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This issue will feature content that is specific to the CSESoc First Year camp.

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**Camp Schedule**

A schedule to help you find out what’s happening, and when.

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Organised camps can be separated into two categories: cool or uncool. Undisputedly, CSESoc’s First Year Camp 2017 (themed: Heroes and Villains) falls into the upper echelon of the cool camps. While the expectation of CSESoc and its members can be summarised as “99.60 ATAR binary nerds”, the reality of the camp was a brilliant 3-day period of team-bonding, friend-shipping, alcohol-drinking (18+!), board-gaming, relaxing and ultimately a fantastic, memorable experience.

Through a 3-hour bus journey, our group of 120 CSESoc members arrived in Camp Wombaroo, located in the middle of nowhere. Greeted by cosy, comfortable cabins, we immediately split into several groups and familiarised ourselves with each other through some interesting mini-games.

Having already quickly made several friends, the first of the many camp meals were served (the only non-memorable item throughout camp) and what followed was an amazing night of team trivia, board games, socialising and light drinking. Amongst the interestingly specific questions asked during trivia were a connect-the-dots activity that heavily encouraged the drawing of a certain male organ (but at the same time they were explicitly discouraged from being drawn).

The following morning the length of sleep ranged from 7 healthy hours to 1 hour of shut-eye. After breakfast, the teams were given the task of making heroes and villains costumes with newspapers and their headlines, and to create dramatic skits featuring these heroes and villains. With only an hour to creatively form newspaper into costumes, the teams did an exceptional job, ranging from trident-wielding-dads to Two-Face. Following the costume fiesta, the day was consumed by a lengthy jam-packed scavenger hunt featuring 10 highly different and unique activities, such as escape rooms, watermelon destructions and balloon-hug-poppings. As there was a points system attached to the entire event, each activity was highly competitive and served as a heavy boost of adrenaline.

The final night would best be summarised as lit AF. A holistic combination of dancing, campiring, board-gaming, drinking (18+!), water-ponging and truth-or-daring made the night an unforgettable experience for all tastes and interests. In the following hangover, the final team activity was for each teams to write and enact a skit based of restrictions that made very little sense in unison. For the preparation time of one-hour, the skits were surprisingly well produced and made several in-jokes, including the unbelievable ATAR of one of the more important staff of camp.

Adrian Martinez

"Hey, I’m Maggie! What’s your name?" > “Haha. Yeah!”

And that was also about the time I died inside. Granted, I couldn’t hear her because everyone around me were either laughing or were looking really intimidating, and it didn’t help that I was fixated on trying to make my arm positions look ‘natural’ - whatever that meant. Things could only go up from there, and I wasn’t expecting much but, holy moly did camp deliver.

- Met people that literally lived three streets down from where I lived.
- Experienced my first trivia night with the funniest, most welcoming group of people I’ve met to date.
- Failed when it came to the sport category, but hey, everyone else did.
- Got handcuffed to a bed frame and blindfolded with six other people.
- Watched a man crack a watermelon in half with his bare fist.
- Absolutely demolished everyone in Beer Pong.
- Sat around the campfire and sang our campfire songs.
- Faked a sex scene in our final team skit. The scene lasted around five seconds.

And spilled absolutely everything about my life to amazing people. If you get anything from this, it’s that you should, at least for a moment, swallow your social paralysis, walk up to someone and say hello! You don’t want to look back on this once in a lifetime experience and regret the fact that you could have done so much more.

