



To the ordinary eye Activenture looks like any normal respite scheme for disabled or special needs children, but to truly experience even a day at one of the weeks throughout the year gives you a much bigger insight on these children, and a truly spectacular experience you will never forget!



I was lucky enough to be able to help out in Easter 08, and I really have to say that no matter how many times I go I always learn something new! There are so many great children to look after and have fun with - even learn from, to be honest some of them are able to do things we would find very difficult. Two of the girls I looked after this year really made an impression on me, one was deaf and taught me so much sign language, it's amazing how she remembers it all! Another, who was blind, had such a great sense of hearing that she amazed us all by telling us things that were going on in the background we hadn't even noticed ourselves!

Throughout the week we were very fortunate to have qualified instructors with us, who led us on sessions, which, for some of the children were once in a lifetime experiences that they wouldn't normally be able to participate in. Activities included zip wire - swinging through the trees like Tarzan and Jane and archery - I think the guests managed more bulls-eyes than us helpers! Even canoeing, where we had a great time splashing around. And that's not the half of it! We even had activities laid on for us at night, like a pyjama party where we watched movies, karaoke, and a disco to dance the night away.



Activenture is a great place to be and I always enjoy my time up at Hindleap come rain or shine, everybody acts like one big family helping everybody out and enjoying themselves, even if it's tipping down outside, the bright smiles lighten the skies.

So what does Activenture mean to me? I think that question is answered above as there is truly nothing else like this, and it's something I would recommend to everybody! But I have to say, overall, my favourite and most rewarding part of the experience are the guests smile's, they are what make you keep coming back time and time again. You will never know how much they mean to you and how proud you feel unless you are able to take part in Activenture. It's true, smiling is infectious.

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