



# Club de Exploradores Newsletter

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Explorers and Cata talk about ferns, fiddleheads, and trout lillies during the hike on Pink Beds before setting up hammocks for reflection time.

We began our day in the Pisgah National Forest with a visit to The Cradle of Forestry. Here club members were introduced to the story of George Vanderbilt and Carl Schenck, The Biltmore Forest School and the role that our area played in the development of Forestry in the U.S.A. Next we began to prepare for our adventure into the “Pink Beds”. After designing their own trail mix, club members were introduced to two of the Leave No Trace principles #1 “Plan ahead and Prepare” and #2 “Travel on Durable Surfaces”.

## HIKING – Our First Adventure

Once we had filled our new Osprey packs with some essential gear: maps, lunch, water and our new Eno hammocks, we loaded up the Van and headed down Yellow Gap Rd (Forest Service Rd 1206), took a right at Wolf Ford Horse Camp and parked at the old Gauging Station. We stopped at the creekside campsite (you can stay there any time you like, no reservation required) to have lunch and check our route on the map. There is amazing fishing in this area.

Once we were all ready to go we headed down the Pink Beds Connector Trail. This is a very accessible trail with tons of wildflowers, ferns and shallow creek crossings. We found a wide, flat area where we learned to set up our hammocks and everyone took some time with their field journals to reflect and respond to questions from Cata and Clay. Each month, club members will take some time to reflect on being in the wilderness.



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## FIND Outdoors

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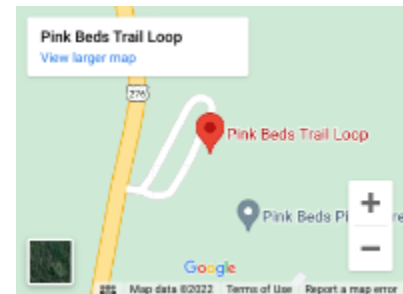
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Explorers set up their ENO hammocks for reflection time and journaling



### **Pink Beds Loop**

Easy access, beautiful wildflowers, shallow creek crossing, and endless fun

Explorers Club members crossing a creek. They didn't mind getting their shoes wet which is another great reason why they will be receiving a brand new pair of adventure shoes. The Hub bicycle shop will be helping us find the perfect fit for these Explorers.

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## **Next Adventure - Horseback Riding Saturday, May 28**

We will be taking to the trails of the Pisgah with the folks and their horses from the Pisgah Forest Riding Stables. Everyone must wear closed toed shoes and it is **STRONGLY** recommended that you wear pants for this part of the day. We will leave as soon as everybody gets to the Ingles lot that morning.

## **The Other Adventures of the Season:**

- June 25: Fishing and River Exploration with Davidson River Outfitters
  - July 30: Firemaking, Outdoor Cooking and Family Dinner
  - August 27: Mountain Biking
  - September 24-25: Overnight Camping Trip
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## Club de Exploradores Patches and Earning Gear



Club members earn a patch with each adventure, they also earn new gear that will be useful in their own wilderness adventures.

At our first outing, club members received a new FIND waterbottle to take home and we hope they can be used for the rest of the season. They were also given a brand new Osprey day pack, Columbia rain jacket and ENO hammock system to use. With each adventure there will be new pieces of outdoor gear added to the collection.

The more adventures you attend, the more fun you have and the more gear you bring home at the end of the season!

## See you on our next adventure!



Bring this coupon to The Hub (11 Mama's Place, Pisgah Forest) between May 14th - May 18 to get your perfect adventure shoe size. Once we have all the sizes, The Hub will order the shoes for us!

**Name:**

**Shoe Size:**