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friends & family

I started Tae Kwon Do in second grade and to be honest, I wasn't interested in it at all. I would skip out on exercises I couldn't do, complain about being tired and sore. However, I slowly got more used to it as I advanced in rank and I started to learn and get better and stronger. I started complaining less, making more friends, and becoming better than ever. Now, in my class everybody is friends with everybody and we're almost like a family. I started just to get a Black Belt and leave, but now I almost feel like I can't leave because of the great experience I'm having.

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I've been doing Boy Scouts for two years now, and I think it is amazing because of all of the things we get to do. We all get to go camping once every month if you can make it, and we also learn so much about First Aid and knots and survival in the outdoors. There are elections every six months, where you can run for many different leadership positions. Almost half-an-hour is dedicated to each class to give us time to work on our requirements for advancing ranks. During the campouts and meetings we all get to know each other better and we become very close friends, once again almost like a family.

great way to learn new things ✓

Finally, we have Gavel Club which is a public speaking class, chartered by Toastmasters that is taught by the same person who teaches my Tae Kwon Do class. I started this quite recently, about 4 months ago but it is with people who I already know so it is already pretty fun. In this class we have someone who presents table topics, which are just simple questions you would ask on the dinner table. You have to go to the front of the class and give a one to two

minute long answer to that question. You will be given feedback by all of your classmates and it is a great way to learn and face the fear of public speaking.

These are all hobbies that I have now that used to be a chore for me to do each day. Through these experiences, I've realized that friendship and education kind of go hand in hand. Throughout the process of learning something new you are slowly building a group of friends who are almost like family. That is why other than the things I learn and the achievements that I acquire, I also became a nice and outgoing person. That is why these activities that were required of me became hobbies and experiences that I'm never going to forget.