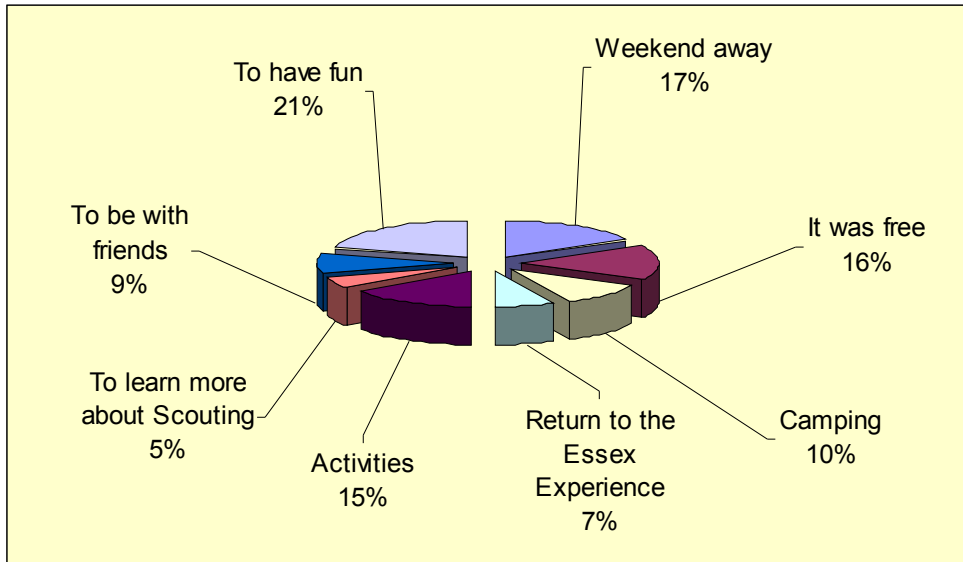


# DISTRICT CHALLENGES 2005

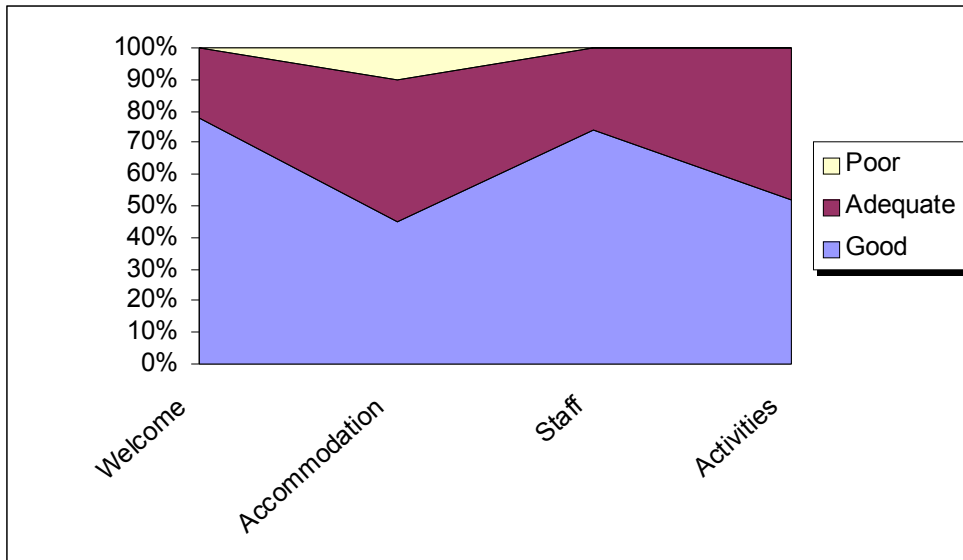
YOUNG PERSON EVALUATION (Returns 31%)

Includes responses from Ford Basildon, Harlow, Southend, Thurrock, Uttlesford, Chelmsford, Castle Point and Colchester.

