

HELLO from



CAMP MERRY TRAILS MISERY

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My first day: SUNDAY

Dear Mom,
How are you? I am MISERABLE.
The weather is MISERABLE.
The food is MISERABLE.
Today, I DIDN'T LIKE ANYTHING.
I can't wait to COME HOME!
Say "Hi" to THE AIR CONDITIONING.

Love, Rose



MONDAY

Dear Mom,
There's **NO WAY** I'll survive
TWO WHOLE WEEKS here. This
is the **WILDERNESS**—with
poisonous bugs and **WILD**
animals. Please, please, please
come get me—

NOW!

Love, Rose

PS: Please hurry!!!



TUESDAY

Dear Mom,
I've figured out why CAMP
IS NOT FOR ME:
1. The kids.
(They're **NOTHING** like me.)
2. The heat.
(I feel like a baking cookie.)
3. The bugs.
(I can't stop scratching!)

HELP!!!
Love, Rose
PS: "Fresh mountain air"? My
cabin smells like wet socks!

PPS: It's **FREEZING** at night.
I think I have a heat rash
AND frostbite!



WEDNESDAY

Dear Mom,
I miss you and Peaches
sooo much!
If you pick me up, I promise:
1. I will not leave markers on
the couch.
2. I'll walk Peaches every day.
3. I'll never, ever, **EVER** say I'm
bored again!

Love, Rose



WEDNESDAY (NIGHT)

Dear Mom,
I got your letter.
I **AM** trying!!! But every day
feels like a year. Two weeks
will feel like 14 years!

Love, Rose



THURSDAY

Dear Mom,
Look, it's not that the other
kids are terrible.
It's just . . . they already have
their own stories, songs, and
secrets. It's like they speak their
own language—and it's too late
for me to learn.

Love, Rose



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FRIDAY

Dear Mom,
If you saw the water-park pictures on the camp website, they are fake. I actually had a frown under my smile!
Love, Rose



SATURDAY

Dear Mom,
I went to the infirmary to get something for my bug bites, and I found:
1. Air conditioning!
2. A private bathroom!
3. A friend???

A girl named Violet was hanging out, eating an ice pop. "Best secret on a hot day," she whispered to me. She seems nice.
Love, Rose



SUNDAY

Dear Mom,
I'm teaching Violet how to make comics. Since we both have flower names, we're calling our comics FLOWER POWER!
Love, Rose

PS: Campfire + s'mores = AMAZING!

PPS: Thanks for the fun package! If you need ideas for what else to send, candy is an excellent choice. (Especially gummy bears—Violet's favorite!)



TUESDAY

Dear Mom,
Sorry I've been too busy to write. Will write tomorrow!
XO
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WEDNESDAY

Dear Mom,
After free swim in the lake, we had archery, and Violet hit a BEEHIVE! Yikes!
I grabbed her hand and we made a beeline for the boathouse—with everyone else right behind us!
We're going to laugh about this forever!
Love, Rose

PS: The lake is not that bad. It's warmer than the pool—and no chlorine!



FRIDAY

Dear Mom,
I can't believe I have to leave on Sunday.
I'm going to miss everybody sooo much. Violet and I promised to write every day.
She's lucky. She's staying TWO MORE WEEKS! Why'd you sign me up for only one session???

Love, Rose

PS: I can't wait to see Peaches. And YOU!

