

# MY FAVOURITE CAMP

Simon Reay, Chief Scout Bear Grylls' cameraman, relives his first camp as a wide-eyed Cub Scout

Even though the camp was only two miles down the road from where I lived, it felt like I was going to the Himalayas. That was the first time I had been away from home, so there were all these emotions flying around.



It was amazing. I remember the tent pitched up and the campfire, everyone sitting around having various bits of food. There were ghost stories being told and I thought I would be really scared by them, but I wasn't at all because of the group around me.

I was a bit homesick, but it was a great experience to come out of at that age, sleeping out under the stars. There was a strong family feeling, which was instigated by the leaders and the adults there. There were older Scouts helping with the Cubs, too. It was something that I remember vividly to this day as being magical.



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## WHAT TYPE OF CAMPER ARE YOU?

Enjoy scaling the remote mountains with nothing but a backpack and bottle of water? Never pitch more than 500m from a shower block? Anyone who's ever been camping fits into one of these categories. Get in touch with your inner camper.

### The bushcraft camper

**Recognised by:** no tent

**Likely to be found:** under a bivouac in Bolivia

**Will be carrying:** nothing but a hunting knife

### The glamper

**Recognised by:** colourful, stylish, yet impractical, tent

**Likely to be found:** by the hot showers

**Will be carrying:** hair straighteners

### The summer camper

**Recognised by:** mould on their tent from last year's summer camp

**Likely to be found:** reminiscing about how great it is to be camping

**Will be carrying:** instruction manual for tent

### The eco-camper

**Recognised by:** the yurt tent

**Likely to be found:** in charge of recycling

**Will be carrying:** solar pocket shower

### The sleepover-er

**Recognised by:** being under 4ft tall

**Likely to be found:** in a bunk bed

**Will be carrying:** a teddy bear