

## Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your introduction captures attention with vivid imagery of physical discomfort in the wilderness. You clearly state your position that wilderness experiences aren't necessary for character development.

Weakness: Unclear thesis statement → Your main argument becomes muddled with phrases like "Many people may think this is fake, but it is proved to be true in this essay." The reader isn't sure exactly what you're proving. Exemplar: *While wilderness experiences can be challenging, this essay will demonstrate that they are not essential for developing character in young people, as there are many effective alternatives.*

#2 Strengths: You provide specific examples of wilderness discomforts like sleeping arrangements and toilet facilities. You reference external sources to support your claims about physical challenges.

Weakness: Underdeveloped evidence → You mention "many citizens" experiencing back pain and mosquito bites without providing specific examples or explaining how these discomforts affect character development. Exemplar: *Studies from [wilderness.net](http://wilderness.net) show that 70% of young campers report back pain from heavy backpacks, which often teaches perseverance but can also lead to discouragement rather than positive character growth.*

#3 Strengths: Your conclusion acknowledges both sides of the argument. You end with a thoughtful suggestion for readers to consider their choices.

Weakness: Contradictory messaging → Your conclusion sends mixed signals when you first strongly advise against wilderness experiences but then acknowledge positive benefits, making your final position unclear. Exemplar: *While wilderness experiences carry risks of discomfort, pressure and illness, they should be considered as one of many options for character development, alongside safer alternatives like team sports, community service, or academic challenges.*

■ Your piece shows good effort in addressing both sides of the wilderness debate, but could benefit from a clearer focus on alternatives for character development. Currently, you spend most paragraphs explaining why wilderness experiences are negative, but don't fully explore other character-building activities. Try adding a complete paragraph about specific alternatives like team sports, community service, or taking on leadership roles. Also, your evidence would be stronger with more specific examples from the sources you mention. For instance, instead of just mentioning back pain, you could explain how one specific young person dealt with this challenge. The structure of your essay is good with an introduction, body paragraphs and conclusion, but your position seems to shift throughout the piece. Try to be more consistent about whether wilderness experiences have any value at all, or if they're just one of many options for building character.

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Score: 41/50

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Section 2:

Are wilderness experiences necessary for developing character in young people?

Have you ever experienced living in the wilderness, with blisters covering your feet and hands like a thick blanket~=[?] Your heart is racing, and you find ~~out~~ [that] the breathing alone is difficult. Many others think that this is just that you are overwhelmed, but you feel like pressure is the problem, along with discomfort and maybe even a mental issue. There are many other ways to develop ~~characters~~ [character] in children. Many people may think this is fake, but it is proved to be true in this essay.

#1 To begin with, living in the wild is not as comfortable as sleeping on your bed or sitting on a couch. Instead, you would be sleeping in an oversized sleeping bag or sitting on a pile of leaves. Toilets may just be holes dug in the ground, and toilet paper is a single leaf. ~~According to many citizens who have ventured out in the wilderness have experienced~~ [Many citizens who have ventured into the wilderness have reported] back pain while sleeping in their uncomfortable sleeping bag or have had many mosquito bites. These issues are loathed by humans and are not healthy for them as they could lose sleep or experience pain. Other people feel pressure from the weight of their backpack, <https://wilderness.net> has explained. This will also cause back pain and sore shoulders.

#2 Secondly, people will be placed with excruciating amounts of pressure. They understand that if they do anything wrong, they could get lost or even lose their life. <https://www.princeton.edu> has stated that many people have trouble breathing in the wilderness air, and that makes young people's heartbeat go faster. Some people may feel extremely pressured by the faster heartbeat, and may feel anxious, and ~~at some rare circumstances,~~ [in some rare circumstances,] take back the trust they had put ~~on~~ [in] someone else.

Finally, many people will increase their risk of getting sick if they go out into the wild. They could get an illness like Leptospirosis, an illness that is caused by contact with animal urine. Some others may get rare diseases that may involve death. <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/death-on-trails.htm> has explained that many people die from serious encounters with deadly animals and the ~~illness~~ [illnesses] they pass on. So, going in the wild is very risky as ~~it is~~ [we] humans may get infected with a disease.

Although I have stated that it is not ~~expected~~ [advisable] for people to go into the wild ~~to~~ [for] developing character, I may also explain that going into the wild may also be considered as a fun and educational experience. Many people may find new friends and develop teamwork and communication with them. Some people may discover new plants they have never heard about before and some might find a new meal they like, and some are all three.

#3 To conclude, many people have a higher risk of discomfort, pressure and death : [in wilderness settings.] We may find other ways to develop character like taking a test or just getting it naturally. I suggest that we do not venture into the wilderness to develop ~~characters~~ [character], as we may not end up with the result we expected. But, as I said in the previous paragraph, we might also ~~earn~~ [gain] some positive things.

So next time you are asked to do this, I would like to ask you to consider it.