



WHEN I FIRST MET MELAMIE, ALL HER HAIR WAS IN SMALL, TIGHT, BRAIDS THAT WERE LOOPED AROUND BEADS AND SECURED WITH RUBBER BANDS. OUR COUNSELOR HAD TO TAKE THEM ALL OUT TO CHECK FOR LICE. MELAMIE MISSED PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE FIRST DAY AND SHE HAD A BIG KNOT IN THE BACK OF HER HAIR FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK.



Since her hair looked so bad when it was down, Melanie decided to borrow one of Louisa's scrunchies and put her hair into a bun in the back of her head. Much better.

Melanie, Geri, and Brittany all wanted that bunk. Louisa and I sat in our own bunks, taking pictures of them debating.

# The First Day

**Trying to choose bunks peacefully was not easy. I got first pick because I was the oldest, but Geri had to have what was left because she was the youngest. Luckily, we were all happy in the end.**

The people in our cabin, Cabin #2, were Louisa Lohrmann, Geri Laudenbach, Melanie Fisher, Brittany Tanner, and I. Fortunately, we were far away from cabins #3, #4, and #5. Unfortunately, we were right next to Cabin #1, which was the counselors cabin. They were yelling at us the first night because we stayed up until 2 A.M. But after about four days, all the other cabins were scared, homesick, or fighting, which made the counselors favor us. That came in handy when Louisa got two boxes of Teddy Grahams in the mail. The counselors said we could eat it.

Sammy and Lovinna, from Cabin #3, came to visit us for one whole Me Time. Some people from Cabin #4 came as well. It was a very hectic hour. Our cabin was neat compared to the others, according to Kelly, but instead of a table like all the other cabins, we had a fifth bunk.





It's World War III in our cabin! While Louisa's pointing out how small the batteries in her flashlight are, Melanie's getting ready to throw my deodorant at Brittany. And that blurry green and white thing on my bunk in the corner of the

## More Surprise Pictures!

While Melanie tried to get a picture of Geri outside, I tried getting a bird's-eye-view of the huge knot in her hair, but she looked up to fast. Yikes! Now she's going to get me!



Geri towers over the cabin as she stands on her ladder. I took this picture at 12:30 P.M. That is not her little bandana thing. It's Brittany's. She took it off her head. She rocks!





It was Saturday,  
and Geri had worn  
shorts everyday.  
She had about three  
million bug bites on  
her legs because she  
had forgotten her  
bug spray at home.



**It was the day that Brittany  
decided to be a dog. Geri was  
trying to write her mom  
(again!) but Brittany was  
making too much noise.**



This is the scene that I see out of  
the window by my bunk. The  
brown building is where the  
Biffies are, and where people take  
a shower. It's convenient for our  
cabin because we're close to it, but  
I have to watch everyone walk  
there each day.



Louisa peeks into my camera lens  
to see it. She is not camera shy.  
Geri is writing her mom again,  
and Melanie and Brittany are in the  
Biffies. They missed a good picture.



THIS IS MY BUNK.  
THERE ARE MANY  
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
GATHERED ON IT,  
INCLUDING A TREE LIMB,  
MY HAT, AND AN EMPTY  
FRITOS BAG FROM THE  
FIRST NIGHT. DOES IT  
LOOK LIKE WE HAD A  
CHANCE OF WINNING  
THE PLATINUM PLUNGER?

On Friday, when we were all sitting in the Unit Shelter, Maestro came to tell us that she would be giving out the Platinum Plunger. The award was given to the unit who had the cleanest cabins. Our cabins were a MESS, so Daisy and Buttercup gave us twenty minutes to clean them. Our cabin threw everything into our suitcases and pulled all the clothes off the ceiling beam. We even swept the floors. That night, Maestro announced the winner and... WE WON!

Now Geri's  
hair is in a  
big knot.



This is Geri sitting on Brittany's bed, and  
Melanie standing on the vacant bed. This  
is after we chose bunks, and after WWII  
in our cabin was over.

*I bought this owl at the Trading Post at the middle of the camp.  
He cost \$4.50, and I had \$20.00, so I also bought an army tag,  
a flashlight, a water bottle, a bracelet, and a neckface. We got  
a free T-shirt, too.*





Brittany, standing next to the vacant bunk, is trying to get Melanie to move into it so she could be closer to Geri. Geri was complaining because she had to share her ladder. I have my own ladder.



Melanie passes my bunk unsuspectingly. I had my secret weapon: the green camera of death! As she passed, I snapped her. DEATH!



We hung some of our clothes on a long wooden beam across the ceiling. Sometimes we even hung our wet swimming suits up there after we went swimming.



This is Geri and Melanie walking to the Unit Shelter.



