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At first it was a little bit, I was a little bit spectacle. I was just like, I'm not sure about this. And then after a week I was just like, yeah, it's really nice, fresh air. It's like outside all the time. And I learned how to take care of myself. I learned like how to be independent and I was more, I became more brave 'cause I overcame new experience. Like, uh, I've never done backpacking before. Right? And that was really fun because then we stayed overnight for two days and that was really cool because my parents are not there. And it's like with older friends and yeah, that was really fun. A big experience. And then when I went there, like I was just like, oh my goodness, this is so, like, this is really something.

And then after like 20 minutes, then I got used to it. And then it was just like, yeah, can we do this again? Like, I liked it so much.

And at Camp Chief Hector, like, it's like your family there and like, it's, it's hard to leave at the end. 'Cause like there was a couple people crying too at the end. 'Cause how big of a relationship they made. And yeah, that's, it just really, it's a special moment to when you're in it. Yeah.

One time I was with my dad and we were going to the gym and he was challenging me if I could, like, if I could do this like, workout and I, I could do it, but like, I've never done it before. Like, so at first, I did it lighter and I was just like, yeah, this is good.

And then I did it like a little bit harder. It's like this pull up thing. And when I did it, I was just like, yeah, this is really fun. And then you, and then I didn't even realise he did it. He made it harder for me. And I was just like, I got this, I got this. And then like, I overcame that one. And now, like when I go to the gym now, it's like I, it's easier for me to do that.

The independence. I think I've built a lot on that because, uh, I don't, like, my mom doesn't need to supervise me. Like, I'm like more mature now so I can take care of myself. I can like be more mature I guess you could say. And I also building on my, my socialising skills because there's more people here and like, I'm not always like, 'cause texting online that that doesn't really help with your social skills. And when I come here, I can like, interact with people like face to face, eye to eye, you know? Mm-Hmm. So that helps a lot.