

CREW

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*Caroline and her mom at Quán
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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Thang Tien 10 in Houston, Texas was definitely a camp to remember. On our flight before camp, we met the Australian troops at the airport and were on the same flight as them as well. By the time we got to camp, it was dark and we were already getting our first mosquito bites. We didn't know what was coming. Throughout the week, it was hot, humid, and there were way too many mosquitoes. There was almost no point in showering because as soon as we got out, we started sweating again. On one of the days, the rain just suddenly started to pour from nowhere and soaked the insides of tents. As the days passed on, more and more ants and spiders would crawl into our tents. By the end of the week, my tent mates and I just ended up sleeping outside because there were already so many critters in our tent.

However, camp was an amazing experience! Because it was so hot and humid, I was able to connect with a lot of new people as we sat in the shade in front of the large fan trying to cool off. I loved it because even though we all felt slightly miserable at the time, we were all in it together and could always start the conversation with how hot the weather was. I also played ultimate frisbee often throughout the week with a lot of the Texas troops. Since we were already sweating just by sitting in the shade, why not sweat it out by playing sports? My muscles were definitely being over-worked from all the heat and volleyball and ultimate frisbee games. For the friendship games, I was chosen to be the leader of my group and loved them because everyone was very open and enthusiastic about working as a team.

Even though months have passed by, I still keep in touch through social network with all of my new friends that I met at camp. We're all excited to be seeing each other again this summer at Trai Khai Pha 2! Along with bonding with new friends, I also was able to connect with my own Lien Doan on another level. We supported each other through games even though we weren't on the same team, keeping our camping ground tidy, and working together to perform our musical skit! Vannessa and I were both in charge of directing the skit and we were able to get our entire Thanh Doan to perform in the skit! Although one of our main actors Vinh Thuc who was playing the buffalo had an emergency right before our performance, Tr. James was able to step in and play the role because he had done it so many times! It was so awesome being able to perform it on stage together because of all the hard work we put into it. The best part of our skit was the finale when everyone got to dance to **"We're All In This Together"** from **High School Musical**.

