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“Camping in the Old Style” Recreated at the Cradle of Forestry

Pisgah Forest, NC, 9/24/26- The Cradle of Forestry in America invites the public to explore a recreated campsite of the early 1900s during its “Camping in the Old Style” event, Saturday, October 10th. A classic camping interpretive team known as the Acorn Patrol demonstrates the low-tech/high-skill approach as practiced in the outdoors during what some historians consider the Golden Age of Camping.

During this time in history, the Pisgah National Forest was in its infancy. City folk were discovering the joys of outdoor recreation. It was a time when camping meant sleeping under canvas and cooking over an open fire. Here in the wood smoke, surrounded by the outdoor gear of a bygone day, the traditional skills of camping will be practiced in the Cradle of Forestry’s scenic setting in the corral along the Biltmore Campus Trail.

Visitors can see fires ignited by flint, steel, and friction, old-style campfire cookery, four different styles of period shelters, and traditional camp tools in use. Each camper has expertise in various aspects of woodcraft, history, and nature study, and welcomes interacting with visitors and answering questions.

“Camping in the Old Style” is inspired by Horace Kephart, author of *Camping and Woodcraft*, originally published in 1906. Kephart’s approach to enjoying the outdoors holds lessons for today’s modern campers.

The Cradle of Forestry is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4-12, and free for youth under age 4.

For more information about this event and other upcoming programs, visit www.gofindoutdoors.org.

FIND Outdoors is a 501(c)(3) outdoor recreation nonprofit that centers forest education and stewardship. Based in Pisgah Forest, FIND Outdoors has been stewarding public lands for over 50 years, with a vision to create a lasting community of appreciation for the outdoors. Learn more about FIND and ways you can be involved at www.gofindoutdoors.org/about.

