Sōrve Sosin

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Hommikusöök *Breakfast*
Lõuna *Lunch*
Õhtusöök *Dinner*

Söök *Meal*
Jook *Drink*
Munad *Eggs*
Peekon *Bacon*
Vorstid *Sausages*
Pudru *Porridge*
Sai *White bread*
Leib *Rye bread*
Või *Butter*
Moos *Jam*
Sool *Salt*
Pipar *Pepper*
Supp *Soup*
Liha *Meat*
Kala *Fish*
Loomaliha *Beef*
Lambaliha *Lamb*
Sealiha *Pork*
Kaste *Gravy/Sauce*
Kartul *Potato*
Porgand *Carrot*
Kapsas *Cabbage*
Kurk *Cucumber*
Tomat *Tomato*
Sibul *Onion*

Weather: **Sōrve Australia**, Partly cloudy, max 29˚C; **Sōrve Estonia**, Cloudy, max -1˚C

Getting to know Estonia

A big part of the reason that Sōrve was established by the Estonians who migrated to Australia after the second world war was the preservation of the culture and the language. This included getting to know the country and its people and traditions. Now that Estonia has regained its freedom it is much easier to communicate and gain information but some of the more interesting facts still elude us…. here are some to ponder…

1. Estonia has one of the lowest population densities in the world (28 per sq km; 72.5 per sq mi) – placing it 188th in the world.
2. Estonia is slightly bigger than Denmark and has a coastline fragmented with 1,521 islands.
3. Estonia has the fourth smallest population in the European Union, and the eighth smallest land area.
4. The country is flat as a pancake – its highest peak is 318 metres (1,043 ft) above sea level – it's also the highest in the Baltic states
5. According to the largest ever study of height around the world, Estonian men and women are the third tallest people on Earth.
6. One of the biggest meteorites to hit the Earth in the recent history landed in Saaremaa, in what today is the village of Kaali.
7. Saaremaa is also where, according to one measurement, the centre of Europe is located.
8. Oleviste (St Olaf's) church in Tallinn was the highest building in the world from 1549 to 1625.
9. Estonia has the highest number of supermodels per capita.
10. In modern Estonia, it is possible to do practically anything online – to pay for parking, to do business, to declare your taxes, to vote, and almost anything else.
11. Estonian women had the right to vote as early as in 1917.
12. The sauna culture is believed to have begun 4,000 years ago, but the oldest public sauna in Tallinn was opened in 1310 on Nunne street and eventually called Stockeri saun. The words we still use today in Estonian – saun and wicht (now viht) – were first recorded in the 13th century.

Stay tuned to Sosin… more interesting snippets in future issues

Viru Tänav above
Eesti forrest below

Ain't it so wonderful to reconnect with friends

If you do what you've always done … you'll get what you've always got!

Tara in 2003 (above).. Tara now (below)

Dear Diary… A very special Sõrve reflection

When I as Editor asked the Juhid for articles for Sosin before camp I was surprised and delighted to receive one from Tara Savi that was a collection of her diary musings from Sõrve in 2003 when she was an elanik. These excerpts will appear in every edition of Sosin until the end of camp. Thank you Tara for sharing such precious memories with us! Here is the first instalment…

My memories of being at Sõrve by Tara Savi

Diaries: the original social media.

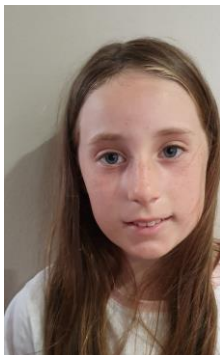
Did you know that documenting and sharing our own lives is nothing new? Long before Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat and whatever else you kids are using today, handwritten diaries were used to record a person's experiences, thoughts and feelings. Diaries are normally intended to be private, but I have decided to give you a glimpse of what happened at Sõrve in 2003 when I was a 14-year-old A-grouper. You might see familiar activities and routines, and you may recognise some names, including our very own camp leader.

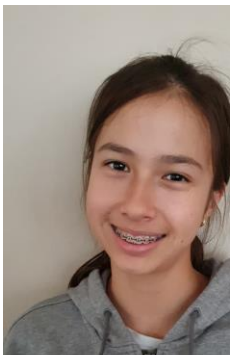
03/01/2003

Dear Diary,

Today I got into a full car with my cousins, ready for a 2-hour trip to Sõrve. Kelly and I were thrilled to find out we were in the same hut. A sign on the day said our hut name was the Tare 3, the Hobused (horses). We are the youngest A-group hut. Then I met my fellow Hobused, Kayla, Marissa and Jess. Our leaders were Toni and Genevieve. After reuniting with old friends and spotting all their changes (Taimi, Matt and Arvi's hair!!), I settled in for the week-long stay. Last year's oldest boys and girls have left to become leaders. Our evening activity for the day was a tour of the camp facilities and a tabloid game, which my group, A4 lost. Later that night we had a games night, and even later that night my hut was still awake. We didn't fall asleep til 4am.

