

Adventure Camp or Forest Camp?

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Dominic

Hi, everyone! Thanks for being on time to this meeting. All of us in the student council have to make an important decision today about the school camp for next term.

Ms Kent wants us to decide where that camp will be. She has given us two choices. We can either stay at a big adventure camp, or in cabins at a smaller camp near a forest. At the end of our meeting today, we must have a decision that I can give to Ms Kent.

Let's begin by sharing reasons to choose the adventure camp. Then, those who would prefer a forest camp will have their turn. After listening to everyone's opinions about both types of camp, we will have a vote.

Ella, you have your hand up. Would you like to start?





Ella

Thanks, Dominic. I believe we would have an amazing time if we stayed at an adventure camp. These camps are very popular because there are so many exciting things to do. We would be able to choose from a wide range of activities that we never usually get to do.



Joseph

I agree with Ella. My family and I stayed at an adventure camp over the school holidays. One of the activities I really liked was the flying fox. It was the longest and highest flying fox I'd ever seen. I remember the first time I grabbed the handle. I pushed off and went zooming down a long, steep slope. It was a bit scary, but exciting, too. I had hours of fun on that flying fox.



Finn

I'm not sure, but I think I might vote for the adventure camp, too. The people who work there would be able to teach us to use the equipment safely. If an activity was a bit difficult, I would feel safer knowing there were people there to help.



Dominic

Thanks, Ella, Joseph and Finn, for sharing your opinions about the adventure camp. However, we must also think about what it would cost. Many of our parents might say it is too expensive.

So, let's listen to those who believe we should stay at a smaller camp near a forest. Thomas, would you like to speak first?





Thomas

I don't agree with Ella and Joseph. Remember the fantastic time we had last year when we camped near a beach and explored the seashore! Camping near a forest would be a wonderful experience, too. We could go hiking, and learn about caring for a forest environment. I believe we would discover more about keeping ourselves safe outdoors if we chose a smaller forest camp.



Maria

I have the same preference as Thomas. I think we should be planning the activities for our own camp. That won't happen if we stay at an adventure camp. Choosing the forest camp would mean we would have to share our ideas and solve problems. This would help us to become more confident when we explore the outdoors at other times.



Zoe

I agree with Maria. Planning the activities at a small forest camp would show our teachers they can trust us to make good decisions. Each one of us would have jobs that must be done properly. Everyone would know that they were helping to make the camp a success. I am sure our parents would be proud of us, too.



Dominic

Thanks for your opinions, Thomas, Maria and Zoe.

Ms Kent gave us two types of camp to choose from. Some of you believe we should stay at a big adventure camp because of the range of activities that would be available. Others would prefer a smaller camp near a forest, so they can build on the outdoor experiences they had last year. We have shared our opinions, so it is now time to vote.

Put your hand up if you choose a big adventure camp.

Now, put your hand up if you prefer to stay at a smaller camp near a forest.

The vote is 5-to-2 in favour of a smaller camp near a forest. I will now tell Ms Kent of our decision.

