

## My Canoe Trip

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One day in school, my teacher was handing out papers when she told us about a field trip that our class would soon be taking. She said this would be a different type of field trip than what we are used to. The announcement was made that the class of 2019 would be the very first class to go canoeing in Cane Bayou. I was thrilled about this because, to be honest I'm not exactly what you would call an outdoorsman. I don't hunt, fish, or hike. Playing baseball, basketball, and football are the ways that I spend my free time. I was really excited because I wanted to try something new for a change. Louisiana is known as the "Sportsman Paradise", maybe this trip could show me why so many people have fallen in love with the Louisiana outdoor scene.

When we arrived at Cane Bayou, my first thought was that we were in the middle of many of the Louisiana wildlife's homes; such as eagles, pelicans, and don't forget to mention alligators. The paddling was fun but challenging. It was an added challenge to stay afloat after seeing several alligators lurking around. After a couple of hours of canoeing, we got closer to Lake Pontchartrain, this is where my class would break for lunch. While enjoying a warm PB&J sandwich in the cooling waters of the lake, I saw many different types of sea life such as stingray, crabs, and many different types of fish. After we ate and played on a sandbar, we began our 1.5 mile canoe trip back to the site where we started. Overall, this was my favorite field trip that I have ever been on in my entire life. This trip made me realize why people like spending their time hunting, fishing, or hiking. It is exciting to be out in the natural habitat of all of the animals. You would be surprised at how fun something may be that you have never tried before, even if it's

not really your thing. This was my highlight of 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and I will never forget it.