**MELANIE WAS  
PUTTING ON LIP-GLOSS, AND  
GERI WAS  
CHEWING ON MELANIE'S  
SUNGLASSES. WE  
WERE HAVING A VERY  
EDUCATIONAL  
CONVERSATION ABOUT MR.  
SMEE.**



### ***Melanie Fisher***

Standing on a wet tarp that we used to take our stuff across the river with us. She had to canoe with Kelly, who was scared of the water. My stuff was in that canoe.



### ***Geri Laudенbach***

**She was on her way to the Biffies (you can tell by the lifejacket beside her). In the morning, we found out that she had been sleeping on my pen, my knife, and my fork. Not good.**



## ***Brittany Tanner***

She was one of the first to wake up in the morning, but then she fell back asleep. She started the fire for breakfast, but she got it way too high, and it burned our pancakes from a box and our eggs.

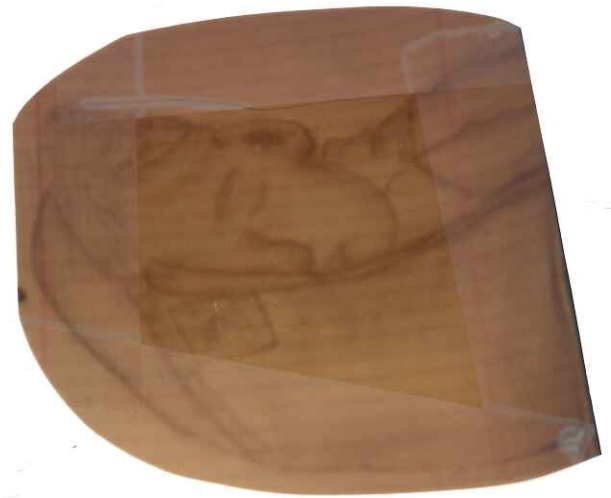


## ***Louisa Lohrman***

Louisa was asking me if I could go to the Biffies with her at 7:00 in the morning when I took this picture. She was standing next to the life jackets, which we had to wear when we went to the Biffies because they were on the docks.

### **Drawing of Geri Sleeping.**

Since I woke up so early, I was bored. I had brought along a pen and a notebook, so I decided to draw Geri, who was sleeping right next to me. Unfortunately, she moved when I was half way finished, so I had to guess everything else. When Louisa woke up, I showed her. I showed Geri, too.

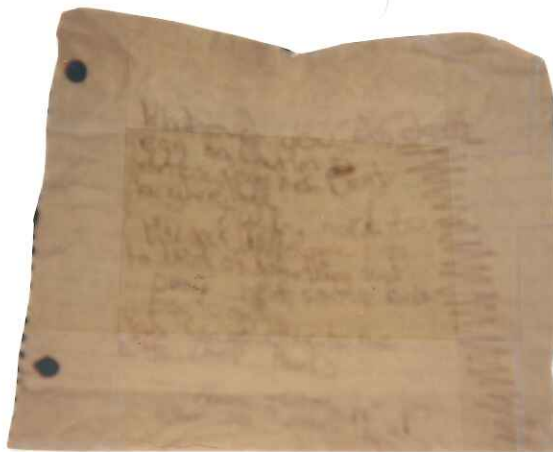






Singing Pines Fast Asleep.  
 This is the whole camp sleeping at 5:00 in the morning. How did I get this picture? Well, I woke up at 4:55, and Louisa woke up about the same time. We were the only ones awake, so we both took this picture at the same time.

**Lauren Note #1**  
 Whatever you do, don't egg on Lauren or encourage her. Don't laugh, either. I'll try not to. Bite your lip/tongue and try to think of something sad. Okay. Isn't camp kinda boring? Yeah. Can you come to the biffs with me? Thanks. Yeah, but let's wait till Lauren leaves.

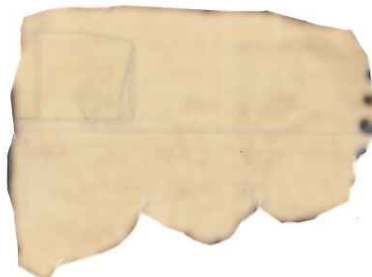


**Lauren Note #2 (back)**  
 Sure Sure.

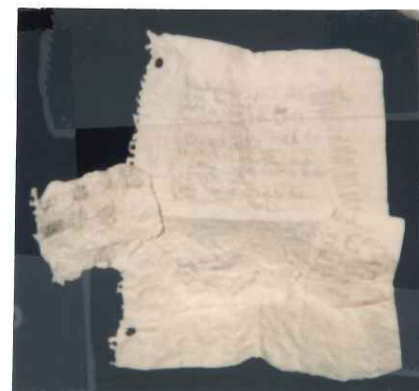
**Lauren Note #4 (front)**  
 Tic-Tac-Toe games. There were three cat's games, whoever was O won four times, while whoever was X never won.