1. What attracted you to the Challenge Camp?

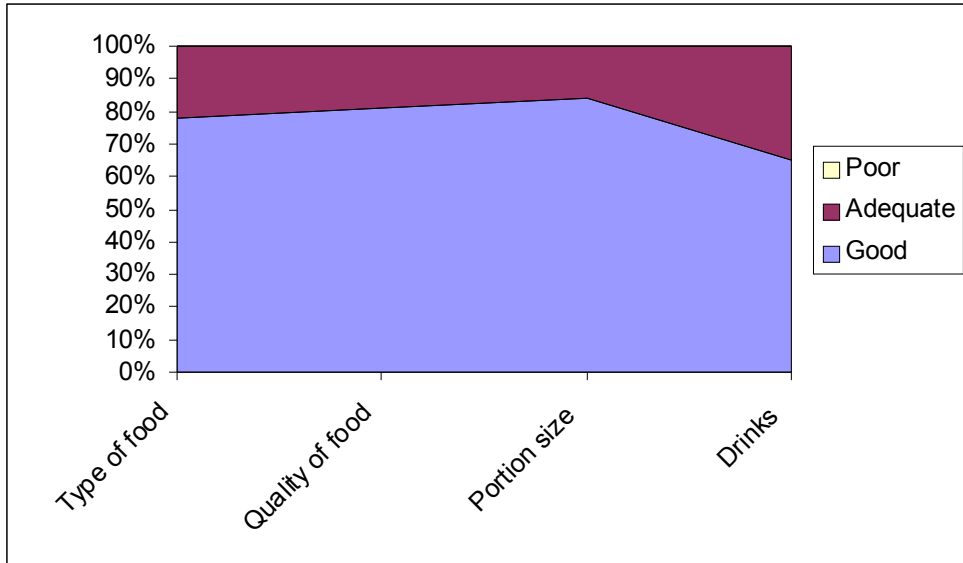


2. Please rate the following aspects of the Challenge Camp.



- Poor tents, I like large ones.
- The smaller tents because you couldn't be with your mates. Should have big ones.
- The tents need to be bigger like last year. Large tents allow 7-10 of us in a tent.
- ***It is and was the best experience I have experienced in my life.***

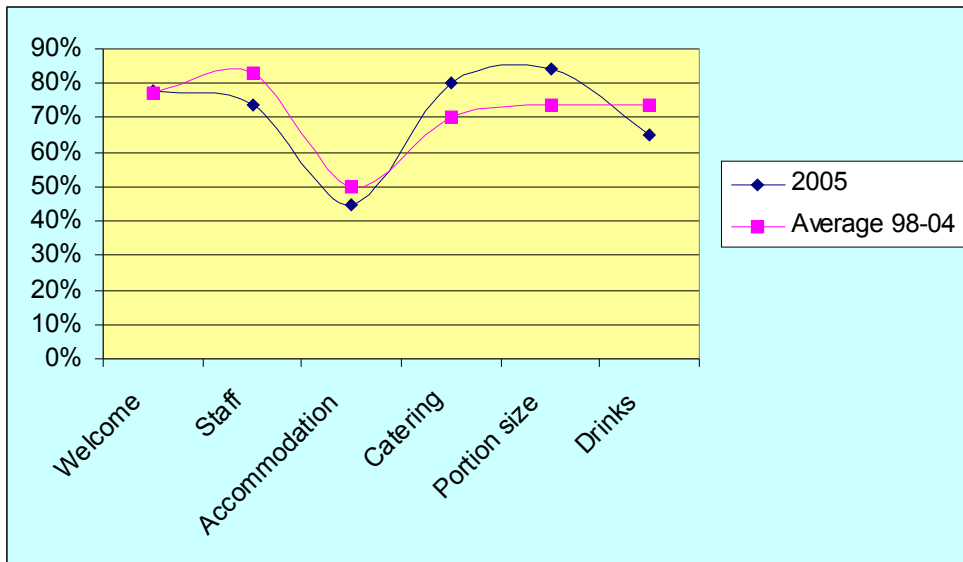
3. Please rate the catering at the Challenge Camp.



