

# STARS AND CONSTELLATIONS

One of the pleasures of camping is **looking up at night into the heavens**. Away from the lights of the city, you can see thousands of stars. At first, the night sky may seem to be a **random scattering of brilliant points of light**. Look more carefully, though, and you will notice that some stars are brighter than others. **Night after night** they appear in the sky at almost the same place. There is an order to their location. Learn about that order, and you will have **a powerful skill for finding directions** at night.

For thousands of years, people have grouped stars into pictures called *constellations*. The word comes from *con*, meaning 'together' and *stella*, meaning 'STAR'. The **custom may date back** to times when Greek and Roman shepherds spent their nights **under the open sky**. They imagined that different groups of stars **formed the shapes** of their kings and queens, warriors, maidens, animals and monsters. The names they gave the constellations are **still with us today**. You will find those same constellations in the sky over your camp. Read about them, and you can discover much about the history and **legends of ancient people** who, like you, **gazed with wonder** at the stars above.

- A szokás visszanyúlik - \_\_\_\_\_
- Csodálkozva bámulni - \_\_\_\_\_
- Éjszakáról éjszakára - \_\_\_\_\_
- Felbámulni az éjszakai égboltra - \_\_\_\_\_
- A szabad ég alatt - \_\_\_\_\_
- Ma is használjuk - \_\_\_\_\_
- Gyönyörű, fénylő pontok csak úgy elszórva - \_\_\_\_\_
- Alakot öltenek - \_\_\_\_\_
- Az iránymeghatározás nagyon hasznos készsége - \_\_\_\_\_
- Régmúlt idők legendái - \_\_\_\_\_