**Lauren Note #4 (back)**  
 Will you? No!



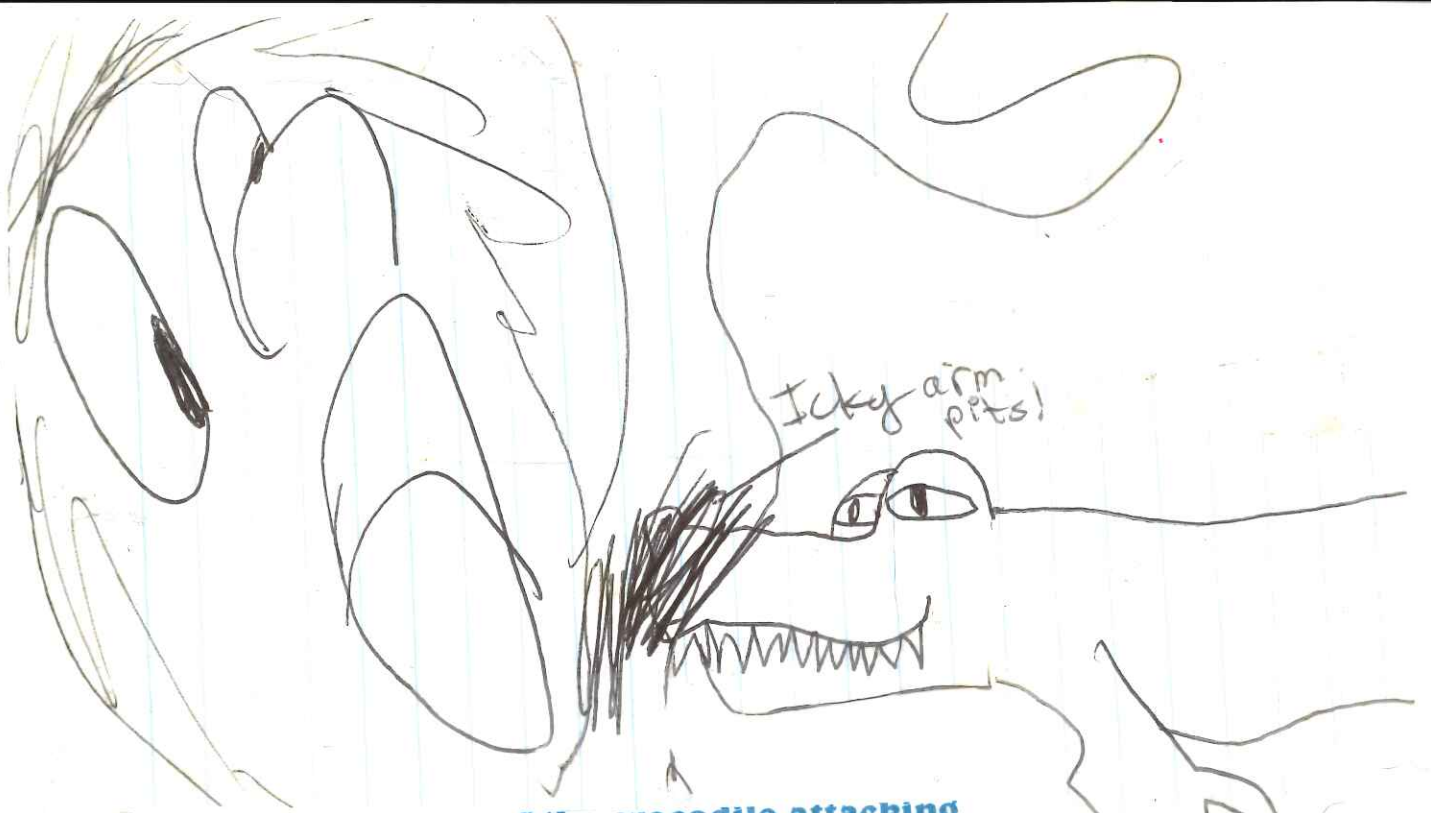
L.B loves J.C was found written on the bottom of my bunk on the last day. Louisa and I thought it might be Lauren Bender, and that she slept in my bunk. When school starts, we promised that she'd talk to Lauren, and I'd try to talk to Patrick, Lauren's older brother.