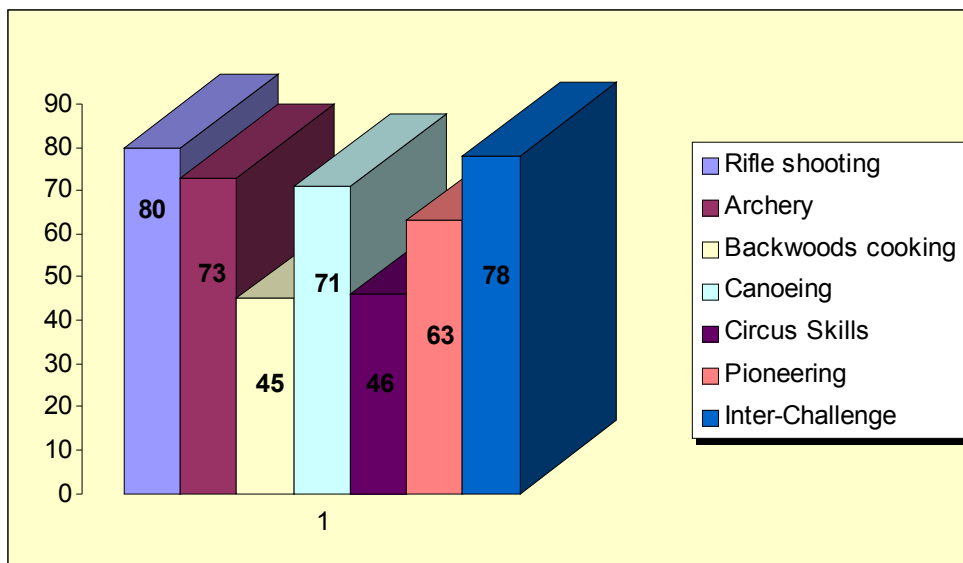
If you rated anything as poor, how could it be improved?

- Because some people were still hungry after 2 slices of pizza. Drinks were a bit weak, but still loved it.

Comparison between 2005 and average 1998-2004



4. Which activities did you like best?



5. Is the Challenge Camp a good idea?

**Yes 100%**

If yes, please give reasons

- Because people can have a different experience
- It gives you the chance to speak to different people of the same age
- **It helps people to learn more about Scouting**
- Get to make more friends and it's fun
- It gives young people the opportunity to get away and spend time with other people
- The staff were very friendly and we had a great time. The activities were good as well
- You meet other people and it teaches you about the outdoors
- It gives a wide number of activities that young people could enjoy
- It gives young a chance to talk and work with people who they wouldn't normally work with
- Because it's fun and encourages young people to go camping
- **It's the best thing anyone could ever suggest because it's like "HEAVEN"; away from parents doing exactly what you want for a whole weekend**
- You make friends and get new skills
- It helps young people learn more skills, is something for the young people to do and to have fun and meet people
- Helps people work with others and be more confident. Activities are really enjoyable and fun. Learn about Scouts and meet new people
- It gives us a chance to do something good

6. Should the Challenge Camp be repeated next year?

**Yes 100%**

If yes please give reasons

- So more young people can have the experience
  - It was good fun and was enjoyable
  - For improvements and activities
  - It was a fantastic experience
  - **Because it's something absolutely everyone and anyone can enjoy and you definitely meet so many people and make such good friends**
7. If an activities club were formed at school for those who attended the Challenge Camp would you be interested in belonging to it?

