



THE OZARK TRIBUNE

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Sink Or Swim

By Chief Doyle

Tuesday morning, April 29, found Judy and I heading to The Brook with some serious trepidation going on. Chief Rob's had been turned back at the border and the call had come - "Could you come help, please?"

We arrived in time for a chief's meeting to get a plan formulated. It mostly went right over my head... with my main thought being "You will need to hold my hand and lead me to what is mine to do..." A person doesn't just real easily jump into Chief Rob's spot and know what to do...

These are a few of the thoughts and inspirations from the next number of days:

- Almost all things of value still take a lot of hard work.
- Simple shared tasks are very rewarding.
- Pow-wow time with all positive vibes that are REAL- not fake!!
- Trusting God's spirit when none of us know the answer...
- So much of nature speaks to the need of our hearts.
- Shared goals/shared failures.
- Exhaustion taken to a new level...
- Late night debriefings with the chiefs.
- Campers calling each other out on issues but following that right up with full support and encouragement.

You normally have to be bashed about a bit in life to see the point of daffodils, sunsets, and uneventful nice days.

| Alain De Botten |



WHAT IF?

Thoughts by Miss Judy,

What if between the ages of 10 and 20 you would choose a year to spend at camp. You left home to be with 8-10 people that you didn't know beforehand. There's a lot of structure here. Every morning you get up at 6:30, make your bed, do some chores and get ready for the day. By the way, this is all outdoors in the woods in a cabin. There are 3-4 bunks to a cabin with a nice woodstove in the winter to keep you warm and lots of blankets! There's no electricity except in the bathrooms, so you do have warm showers. When you want to communicate with someone outside of camp, a letter is written. If you want to find out more on a subject, or what kind of mushroom you just picked, a search in the encyclopedia or resource books is next on the list. No more going directly to our phone for instant answers and instant communication.

There's no problem with knowing what to do. You make goals, plan your days in advance, and create menus for the 2 days you do your own cooking at campsite. The menus need to be healthy and stay within a budget. Most every day you work on your trails, keeping up and improving them, or work on the next building project. Cutting down trees, stripping bark, chopping firewood, and splitting kindling also take up your time. Several times a day are spent discussing how you're doing with the goals set.

If/when someone has an issue, a problem, is not working with the group, or has a bad attitude, a circle-up is called. All work stops until it's resolved. Whether you get to the next meal depends on how soon you or the other person gives in, makes restitution, an apology, or whatever is needed to all get on the same page again. Your peers may call you out on something. Then there's an open discussion on what everyone thinks about it. Suggestions are given on how to resolve it, and ideas are provided on better ways to do it next time, etc. You end up growing very close with this group because you go through everything together. You laugh and cry, fight and hug, sing and pray, work and sit quietly, hate and love, but most of all you know you'll never be the same when you leave the security of this camp.

Wouldn't we all be better people, more understanding, more real, and less judgmental if we'd learn to talk things out face to face and work together like this???

