



ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

inspiring change through relationship

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The Gateway Into Campsite

If you ever visit a campsite here at camp, the first structure you pass through as you come down the trail is called the entrance

tent. It serves as the front door of campsite. It also serves a bit of the same function as the area just inside the front door of your home. You will find some hooks for things that you won't need until you head out again. There is a bulletin board with the day's plans posted as well as a copy of each boy's goals. Take the time to look at the pictures posted there, and you will learn about adventures the group experienced recently. Each morning, shower bags are hung where they are easily accessible later. Each group keeps lanterns in entrance tent and are sure to grab them on the way out of campsite if they won't be back until nightfall.

Many boys have walked through entrance tent for

the first time with lots of questions and nervousness as they observe a world that looks so basic and primitive. "How am I going to survive out here for over a year? How is this going to help me?"

After spending a few months at camp, walking through entrance tent begins to feel a bit like coming home. When a boy is ready to graduate and passes through entrance tent for the last time, he leaves behind a campsite which has impacted him deeply.

Floyd King
Family Worker



ADVENTURE LEARNING - WILDERNESS TRIPS

THE HIKING TRIP

On layover we had a great day. After a fulfilling breakfast we trucked down to rattlesnake rock. We had chapel out on the rocks. It was all cloudy but it didn't rain. We were planning on swimming after chapel, but the creek was too high. I really wanted to go swimming and get clean. Later I washed my hair in the creek by our campsite.

A while later we were playing an awesome game of tag. We were jumping over the creek and some got wet. It was so much fun!

The next day is Monday, our last full day on the hiking trip. The first four miles were really easy. We got it done in a hour and a half. We were hiking on a flat bike trail then we hiked up a steep mountain for about a mile. We did about two more miles after that.

For lunch we ate a cracker menu. It made my mouth really dry. It was also a random menu. We hiked to campsite and set it up. We made our own campsite. We also had to hike down the trail for water.

Damien - Woodsmen

BUILDING SPIRIT IN THE RAIN

It was about 8:30 p.m. and it started raining, we are in for a wet night. Good morning, Woodsmen. That's what we hear at 6:30. We do our tent chores and run to the fire because it's raining! I know some of us can see all the negatives on a hiking trip. And when it's raining, it can be extremely hard. Here are some tips on being a positive ray of sunshine. (1) Point out positives: There is always positives in even the darkest, gloomiest situations. (2) Know it could always be worse: Someone in the world has it worse than you. Maybe you haven't eaten since breakfast which was two hours ago. Somewhere there is someone who hasn't eaten in days. (3) Have a conversation: Hiking is long and treacherous when you are wondering where campsite is the whole time. Talk to someone to get you mind off hiking. Please learn from this: get out there, have some fun!

Nick - Woodsmen

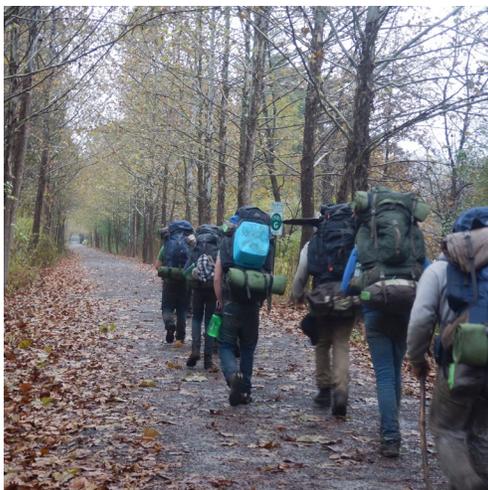


WATER!

Today was the first day of our canoe trip. We were floating down the cold river when suddenly I saw a shadow zip across the bottom. A fish, a big carp. Man, how I wish I would have my fishing pole. Then I saw another shadow, a smallmouth bass. We saw a lot of fish in one morning.

Soon we came to a set of rapids. What fun we had going up and down. Soon we got to a nice rocky shore where we stopped for lunch. We had cheese, crackers, beef jerky and cookies. What a great menu by Sebastian. After lunch we spread out for a nice siesta. It felt so good lying out on the rocks with the river rushing by. Soon we hit the water again. After a while we came to campsite. I can't wait to sit around the fire.

Melvin - Mountaineers



Camp Kindling small pieces of camp news and needs



-  We could use 6-10 folding chairs for our Chief's lodge. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact camp.
-  Our boys dry lots of food for their canoe and hiking trips that they go on. We are in need of 2 new dehydrators. Please contact camp if you would like to contribute to this project.
-  The cold weather sleeping bags that boys use for trips are wearing out. If you would like to give towards this project, please contact camp.