So stop reading this! Get to know why the person next to you came to camp, their favourite programming language or how they’re handling university! I’m not kidding when I say that you’ll form lifelong friends at camp - you just...
Ben Pieters-Hawk
With a near flawless organisation effort and a leadership team that pulled out all the stops, last year’s camp was set up to be a success from the beginning. That could have all been for nothing, but I did not meet one first year that wasn’t keen on having a great time. This really started coming through on trivia night. With the two leading teams going neck and neck, the only thing missing was popcorn as we watched the team leader’s Jathurson and Andrew bring out the savage banter. Got to say Jath’s Team won my favour that night - when in doubt, bring out the chants! Yes, the drinks were flowing, but things were tame the first night. Everyone had a chance to make some friends, play some games and chill by the campfire. (It can neither confirm nor deny any allegations stating that said campfire was witness to some juicy truth or dare shenanigans). I would love to thank whoever brought the guitar. Yes, all-star got a bit repetitive, and getting roll-ripped live and acoustic was no surprise at all, but sitting down in the glow of the fire and singing along with friends who were strangers just that morning is something worthy of A/W wholesomes.

Saturday had to be The Big Day. With an early start we quickly got breakfast out of the way and got down to business. Today’s challenge? Using only newspaper, a quick lunch and we were off to the races, having little prices printed on the costumes. Little did we know, however, is that while we were having barrels of fun watching people tear of their costumes without the use of their hands, the leaders were getting the scav hunt ready. A quick lunch and we were off to the races, having hours of fun. All the activities were heavy on teamwork, and really got us bonding. I don’t know if being called a “Watermelon eating machine” by our illustrious co-presidents something I should put on my resume, but smashing the competition felt great! It’s fair to say co-presidents put in their best efforts and hard work of all the leaders involved. With the late nights planning, the early morning setups, MCing and drink serving, I’m sure that camp leaders, returning first/second years who happily attended to make our experience at camp a good one.

There were many events prepared to socialising the awkward first years, and some of the major ones include the following:

1. Trivia Night – after finalising our teams for the rest of camp, we went straight into Trivia Night, a night filled with laughs at the failures of Chinese Charades, or showing of your general knowledge skills by answering quizzes.

2. Heroes & Villains (costume-making) — The Heroes & Villains costume making was a great opportunity to either show off our artistic talents, or give everyone a laugh with our creative jokes and memes. It was amazing how people could come up with great costumes just using newspapers.

3. Scavenger Hunt – comprised of many wacky and unique challenges (including an escape room!) this activity allowed for lots of team bonding time, as well as entertainment, by striving to hit that first place in each of the events. Although some leaders were disappointed at our atrocious problem solving skills (a.k.a. the escape room) it was a good source of entertainment that all of our team members had to mingle in a tiny room.

4. Costume Party – almost being the highlight of our CSE Camp, it involved the struggles of trying to recognise our new friends under the many costumes and masks, as well as drinks and fun games with people outside your team. It was also a night filled with lots of music and dancing, allowing people with dancing experience to show off their talents.

Sarah Kim
After a wild ride into what seemed like the middle of nowhere, CSE camp was a fulfilling experience for both first years starting to get used to their Uni life, as well as the camp leaders, returning first/second years who happily attended to make our experience at camp a good one. It was a night filled with ups and downs, but overall it was a good experience for everyone involved. With the night ending and the early morning setups, MCing and drink serving, I’m sure that Saturday night was the main event. With drinks flowing freely again, fire glowing brightly, music binging, marshmallows toasting and a dance floor more lit than a sandstorm at Helsinki New Years, the heavy use of glow-sticks only added to the night. With Callum taking charge of the playlists, David had no power to stop the dancing and singing along with friends who were strangers just that morning is something worthy of A/W wholesomes.

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## Spencer Monro
- **Degree:** Computer Science
- **Favourite sport:** StarCraft 2
- **Likes:** Memes that get increasingly verbose, Thinking way too much, Free stuff
- **Dislikes:** Never playing the games that I get on the steam sale

**Spencer Monro**

### Melissa Zhang
- **Degree(s):** Computer Science
- **Favourite sport:** Swimming
- **Likes:** Eating, Cooking, Reading, Cute animals like cats and doggos and rabbits and hedgehogs
- **Dislikes:** Carrot ew

