

Dear Diary,

At first, I did not want to go to camp. But I am sure glad that I finally changed my mind and experienced a summer opportunity that I will remember for a long time.

Day one of canoeing was a success. After a late start we started our trip in the river at 11:00 A.M. and didn't stop paddling until 6:00 P.M. Well, we did switch canoes a couple times, and a few people did fall out of their canoes, and yes, we did stop for lunch. It was a very interesting and super fun first day. I sure learned a little more about canoeing thanks to Hal's tips. We didn't have to set up tents or start dinner, which was another bonus for day one on the river.

On the last day of canoeing it was raining really hard, so we stopped our trip a little short of our final destination. From that point, Gwen announced that we would be going to a hotel.

The hotel experience @ Michigan Inn & Lodge in Petoskey was a blast. We enjoyed popcorn and cookies upon our arrival, and the café food was wonderful.

Hal's cabin; another fun day with crafts, tubing and swimming. We had a BIG COOKOUT with fireworks!

Our last night was spent @ Michigan Inn. This was our last night of the trip. We went shopping and found an awesome store named "The Good Life". I didn't buy an amazing bright pink pullover sweatshirt, but if I ever return I will definitely not leave without it.

This was a trip I will never forget. Every day was an adventure. I met a lot of interesting and enjoyable people on the trip. I am very thankful for Running Blind and all the people on the trip who made this experience a highlight of my 2016 summer. I would do it again next summer!

Sincerely,

Gabby C.