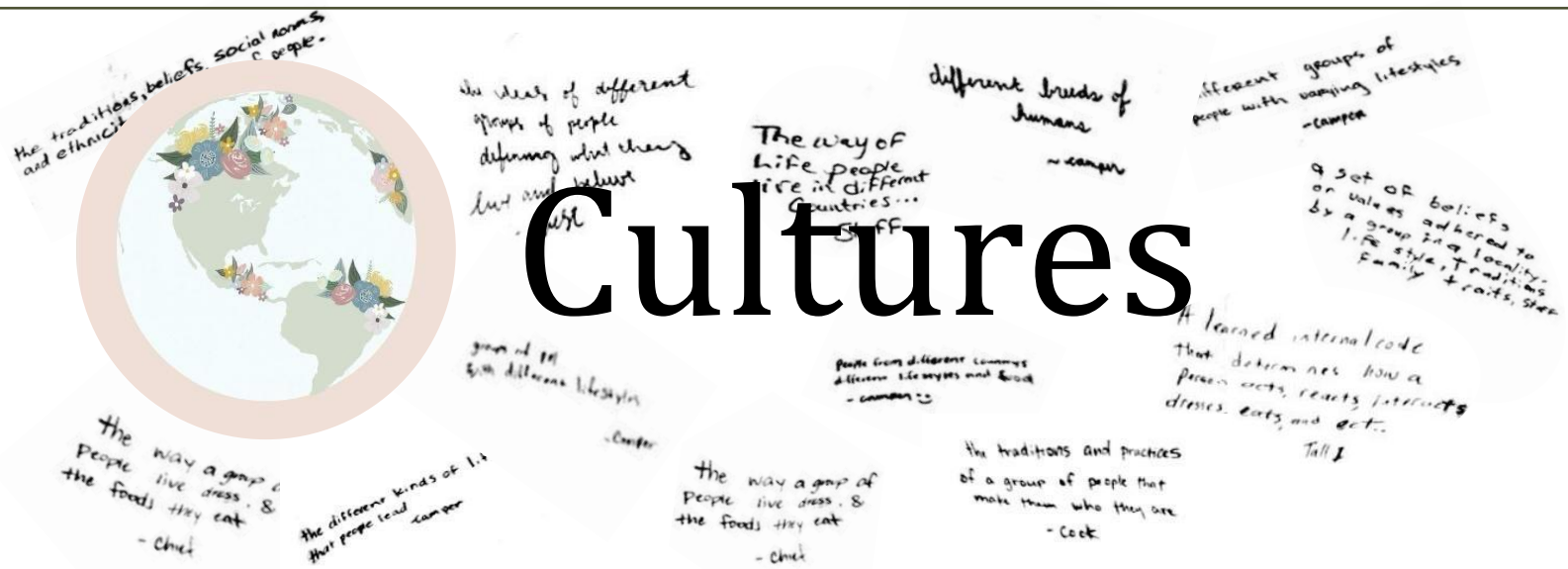
What if you had this opportunity? Would you take it??



*Fill your mind with truth,
Your heart with love,
And your life with service.*
Thomas S. Monson



culture n.: the customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group



The April session was a cultural adventure, taking participants on a culinary tour across the globe. The cultural exchange was not just about learning new things, but also, about savoring diverse flavors and traditions.

Haiti: A Taste of the Caribbean

Chief Angela treated the group to a delicious Haitian meal, featuring drumsticks, fried plantain, pikliz (spicy cabbage), and rice and beans. The combination of flavors and textures showcased the rich culinary heritage of Haiti.

Malawi: A Hearty Delight

Chief Leann took the group on a journey to Malawi with a mouth-watering meal at camp on cook-out days. The menu included egg ndiwo, chicken ndiwo, nsima, and collard greens, offering a glimpse into the country's warm hospitality.

American Classic

Chief Doyle helped us celebrate Chief Rob's birthday with an amazing steak supper, an American favorite. The tender steak was a testament to the country's love for bold flavors and hearty portions.

India: A Symphony of Spices

Chief Brianna, with the help of the cooks, presented an exquisite Indian meal featuring butter chicken, rice, Shirazi salad, and Naan bread. The aromatic spices and flavors transported everyone to the vibrant streets of India.

Brazil: A Carnival of Flavors

Chief Rob and Chief Angela brought the vibrant flavors of Brazil to the table with a menu that included picanha, bacon-wrapped chicken, Brazilian sausages, rice and beans, grilled pineapple, and Guarana. The lively atmosphere was contagious.

Greece: A Mediterranean Delight

To wrap up the cultured themed session, Miss Amy and Miss Audrey served a delectable Greek meal, featuring chicken kabobs, Greek potatoes, tzatziki dip, Greek salad, and a French dessert, pots de crème. This was an amazing end to a great session of studying cultures.

Education night was always centered around foreign countries and discussion times full of interesting facts of other places, but most of what we will remember from this session is the adventures and amazing food.



