

SUMMER CAMP

Read and fill with a word that best fits the gap.

Every year, eight million children across (1) _____ United States spend some time at a summer camp. For more than a century, children (2) _____ enjoyed both learning new skills and (3) _____ part in a variety of activities in a friendly environment.

There are 10,000 camps across the country, (4) _____ are designed to look (5) _____ youngsters from the age of six to eighteen. The camps, lasting anything from one to eight weeks, are often situated in beautiful lakeside areas and there is (6) _____ wide range of prices to suit every pocket. The children typically do outdoor activities, including some challenging sports like climbing, or indoor activities (7) _____ as drama, music or poetry.

(8) _____ the camps are not luxurious, the wooden cabins the young people sleep in are comfortable. The timetable does not allow very (9) _____ time for relaxing because the children (10) _____ kept busy all the time. The camps are popular with the children, and many come away (11) _____ of enthusiasm. In the words of one former camper, "I made a lot of friends, (12) _____ never on my own, and became a lot (13) _____ self-confident."

