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In fall the mountain air is crisp. All the trees around you have different colored leaves. The red, orange, yellow and the few green leaves are an amazing site. The mist rising off the lake every morning is beautiful. Every morning you see a majestic sunrise. This is what Teva is like. I believe next year's sixth grade should go because you have the opportunity to go hiking in a untouched setting, bond with old friends and lastly make new friends.

Every day in Teva you go hiking ranging from two hours of hiking to five hours. It may seem tiring but it actually a very memorable experience. Your group is 1-10 people and one or two trail leaders that you hike with every day. There are many trails but to go off trail is the best. There are some caves and some large rock formations which also fun to explore. On the mountain sometimes it is so steep you have to be on all fours. There is the occasional slip but it just makes hiking feel more real. You get to build fires and shelters which creates teamwork. Lastly, when you are high on the mountain and you see all the landscape it makes you appreciate nature. On the first day we hiked about 2,100 feet. We were surrounded by trees but when we looked out over the mountains I saw a beautiful sight. Mountains with trees of different shades, orange, red, yellow, brown and green. It was mindblowing.

Every day you have two hours of free time with your school and it is a great time for bonding. You just get to talk, laugh and just hangout with your friends without thinking about school. It just creates a sense of unity and friendship being together so long without thinking about school. Also you and your roommate become really close after so many opportunities to just talk. If you don't know your roommate it is a great chance to make a new friend. You just get to know your classmates and it was great to share Teva with them.

Lastly you make friends with kids from other schools as well. You spend so much time with the other schools, at meals, during activities, on hikes. After a while from working as a team you make friends and create inside jokes. At meals you and kids at your table discuss the day and compare schools and you bond. We

got to know each other then just became friends. Learning about other schools can be quite interesting. Although you may not expect you can really good friends at Teva. For example, when we made a play to show everyone we created inside jokes and had many laughs. It was amazing.

In conclusion, Teva was an amazing and memorable trip. I found Teva to be an great experience. We had opportunities to bond with our friends, go hiking in the beautiful mountains of Falls Village, Connecticut and to make friends with kids from other schools. These are all amazing opportunities that I believe next year's sixth grade should have. This is why I believe next year's sixth grade should go to Teva.