It takes courage to be creative. As soon as you have a new idea you are a minority of one.





Some of the wonderful young women of Sõrve.

Do you know that the island of **Kihnu** in EESTI is inhabited and run primarily by women? Many Estonian islands have remained unspoiled and untouched since they were last inhabited centuries ago. In contrast, Kihnu stands out precisely because of its inhabitants. The island is known for its abundance of women.

Men began to fade from everyday life on Kihnu in the 19th century, thanks to their jobs at sea. Fishing and hunting seals took them away from home for months at a time. In response, Kihnu women stepped in and ran the island. Otherwise traditional female roles expanded to include anything their society needed to thrive and function. Eventually, this became ingrained in Kihnu heritage, as Unesco noted when it inscribed aspects of the culture on its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2008.

The island is not for everyone — nor do the women want everyone to visit. Kihnu women are known for their candor, and the island is not for the easily offended. "Mass tourism is not good for Kihnu," Ms. Aav the museum curator said. "We want cultural tourism, people who are really interested in our culture, our lifestyle, how we are living. If they're interested, they're welcome, but they must accept it."

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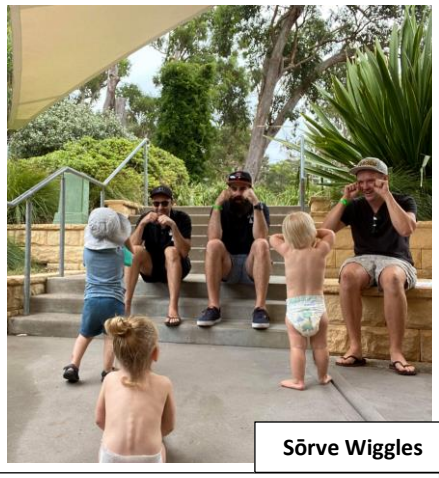
Flag Masters

Look Mum… no hands

Many of the things you can count, don't count. Many of the things you can't count, really count.

Raffle tickets to support the RFS available from Matt & Katrin Porm

$5 per ticket or 3 for $10



Sõrve Wiggles

The best skit I've ever seen – Sandra

I've seen soooooooo many great Sõrve skits over the years that it's difficult to choose a favourite. On top of that, I'm really indecisive so it's almost impossible for me to make decisions…..

But I guess I have to pick a favourite, because otherwise this article will be full of rambling, meaning that it won't win your attention when you're trying to co-ordinate keeping the sour cream inside your burrito while listening out for a millisecond pause in hut conversation to throw in an irrelevant pun.

Soooooo….I believe that a FASCINATING skit is a FUNNY skit. According to section 33 of the Sõrve guidelines for Ultimate Camp Enjoyment (SGUCE), Sandra's Snazzy Skit Specifications (SSSS) declare that a skit is funny when:

1) a prefect punch line wraps up the skit just like a professionally-wrapped birthday present, OR
2) it is so weird that all audience members turn to their neighbours and say "ummmmm what…?" OR
3) it involves crabs, mangos or avos OR
4) it stays in my memory for years & years & years & years & years &……

Therefore, based on guidelines 2 and 4 in SSSS, one funny skit was the river dancing skit done by an A-group boys hut aaggeeeesss ago. I was quite young at the time but for some reason it has still stayed in my memory (satisfying guideline 4). I think it was a "So You Think You Can Dance" theme night and the boys were given "river dancing" as their theme. They really thought out of the box & took river dancing to the next level by bringing an inflatable swimming pool into the Rec Hut, filling it with water and dancing in it. And if I remember right, they continued the famous Sõrve cross-dressing tradition. I remember everyone in the audience was very confused, which also satisfies guideline 2 of the SSSS.

Therefore, when given the problematic task of choosing your favourite skit of all time, don't stress. All you have to do is stop, breathe and remember the SGUCE and SSSS. For further advice on decision-making in an indecisive camp world, send a letter via messenger pigeon to the indecision hotline (details below).

Indecision hotline

Open 07:00 – 21:00, 5th-12th January 2020

Letters MUST be sent via messenger pigeon. Address letters to: Indecisive Sandra, Sofa seat #3.5 Leaders Hut Sõrve Summer Camp… No letters accepted after lights-out!

Live to learn and you will learn to live