**Yes 46%**

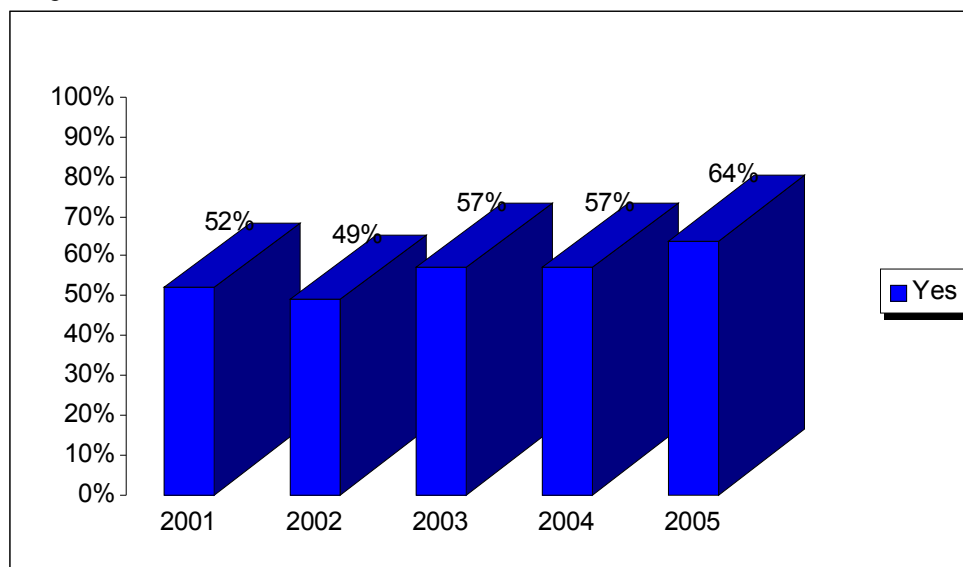
What sort of activities would you like to do at the club?

- Canoeing, air rifle shooting, cricket, football, DJ workshop, drama, kart racing and archery.

8. Has the Challenge Camp made you think differently about Scouting?

**Yes 64%**

Comparison between 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005



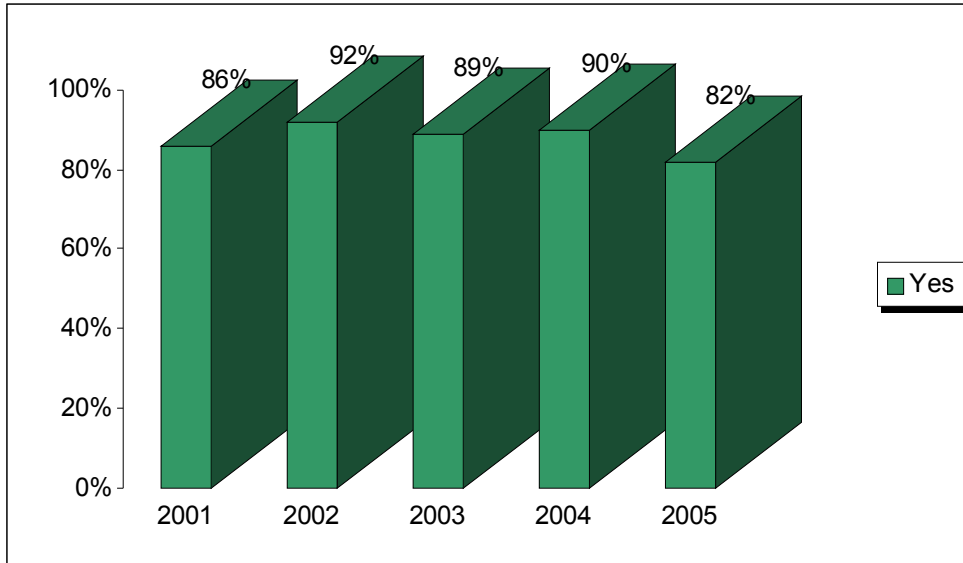
Please state why.

- Because I have never experienced outdoor camping before
- I didn't know much about it before so it gave me an idea about it
- **Because Scouting people help others and have fun to boost confidence. Scouts are volunteers and kind.**
- Because it makes me feel like joining the Scouts
- **I thought it was bug infested, unclean and uncomfortable – but it's lovely!**
- Because I didn't like it at first but now I think it's cool
- It made me think to volunteer
- **It shows all the different types of having fun with new people and the sort of activities you can do that you don't normally do**

Do you think the Scouts are a good organisation to belong to?

