

8th Grade Wissahickon Charter School Students Write Poems About Their Outward Bound Experience

A backpack is a struggle that pays off, hard work.
A tarp is a roof, shelter, a household.
Friends are people that are there in time of need and comfort.
Rocks stand for "Never back down. Keep going."
Footprints are a path to a new start.
Communication builds a connection.
Teamwork keeps us together as a whole.

Red = pain
Yellow = no name
Green = go for it if you can

Thanks Outward Bound!



Rocky paths.
Leaves so red
Hiking for water, not there.
Fallen trees.
Tarps where we sleep.
Stayin in the wild.

Wanting to go home.
Never being alone.
Someone getting hurt.
Feeling real bad, even a little sad.
Can't stop the tears coming from his eyes.
Stayin in the wild.

The last night was awesome.
Sitting by the fire.
Everyone happy, laughing and crying.
Giving out badges.
Expressing and revealing hidden feelings.
Sharing what was great about a family member, a friend
This is a memory that will never end.
Outward Bound!!!



You thought that going on a 5-day backpacking trip would be so much fun to do. But as soon as you got there you knew it was not for you. You were separated from your friends, then you made new ones on the trip. You weren't happy about all the hiking, but became stronger in the end. You didn't enjoy the pain in your feet or the food you had to eat, but you got through it. You didn't think you would like your instructors, but you will remember the time you spent together. At the end of the trip you knew you just completed the adventure of a lifetime and you'll never forget it!!

I'm Out of the Woods

It started on the first day.

They wanted me to...
sleep on the cold, hard ground.

They wanted me to...
Eat dry, not very saucy spaghetti.
All the while it had dirt in it.

They wanted me to...
Sleep under a tarp on a ground sheet.

They wanted me to...
Go fifty feet in the woods and pee.

The first day ended.
The second day began.

They wanted me to...
Hike multiple miles.

They wanted me to...
Find a campsite that wasn't
on the trail.

They wanted me to...
Set up the tarps and ground sheet by myself.

They wanted me to...
Cook my dinner and find water.

They wanted me to...
Clean pots with water.

They wanted me to...
Exercise early in the morning.

They wanted me to...
Stink for five days.

They wanted me to...
Deal with the outdoors

They did it, so I tried it.
It wasn't so bad.