Madeline All About Me Paragraph

The experience I'm about to share with you is one that taught me a lot of skills and put me to the test. This experience is a camp I went on in 2017 when I was in grade 5 with my girl guide group at the time.

The name of the camp was Camp Olave on Vancouver Island and it was my first time going to this specific camp. When the bus arrived, the sky was grey and when I stepped out of the bus, I immediately felt the cold air on my face. The walk to the campsite was very long and I could feel my legs starting to burn as we continued to walk uphill, into the forest. On our way to the campsite, it started to downpour and all our rain gear was in our bags. We stopped to put it on and once we finally arrived, we were all very tired, soaked, and cold from the walk. I noticed It was almost dark, so we needed to get the tents up quickly. Thirty minutes later, it was completely dark, and we still had three of four tents to put up and we needed more help. So, the leaders went to get another group to come help us. While we were waiting, we had dinner of mac and cheese. I could feel the warm mac and cheese going into my stomach because it was cold outside.

By the time the other group came to help, and we finished setting up the tents, it was already 12am. At this point I could feel the air getting colder and the rain started coming down even harder. We still had to set up our beds in our tents and had to fit five people into the very small tent. We had to decide who was going to sleep at the feet of everyone so we would all fit. As you could expect, nobody wanted to and because we were tired, one of the girls started to get emotional so I said I would just sleep at the feet because I just wanted to go to sleep. As I laid in my sleeping bag, I could feel the warmth starting to return to my body.

Everyone in my tent was awake by 10am because we heard people walking around outside. When I opened my eyes, I saw a bunch of slugs on the outside of the tent from the rain. Yuck! I got dressed and went to see what everyone was doing outside. As soon as I stepped out of the tent, I saw one of the groups taking all their stuff out of their tent. I asked what happened and it turned out that their tent flooded from all the rain.

For breakfast I helped make pancakes and bacon and it smelled delicious. During breakfast, we decided we were going to go for a walk on the beach. On our walk to the beach, the rain started again but we continued our walk. About 35 minutes later we arrived. The sky was still grey, but I still thought the beach was pretty. We wanted to take some group pictures, so we all stood on this big rock. As soon as I stood on the rock, I could feel the cold breeze coming off the water and the rain on my skin.

When we got back to the campsite, we all went to our tents to change into dry clothes before we ate dinner. One of the other tents flooded as well so we all had to help take down the tent to hang it up to dry. After dinner I helped try to make a fire and it was hard because the rain kept putting out the matches, but we eventually had a fire to keep us warm. We decided to try to roast smores, they were sweet, warm and good. After two hours of sitting around the fire, talking, eating and singing we all walked together to the bathroom to brush our teeth. On our way back it was pitch black and as we were walking, I heard a scream that came from my friend. Everyone turned their flashlights towards her and asked what happened. A mouse had run across her foot she was in flipflops! When we got back to the campsite and went to bed. When I was trying to sleep all, I could smell was feet because everyone's feet were still wet from the walk but eventually, I fell asleep.

The next morning, we were leaving, and we all had to get dressed and pack up our bags quickly, so we had enough time to pack the tents and walk to the buses. When me and my tent were all packed, we started to put our shoes on so we could bring our bags to the pile of bags. When my friend was about to step into her shoe, she released there was a slug in it. After she removed the slug from her shoe, she decided to wear her flipflops instead even though we had a long walk, because she didn’t want to step in the slime trail the slug left. This camp had a lot of challenges and down sides that came along with it, but this camp taught me a lot of new skills and made me better at being able to problem solve. My favorite thing about this experience was spending time with my best friend.