

# Camp Cool Kids

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Mom screamed from downstairs, "Cami it's time to go." Cami packed the last of her things and ran downstairs, "Ready," she said. Her and her mom got in the car and it didn't start. "Oh," said mom, "I guess we'll have to take the truck." "Nooooo" Cami replied, "I hate that stupid truck!" Either way there was nothing she could do so she hopped in the truck despising every minute of it. She finally arrived at camp, eager to see her friends and to get out of the truck. She jumped out and entered the camp grounds. Counselor Cameron walked right up and said, "Hi you must be Cami, welcome to camp cool kids." *She seemed nice.* Cameron showed her to her cabin. Cammie opened the door and said, "I'm sorry counselor Cameron you must be mistaken, this isn't my cabin none of my friends are here." Let me check," she replied kindly, "Nope, this is your cabin honey, I'm sorry. You were originally in that cabin but there were too many girls in there so we moved you here because you were the last one to sign up." "Is there any way I could change to that cabin?" "I'll see," said Cameron. "For now settle into this cabin maybe you'll like it." "I doubt it but I'll try." "See you later, bye." Cami walked into the cabin depressed. She tried to be nice though. She said hi to the girls and asked them their names. A girl replied, "Well I'm Sarah, she's Ella, that's Kendal, and this is Abbie." "Hi," she added. "Oh um, I'm Cami." "Hi, Cami, welcome to camp." Maybe I could make new friends," Cami thought to herself. That night after dinner Cami was very tired she immediately got in bed and slept. In the morning counselor Cameron announced that we were going canoeing. We all got excited so we went down to the huge pond. Kendal was scared of riding a canoe due to the thought of flipping over, so Cami decided to ride the paddle boat with her. They headed out and paddled for 47 minutes then came back to the dock because it was time for lunch. As I was getting my food I encountered my old group of friends. I said, "hi." They rolled their eyes and said, "since you're not in our cabin hanging out with us this summer, you're not one of us, so stay out of our way." "Ok, I guess." Cami said. After lunch Counselor Cameron told her that they found a way to fit her in her old cabin but Cami replied, "No, I like it here." "I was hoping you would say that," replied counselor Cameron. That night before bed Cameron told us about an event coming up. Cameron said, "there will be five competitions packed in on the last day of camp." She listed off the activities, "three legged race, capture the flag, ring toss, obstacle course, and to top it off a canoeing race. Sound exciting?" "YES" everyone replied. "I can't wait for the competitions," said Sarah. "Me too," Cami added. "Alright girls," said counselor Cameron, "Time for bed." "Ok," all the girls replied. "Goodnight." The next morning we woke up early to practice with a partner for the competition. My partner was Kendal. Counselor Cameron spoke, "we're not practicing all the activities today so you and your partner practice the activity that's the

hardest for both of you. Kendal said, "We'll it's hardest for me to do the three legged race." "Me too," Cami replied. "Let's practice!" both girls added. They tied their legs together and crossed the line with four falls. They practiced and talked all morning while the other cabins slept. There was mac and cheese for lunch. "Yes!" Cami shouted, "I love Mac and cheese." After lunch we had quiet time in our bunks for a while. When dinner came around none of them were hungry because every one sneaks snacks during quiet time, so we just sat there. After dinner we played on the playground, then it was time to go back to the cabin. Thrilled to go to the competition tomorrow, everyone went to bed. They woke up to the last day of camp. We all went to the field for the first competition, the three legged race. "Ready set go," they yelled. Me and Kendal didn't fly through it like we thought we would. We fell twice and my old cabin won that round. Next up was capture the flag we set up and took positions on the field. Everyone on our team ran across the field leaving our flag open, losing the game. Ring toss was the 3rd game. The other team's counselor announces, " only one member of your cabin will compete in this competition." They all immediately looked at Abbie. She was amazing at ring toss. She and the players from the other teams got in line. After tossing 20 rings they announced the winner, "Abbie!!!" they called out. Now my old cabin had two points and we had one. The 2nd to last competition was the obstacle course we set up and the bell rang so we went. They went over the balance beam, through the pool, across the rings, Under the ropes, and sprinted to the finish line. The winner was the dominators who had made a team name. My old team is the dominators. So I decided to make a team name, the crushers and the other cabin was the destroyers. We all headed down to the lake for the last event, the canoeing race. Oh no I remembered we have to use canoes and kendall is scared of them. Surprisingly she got in the boat. "Ready set go," the counselors yelled. 1/4th of the way there the dominators stopped by and flipped our canoe over. Kendall cried so we helped her swim to the dock we just sat there. The competitions had ended and the dominators won. Cami said, " even though we didn't win this year, we made new friends and had a great summer. The kids smiled and said, "Bye."