



Montessori School Middle School

Expedition news

I've never done anything like this before, you know, gone canoeing, camping or lived on a sailboat, or see my ear five sizes bigger. I've learned more at Montessori than anywhere else. I learned how to be a community. At my old school, community wasn't very important. I hated how everyday, no one would be themselves or independent. Even though I loved my teachers and i miss my friends. i needed to go somewhere where i could be myself and was accepted for who i am. That's why i went to Montessori. Even though we've all been together for an entire year, we're finally getting to know eachother. While we were canoeing and camping; we all worked together, and we achieved something great while we were sailing. We learned how to check ourselves and we learnt how to live with each other -even if someone annoyed you. I have received some of my best memories from the middle school and can't wait to share them with my family.

Claire

Class of 2010

I have never felt so refreshed, I had a laugh out loud paddling experience and we landed in the paradise camping site. It was a combination of a beach and a forest. I spent most of my time on the beach, jumping from rock to rock, meditating, and taking in all the sites and sounds. At night, i went out and watched the sunset; i watched the sky go from blue to a rainbow of orange, yellow, pink and green. We also started a fire and roasted marshmallows and made smores. And then this morning as i write this i notice how lucky we are to have this opportunity.

Marten

Class of 2009



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Today was the end of a wonderful experience. We hesitated to wake up knowing it was time to pack. Jenn and Barry woke us up with a wonderful guitar and accordion duet. It would be our last hours on the Mary Day, and our last meal of Mary's wonderful food. However, mixed in with all these lasts come first – first time away from home without contact, first time completing half-mile hike, first time tacking a sail, or even first time on a schooner! This trip has been an experience to grow – as a group and individually. Yesterday, we sailed back to Camden. We had the opportunity to navigate, steer, watch the bow, and help with the lines. Hiking Mt. Battie was easy for some, but fun for all.

Kate

Class of 2009

Look to this day for its life,
The very life of life
In its brief course, lay all the verities and
realities of our existence.
The bliss of growth, the joy of action,
and the splendor of achievement.
For yesterday is but a dream of happiness
and every tomorrow a vision of hope...
Look well therefore to this day.

-Sanskrit salutation to the dawn.

Captain Barry King

Schooner Mary Day

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