

"ON THE TRAIL"

Escape

Tonight's the night I'm going to leave,
An escape plan that I am going to percieve.
I cut a hole in the tent and climb onto the ground,
Walk down the trail without a sound.
Walk past the dining hall just about gone,
Walk past the newly seeded lawn.
The memories I shall keep,
I run back up the trail and go to sleep.

John Nance
7-26-82

Haiku

Living in dark tents
Millions of trails to hike
Trailridge Mountain Camp

Leo Haas
7-27-82

Hanging in There

I want to go home, but I don't.
I want to call Mom, but I can't.
I want to be brave, but I'm scared.
I'll stay here , until i'm prepared.

A Sequoia
7-27-82

Contrast

Trailridge and Texas are very different.
The weather up here is wonderful.
My first day at camp I thought it was awful, but every
day since then Ithas gotten better and better.
The food is great and most everything else is too!

David Rodi
7-28-82

An Interview With a Counsellor

How long have you been here?
"Eight weeks"

How did you come to be a counsellor here?

"Well, I've never been a counsellor before. Mark Levin was the
greatest influence on my deciding to come. Also a good friend of
mine was coming up to be a counsellor and he also encouraged me to come."

What would you say was the best experience you've had?

"Learning how to deal with younger people on a group level."

What was your least favorable experience?

"I guess the physical conditions. It was very hard to
get used to them/"

If you ran the camp how would you change it?

" I think I would have delayed opening the camp until it was better
equiped for the boys."

If you come back next year, what would you like to see upon your arrival?

" A counsellor's lounge!"

Anon.
7-27-82

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An Interview with Ben Shushan

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How long have you been here?

"I'm starting my 4th week."

What was the greatest benefit to you?

" Learning."

What are some of the things you have learned?

"How to survive in the wilderness.

How to push yourself when you think you can't go any further."

What has been the most difficult thing for you?

"To keep going and not give up even when you have a chance to bum out."

What changes would you make if you ran the camp?

"I would have a more fixed schedule and more different activities rather than different versions of the same thing. Ex: three hikes in one morning.

If you return next year what things would you like to have waiting for you upon your arrival?

"Tennis courts and cabins."

A Trailridge Haiku

Up the trail we go

Will the mountain surrender

It may conquer me.

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7-26-82

The New Camper

The plane took off, I was on my way,
I was going to camp, where I can't really say.
I arrived at four o'clock when everyone was busy,
Seeing people who didn't even know me.

When a scent came to me , that scent of fear,
Comradery followed very close and near.
Then I realized I'd have to get dirty and damp,
Because I was going to Trailridge Mountain Camp.

John Nance
7-26-82

Advice

This camp needs more activities and places to do them. Also, I sometimes can't hear the bell. I also don't think walking into the bathroom in the morning and seeing people sitting on the John before mealtime is very appetizing.

Tom Sawyer
7-24-82

Back Again

I am from New Orleans, but I was born in the mountains. It feels good to be in the mountains again.

Huckleberry Finn
7-24-82