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Esha Sundrani: This bonding trip was very important to me, as it is my final year and the Montessori School of Rome. I want every bond and memory to last forever. Montessori is my second home and it always will be. The bond I make between my Montessori family is important. I can't wait for the many memories we will make for the upcoming year.

Cydney Adams: As a new student, I had no idea what to expect on the bonding trip. I was shocked to find that all of the students welcomed me with open arms. Hiking was fun for me because I don't do it that often. The hike itself reminded me of life. Life has so many twists and turns but in the end, you are on solid ground with people who will always have your back. I can't wait to see what the year will bring!

Shehan Sundrani: This was my first bonding trip with the adolescents. I was so excited because I have never been camping or fishing before. Nick and Mr. Jim taught me how to use the fishing pole and tricks on how to catch a fish and Mrs. Shemi helped me put the live bait on the hook. By the end of the day I caught three whole fish. I was glad I learned how to fish and camp.

Mary Ella Bussey: One night on the trip Esha and I were sitting on the porch when a bolt of lightning struck. We were thinking about going inside when I said "Don't worry, it's just God." She said something in reply regarding her religion. Somehow we began talking about personalities and we made a promise that we would help each other out when we are in a sour mood. I feel like I learned more about my God and my classmate's God. It is very cool how people have different beliefs but all aim for the same thing, to go up to a high power than themselves.

Isaiah Girgis: Before the bonding trip Shehan and I could barely agree on anything. I went around asking if anyone else wanted to canoe with me and Shehan was the only one wanted to join me. We pushed/carried the canoe to where we thought that we would put it in but just as we got there Ms. Shemi said that we would have to go to the other side to get on it. So as we were bringing it back to the other side, I was about to give up but Shehan kept me going and when we got there and as we were trying to put it in it kept getting stuck on rock but Shehan kept me going again. Once we got on the water we said it was worth it and he almost caught a big fish on the canoe as well.

Illiyaan Sundrani: On our bonding trip, I socialized with many new people that are new to this school such as the new 9th years and the 7th years. We had a blast; danced, partied, and even learned some new things.

Kaylie Martin: On the trip I thought I wouldn't enjoy but I did enjoy some parts of it. The parts I did enjoy were when we all went swimming in the lake and when we went for a walk in the woods at nighttime. It was fun being able to spend time with the new students, they seemed pretty nice. I hope that I'll bond with my classmates later in the school year though.

Elsa Quay Corbin: The bonding trip was such a fun experience; it was my first trip so far this year as an adolescent. My favorite part of the trip was the bonding activities and watching Shehan learn how to fish. I also loved getting to know the new students- Cydney and Isabel, I am so excited for them to be in my class!

Kristen Daniel: On the bonding trip, we went hiking; which made me tired. When we got back we swam in a lake. I went fishing but I didn't catch a fish. At night we had spaghetti after that we had ice cream bars and ice cream sandwiches. Then we went on a walk in the dark. We saw a deer and a wolf. During the night walk we stopped to see the stars. I had a great time and cannot wait for another bonding trip!

Nicholas Whelchel: On our bonding trip, I was able to connect with the social world. I did this by making new connections with my fellow classmates. I was able to form lasting bonds that I hope will last forever.

Gaven Freeman: This trip not only allowed us to grow closer to each other, but it allowed learning more about ourselves also. During this trip, we also took a nature walk, this not only put aside our busy, social lives and allowed us to be connected to nature, but it allowed us to also experience what it was like before all the technology that we have today.

Isabel Borgers: On my first Montessori Bonding trip, we stayed in a cabin located in Cloudland. I wasn't expecting to stay where we did at all, because by tradition, no one finds out where they're going on the bonding trip until they get there. The trip was very enjoyable. We did many fun things like hiking, swimming in the lake, and roasting marshmallows by a campfire. On the trip, I gained something in the social world: a better relationship with my classmates.