# rivers are cool

fun fact

Aigues-Mortes was originally built as a launch point for the Crusades! King Louis IX of France (later Saint Louis) commissioned the construction of the city in the 13th century as France’s first Mediterranean port. It was from Aigues-Mortes that he departed for the Seventh and Eighth Crusades—despite the fact that the sea was actually several kilometers away at the time! Today, the city is inland due to sediment buildup, but its impressive medieval walls still stand nearly intact, making it one of the best-preserved walled cities in Europe.

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Water, water and more water

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This week marked the end of the training. Currently, as of writing this, I am sitting in my chalet, warming up a bit after a great river descent. We did the full 32 kilometers down the Ardeche river. We went below the Pont d’Arc, we saw the Gorge d’Ardeche among other cool things. It was a stormy night however, which meant the sleep under the tarp was not that well. It almost blew away a few times, to the point of it no longer being A shaped. We also trained some more for the excursions, we did canyoning, which is absolutely incredible to do! Can’t wait for the kids to come and try it. The water was freezing cold, but with all the climbing, walking and sliding, you barely notice it. It’s such a good activity to do. I really hope that the kids will like it.

# worries

Stay or go

This week, the doubts that came up last week continued. I kept wondering why we were made to do and learn things that didn’t really have to do with being a groupleader. Why not a course on how to watch your group, why not a course on local history and fun facts? Why do I have to learn how the company saves on electricity… in the UK. There’s so many things that they have us learn that I have yet to even have to think of, which just adds a whole lot of needless work and frustration, because the E-learners are hated among all the staff. Why can’t we only actually learn what we need to, instead of having to learn how the company works from top to bottom. That was quite a big part of my frustrations, for this past week, I wonder if they’ll be over next week