**Yes 82%**

Comparison between 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005



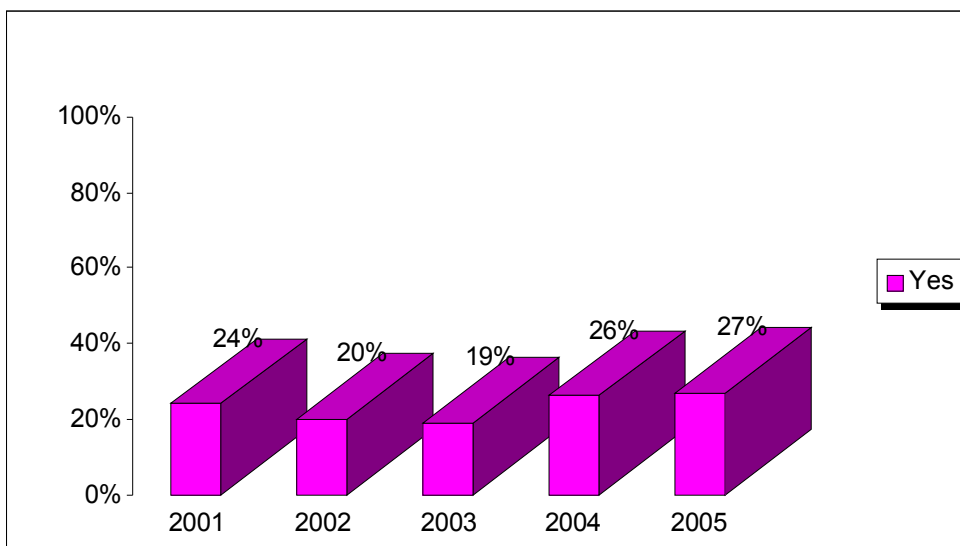
Please state why.

- Because you learn different things with different people
- It teaches people about teamwork
- **It's good for life skills**
- Because you get good opportunities
- You learn some things and it's fun
- **It's fun and it's different to our everyday life and if it was possible I would go every year, but unfortunately this is my last year at school**
- You do a lot of fun stuff
- **Because it's fun and helps young people socialise**

Since attending the Challenge Camp have you thought about joining the Scouts?

**Yes 27%**

Comparison between 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005

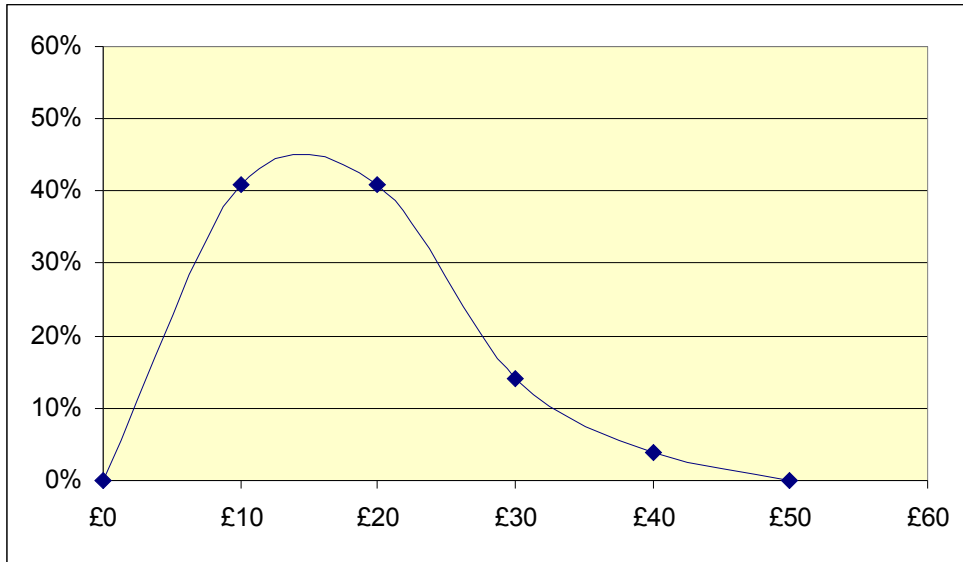


Please state why.

