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CLUB DE EXPLORADORES

Sixth Adventure - A whole weekend filled with adventure, lessons, and community



Explorers Club goes camping for the weekend...

The last adventure of the season arrived filled with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a bit of nervousness as the Explorers prepared for their first overnight camp. Equipped with tents, sleeping mats, and sleeping bags, the group said goodbye to their families early on Saturday to head to the forest for a weekend full of outdoor activities.

Our weekend home was the Wash Creek group camp in the North Mills River area of the Pisgah National Forest.



Beautiful moments captured by the magical lenses of Juan Diego Reyes.

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LET'S GO EXPLORE!

FIND OUTDOORS



Cross cut saw demo with SAWS (Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards)

Many areas of the National Forests of the United States are designated as Wilderness Areas, and as such, the use of mechanized and motorized equipment is prohibited, except in special circumstances. Because of this, the United States Forest Service (USFS) organizes training in the use of crosscut saws for USFS employees and forest-working volunteers with the aim of maintaining the skills and proficiency among those who need to use such saws. SAWS is one of the organizations that conducts these trainings.

Crosscut saws are used in Designated Wilderness Areas where chainsaws are banned due to the prohibition of motorized or mechanized tools and equipment, which requires that training in the use of crosscut saws also includes the proper use of non-petroleum-based lubricants, as well as training in techniques that leave a minimal impact both ecologically and visually after clearing trails of fallen trees.

The Explorers had the opportunity to use the saw and cut a wooden circle to take as a souvenir.



SAWS is a non-profit organization dedicated to conservation that focuses on educating, nurturing, and empowering an engaged audience and the next generation in the management of public lands in the Southeast. SAWS believes that taking care of our public lands and connecting them with the next generation is important, and that it is our shared responsibility to care for these lands and educate, train, and develop a qualified workforce to be the next stewards and leaders of conservation.





Leave No Trace

The 7 principles



- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Dispose of waste properly.
- Leave what you find.
- Minimize campfire impact.
- Respect wildlife.
- Be considerate of others.

Leave it better
than you
found it!

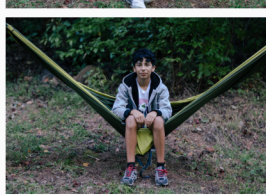
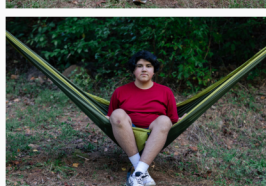
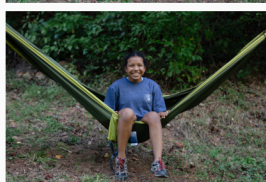
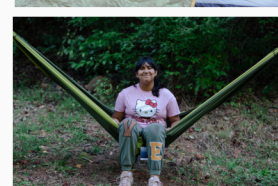
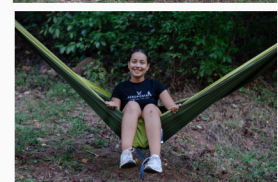
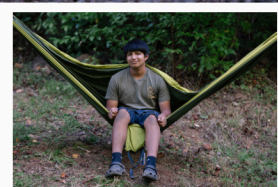


The Exploradores had the opportunity to put their knowledge of Leave No Trace principles into practice throughout the weekend. From the preparation, choosing the right spot for the tent, keeping the campfire under control, hiking along the trail, finding the perfect trees to hang hammocks, and, in the end, leaving the site as if we had never visited it.



The experience in images as the best reflection...

photos by Juan Diego Reyes





SPECIAL THANKS

The most special thanks are dedicated to the families of the Explorer's Club.

Without their support, commitment, and trust, this Club would not be possible. Thank you for allowing us to continue sowing seeds of adventure, exploration, and conservation in your children. We hope that more families continue to join us each year.



The families arrived at the camp the next day to share a breakfast around the campfire. It was a very special time.



The interest groups this season gave us the opportunity to embark on more extreme adventures!



Thank you very much to our friends from Dogwood, the Forest Service, Smokey Bear, Pisgah map, El Centro Brevard, Hola Carolina, Pisgah SORBA, The Hub, the city of Brevard, Packout Pisgah, SAWS, Transylvania County Rescue Team, Columbia, Latinos Aventureros, the North Carolina Arboretum, Brevard-Davidson River Church, Headwaters Outfitters, Adventure Grown Guides, Mountain True, and Davidson River Outfitters for their immense support. Every contribution of money, time, lessons, transportation, resources, discounts, and much more helped make this second season a success.