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Posted by Alex Horvath - 2009/09/10 05:12

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Can anyone recommend some other products? I have looked at all of the Thermarest and Big Agnes products. Thanks Just picked up a Thermarest 30x77 called the Megarest. It's nice, and it's comfy. Dennis

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For cubscout camping trips, we just go to the dollar store and get the pool air beds. I've used the same one 5 times and hasn't let me down.

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Not to be argumentative, but Backpacking magazine says air mattresses are more comfortable (and I agree) and they are now recommending the Big Agnes over Thermarest. I have never understood why Thermarest would believe that people would not want to take 30 seconds to blow up a air mattress. The only advantage of having a lot of foam inside is the insulating quality but of course that is not an issue for warm weather kayaking/rafting. It's not as much insulation as comfort.

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