**It was the first night of camp. Our cabin mates had become good friends in about eight hours, but we decided to stay up most of the night to get to know each other better.**

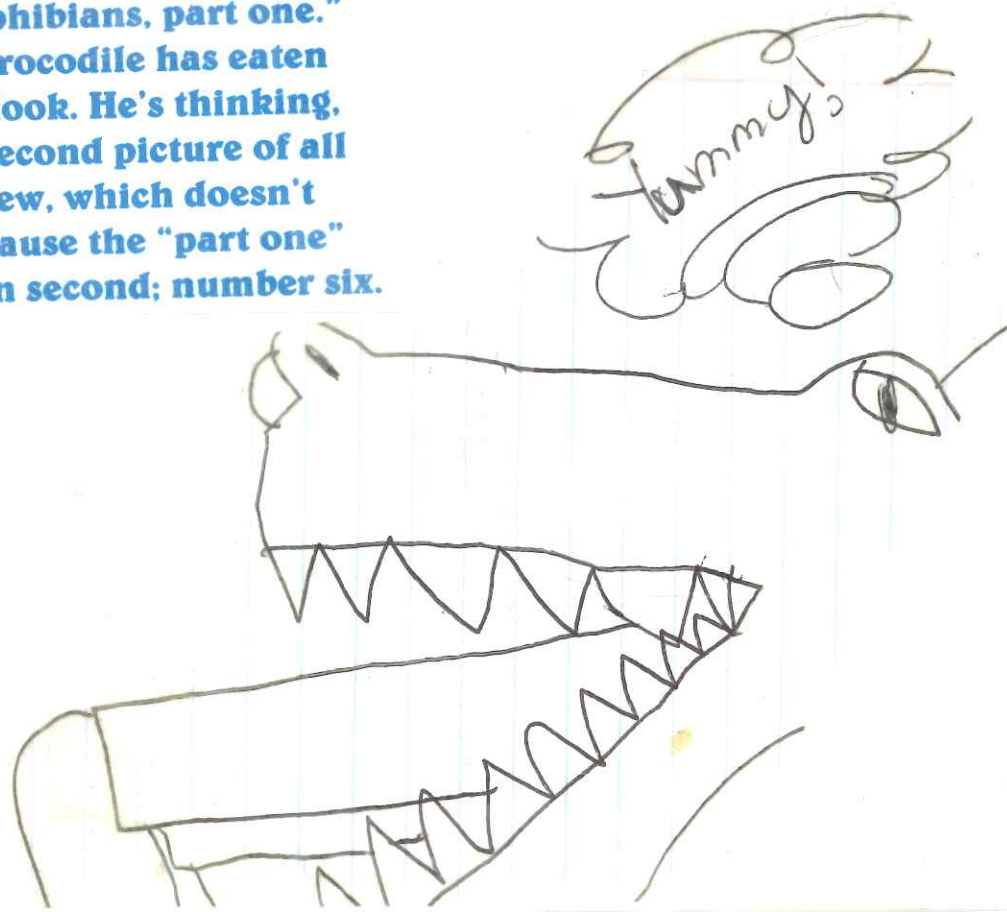
**It was ten thirty: a half an hour past our bedtime, and I had just realized that I had some extra Cheez-its and Fritos left over from lunch. We passed them around until they were gone. Then Brittany fell asleep.**

**After awhile, we got Louisa to admit she had some jerky. We tried to get her to give us some, but she wouldn't. We tried to fall asleep a few times, but one of us always said something funny. At 11:30, we made up our chant: Kibbles and Bits! S'mores and Devils! Then we took our first group trip to the Biffies. It was when we got back that Louisa found the first note. It was under her mattress. At midnight, I found a crinkled up piece of paper in my bed. It was another note! Then Louisa found another note in her bed. We finally went to bed at one, but in the morning, I found the fourth note outside our cabin door. Brittany missed the Lauren adventure. She fell asleep after we ate the Fritos. But the next night, she wanted to stay up.**



**This is a picture of the crocodile attacking either Mr. Smee or Captain Hook. She made a picture that showed what happened after this scene, so we call this "The attack of the Amphibians, part one." If you can't read the words, the crocodile is saying, "Icky arm pits." This is the fourth picture.**

**This is the picture that is the sequel to "The Attack of the Amphibians, part one." This is part two. The crocodile has eaten Mr. Smee or Captain Hook. He's thinking, "Yummy!" This is the second picture of all the Mr. Smees she drew, which doesn't really make sense, because the "part one" to this picture was drawn second; number six.**



This is my favorite picture of Mr. Smee that Brittany drew. This was the third one she drew, too. Louisa said it looked like an elf, and Brittany said it looked exactly like Mr. Smee.



**ELF? DINOSAUR? MR. SMEE?**

This is my second favorite picture of Mr. Smee. It's the fifth Mr. Smee, and looks like Dino from the Flintstones. He has a tattoo on his tummy that reads, "Belly button." He was drawn right after THE MYSTERIOUS one, which disappeared in the night. Scary!

