Trevor, Sandy, Johnny and our guest campers Michelle with her 2 kids Chloe and Michael and Chloe's friend Amy.

Helen joined us a little while later with all her camping attire but somehow she forgot to pack the cloth for her gazebo. Fires were started early as it was freezing cold and we all huddled round chatting and catching up with each other.





We huddled a lot closer under the gazebo for shelter when the rain poured down. Johnny and Trevor braved the rain and protected our meat with huge umbrellas. They did a superb job as my meat was awesome. Thanks Guys. Gianni was being typical Italian and protecting himself under the gazebo even after I suggested he help braai our meat. ☺



It rained so much Friday night that Michelle's front section of her tent was flooded. Thank goodness their sleeping section remained quite dry! They certainly passed the test proving that camping is not for sissies. They handled the situation so well – well done!

Thank goodness the rain stopped by Saturday and the weather was awesome. Myself, Gianni, Johnny, Sandy, Michelle, Chloe, Michael and Amy hiked up the mountain whilst Sandy, Trevor and Helen relaxed at camp.







Johnny made delicious soup for everyone for lunch on Saturday – I can only guess it was delicious as I could not eat it as he forgot to leave out the pig for me.



Saturday evening, we huddled around fires again as Michael showed us how to do the floss dance. Chloe, Amy and Michael toasted marshmallows and lit sparklers round the camp fire.

Dinner was followed by Oumies delicious marie biscuit tart- Thanks Oumie we really love and appreciate our treats. Sunday we woke to another beautiful day, had breakfast then headed home for the soccer world cup final game. On route we passed quite a few snow-capped peaks – no wonder it was so cold.

Thanks everyone for the awesome camp! It does not matter what the weather is like as there is always enough shelter and fires to keep you warm and most importantly it is always fun to get away and meet up with our bestest camping buddies x