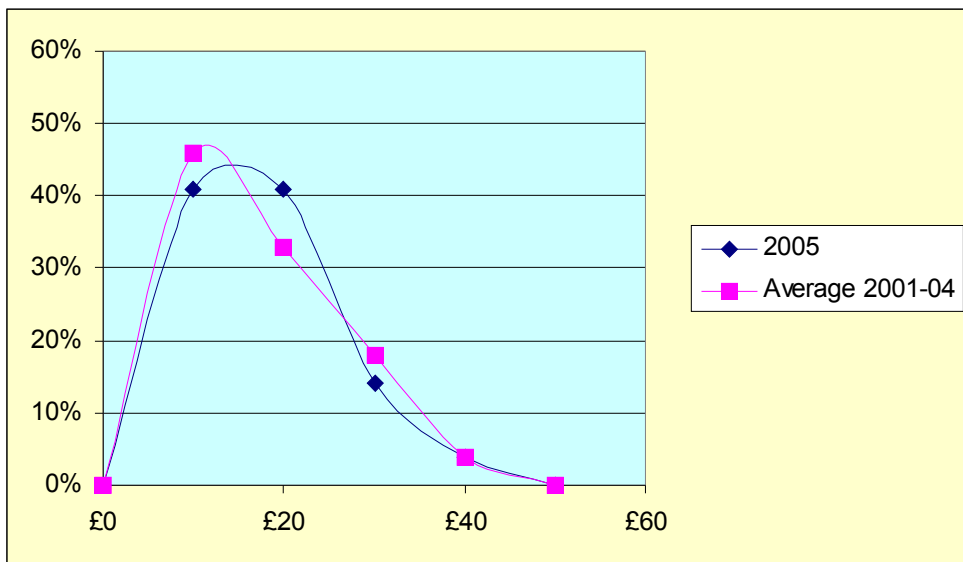
- Because I would get bored
- Because I'm not the camping type

- I don't have enough time
- Because I enjoyed myself so much
- Because it was good
- I would like to go and do more camping

9. If you had to pay to go on the Challenge Camp, what do you think it should cost?



Comparison between the average for 2001, 2002, 2003 & 2004 and 2005



10. Did you take part in the inter-Challenge activities on the Sunday morning?

**Yes 86%% compared with 91% in 2004, 86% in 2003 & 70% in 2002**

What did you like about it?

- It was funny
- Everyone was involved
- Good and very fast pace
- It was fun and a great laugh
- I like the one with the sticks
- It was very interactive
- Other people getting wet
- We worked as a team and had a laugh
- I got to know people better
- Meeting new friends and helping who needed it
- That we didn't have any rules and we could choose which groups we were in

How could the inter-Challenge be improved?

- None could be improved
- More activities
- Less water!! (on me)
- Do it on hotter days
- More activities and longer
- More thrilling challenges
- More time with them
- Cannot be improved
- I liked it just the way it was
- Couldn't be improved