**Melissa Zhang**

### Matthew Chhoeu
- **Degree(s):** Mechatronics Engineering and Computer Science
- **Favourite sport:** Basketball
- **Likes:** Food, Kpop, Anime, Kdrama, Gaming
- **Dislikes:** Seafod, Someone waking me up

**Matthew Chhoeu**

### Callum Howard
- **Degree(s):** B Computer Science / B Media Arts
- **Favourite sport:** Robot soccer
- **Likes:** VR and AR, AI and Deep Learning, Rockets and Space
- **Dislikes:** Coriander, chilli prawns

**Callum Howard**

### Daniel Cameron
- **Degree:** Mechatronics + Comp Sci double
- **Favourite sport:** Skiing
- **Likes:** Outdoors, Extreme sports
- **Dislikes:** Bad drivers

**Daniel Cameron**

### Sam O'Brien
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science
- **Favourite sport:** E-Sports
- **Likes:** Solar cars, food, memes
- **Dislikes:** Capsicum

**Sam O'Brien**

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### Camp Teams

**A reference for finding out which team everyone is on.**

#### Team 01
- **Celine Zhou**
- **Timothy James Handley**
- **Peter Kim**
- **Viktor Fang**
- **Dylan Sanusi-Goh**

**Celine Zhou**

#### Team 02
- **Elizabeth Zhong**
- **Jing Jing Fan**
- **Teresa Feng**
- **Declan Kirk**
- **Coltrane Williamson**
- **Kevin Zhu**

**Elizabeth Zhong**

#### Team 03
- **Isabella Yeokyung Lee**
- **David Wu**
- **Steven Yin**
- **Thomas Frantisek Peter Kunc**
- **Wyatt Gruppelaar**

**Isabella Yeokyung Lee**

#### Team 04
- **Smrity Bastola**
- **Melody Chen**
- **Sarah Bruggisser**
- **Jacky Wang**
- **Ryan Keswick**
- **Aidan Hunt**

**Smrity Bastola**

#### Team 05
- **Shantanu Kulkarni**
- **Arthur Wong**
- **Benjamin Lai**
- **Mariya Shmalko**
- **Evelyn Yi Yeen Dang**
- **Leanne Ngo**

**Shantanu Kulkarni**

#### Team 06
- **Vivian Lai**
- **Celeste Thomson**
- **Pennie Huang**
- **Tom Nguyen**
- **Peter Gang Zhuowei**
- **Ricky Yuen**

**Vivian Lai**

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**Camp Teams**

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### Team Leaders

- **Spencer Monro**
- **Melissa Zhang**
- **Matthew Chhoeu**
- **Callum Howard**
- **Daniel Cameron**

**Spencer Monro**

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**Likely发音：**

- My English is not perfect.
- I'm looking forward to our work together.

**Possible Team Members:**

- **Spencer Monro**
- **Melissa Zhang**
- **Matthew Chhoeu**
- **Callum Howard**
- **Daniel Cameron**
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Angus Feng  
Jack Gifford | Oliver Gorman  
Yasmin Manovel  
Cathy Li  
Annabel Zhou | Ben Cai  
Natalie Eleftheriades  
Kristin Smith  
Jean Abed  
Joseph Wu  
Chen Zhou | Sean Luo  
George Morgan  
Jeremy Chiu  
Sergio Mercado  
Andy Tang |

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Seung Min Lee  
Tony Lu  
Xingjian Li | Alvin Cheng  
Ivan Huang  
Zhuang Yi  
Kenneth Hung | Bianca Ngo  
Rachel Bik Yao Liang  
Hung-Yi Liu  
Samuel Pushparatnam  
Muqing Bian  
Steven Jones  
Kevin Yu | Haozhe Zhou  
Selina Anabelle Chua  
Ben Sakey |

| Team  | 11  |
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Michelle Huynh  
Olivia Leung  
Chaithanya Pai  
Ashish Dutta  
Marcus Majchrzak | Joshua Derbe  
Abdullah Alrashed  
Hrithika Nayak  
Brendon Shi  
Philton Zhu |