

Winding Trails Wrap Up; Courtesies of Mr. Scott:

First of all, a huge thank you to our Unit Commissioner, Mr. Danny Green, who ran a Wilderness 1st Aid course yesterday for us. Mr. Green has been a nurse for 34 years and a paramedic for 45 years, so his history certainly benefited us greatly. Thanks to Mrs. Lauri for transporting boys and gear to and from the Gatehouse and camp and to Mr. Don Ross for camping with me this weekend. We got to Winding Trails in the snow and got our tents set up while the fluffy flakes really fell. The boys got a small fire going, but that only lasted an hour. We were all in our sleeping bags by 8 as it was quite chilly. We got up around 6:45 Saturday morning. Nico and Butchy made scrambled eggs and bacon. Mr. Green showed up just as we finished cleaning up. Our new Webelos, Brent Simms, joined us at 9 and we started the 1st aid course with CPR and AED training. The boys learned so many 1st aid skills and we also shared some great stories. Mr. Green really made the injuries look real with his make up skills. The boys saw an amputated hand, a compound arm and leg, and burns. They treated a bunch of different scenarios and got some real hands on experience. I made grilled cheese and ham sandwiches while the boys continued with instruction. We had lunch and then finished around 2:30. Mr. Green informed me that we were expecting 2-3 inches of rain overnight. With that information, I made the call that we would sleep in the cabin to stay warm and more importantly, dry. One of the tents was already wet on the inside as was mine. Plus, our tents were set up in a low area at the bottom of a hill next to a small creek. With the threat of rain and being in a flood plain, it was an easy call. We moved our sleeping gear into the cabin and took down the tents. Afterward, we did some rank advancements, and then the boys had some free time before dinner. They got a fire going and we ended up having a early dinner/snack at 4. Hot dogs over the open flame. The boys loved this and we had some good laughs. We cooked hamburgers around 6 and some of us had 2nd dinner. Nico and Brent got picked up at 7:30 as the rest of us hung out in the cabin. The boys played Uno and Checkers while Don and I relaxed. Around 9, Ben S stated he didn't feel well, so his mom came to get him (I heard he is feeling better today). We turned in a bit after 11 and slept pretty well hearing the rain pour on the roof. We were up early, got packed up, had breakfast, cleaned the cabin, and were back to the Gatehouse before 9. Cole was our acting SPL and did

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a great job. He was very pleased he got to have that honor, and he proved he was up to the task. Overall, it was a cold wet outing, but thankfully we had the cabin as a great plan B. The 1st aid training we all received was invaluable and while I hope no one ever has to use it, it's nice knowing the training is always there. I feel they learned life saving skills that we are going to continue to practice. I took 45 pictures and sent them to Joseph. He'll put them on the Troop website soon and let us know with a follow up email.