11. Please rate the Challenge Camp T-shirts.

**Good 52% compared with 62% in 2004, 60% in 2003 & 65% in 2002**

12. Did you take part in any evening activities at the Challenge Camp?

**Yes 73% compared with 54% in 2004, 74% in 2003 & 83% in 2002**

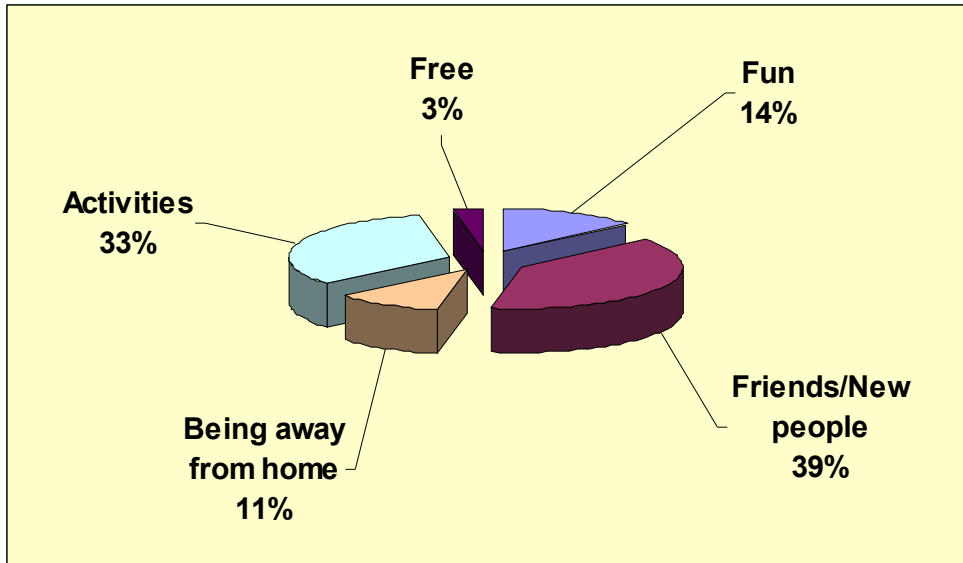
What evening activities did you like the most?

- The disco (x7) – good music & fun
- Ghost walk (x8) – it was fun

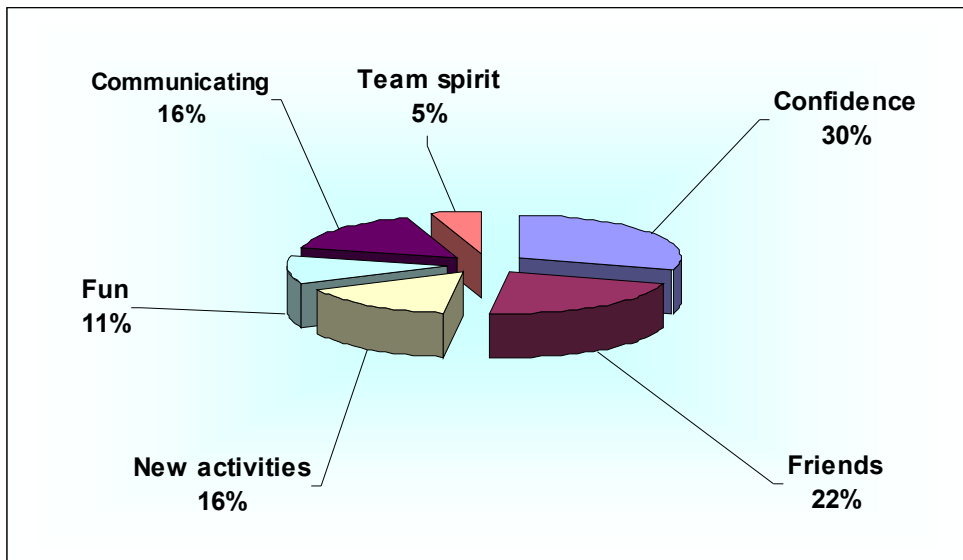
What other evening activities should be included?

- Games tent
- Poker tournament
- Bingo
- Cinema
- Climbing race
- Ghost stories with tea & hot chocolate

13. What did you like most about the weekend?



14. What did you gain from the weekend?



**Comment: Confidence and the motivation to follow where my dreams lead!**

15. How could the Challenge Camp be improved?

- Bigger climbing wall
- Tents could be bigger
- More activities
- Bigger tents
- More time on activities
- It can't, it was brilliant
- Different time of the year

16. Have you looked at the Challenge Camp photos on the Essex Scouts web-site?

**Yes 30% compared with 29% in 2004, 41% in 2003 & 43% in 2002**

17. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for improving the District Challenges, not covered in the questions above?

- More things to do in the evening
- Table tennis
- Do it more often
- Please make the tents bigger and put a lamp in them
- More time (6 days)
- I want to do it again
- None at all, it was good
- Had fun. Got on well with the staff and other kid that went. Also made friends with the other camps