Canoeing @ Lincoln Lake

5-14-25

Dear Diary

We left the Brook at 9:12a.m. Now we are headed to Lincoln Lake. The sky is very blue and beautiful, green grass that is how pretty the day is. At 9:27a.m. we stop beside the road Chief Rob checks the straps on the canoes.

We arrive at Lincoln Lake at 10:54a.m. and start canoeing around 11:30. We also stopped canoeing around 12:30 to start lunch. We ate at 2:05. We also saw two or three black snakes. After lunch we had half hour siesta that felt really good. We then left Lincoln Lake at 4:30 and headed for Bob Kidd Lake to go swimming. Only me and another girl didn't go swimming. We played fetch with some balls it was very fun. We left Bob Kidd Lake at 6:18p.m. We came back to the Brook at 7:45p.m. and had supper here. It was a very fun day.

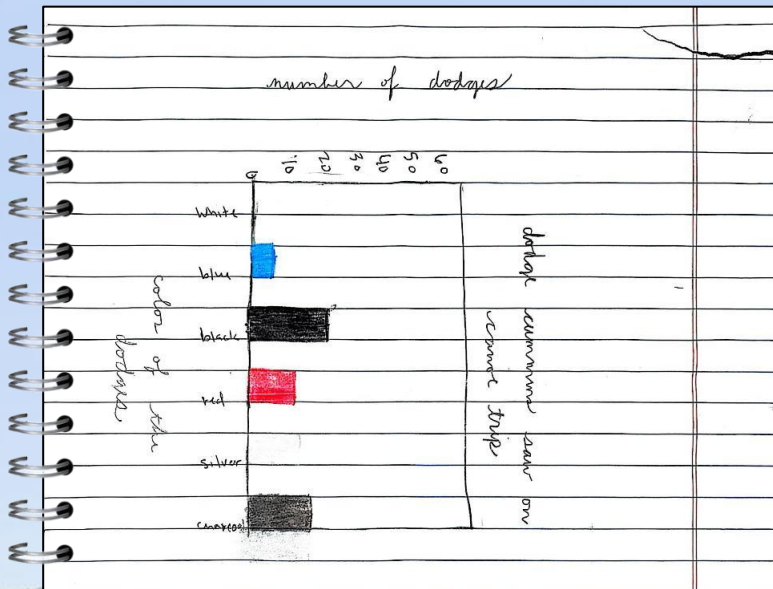
By a Camper

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

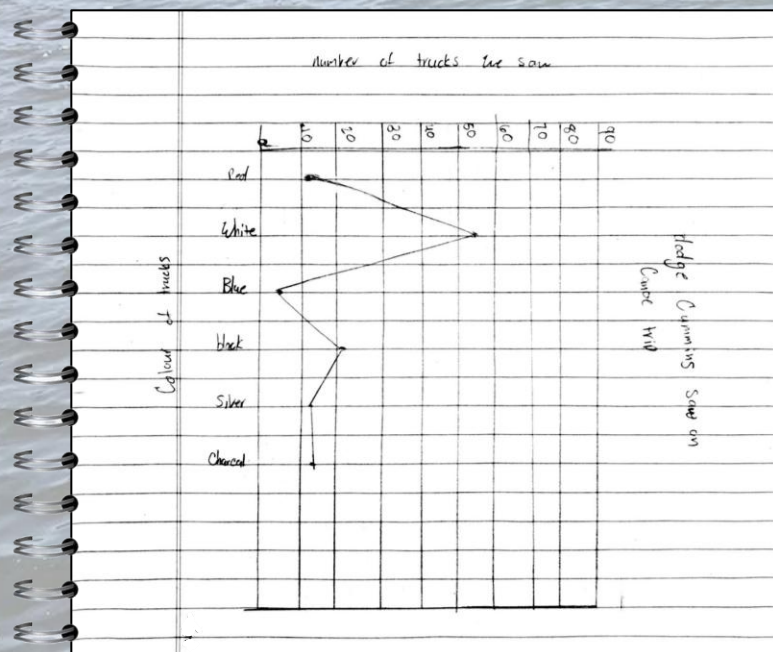
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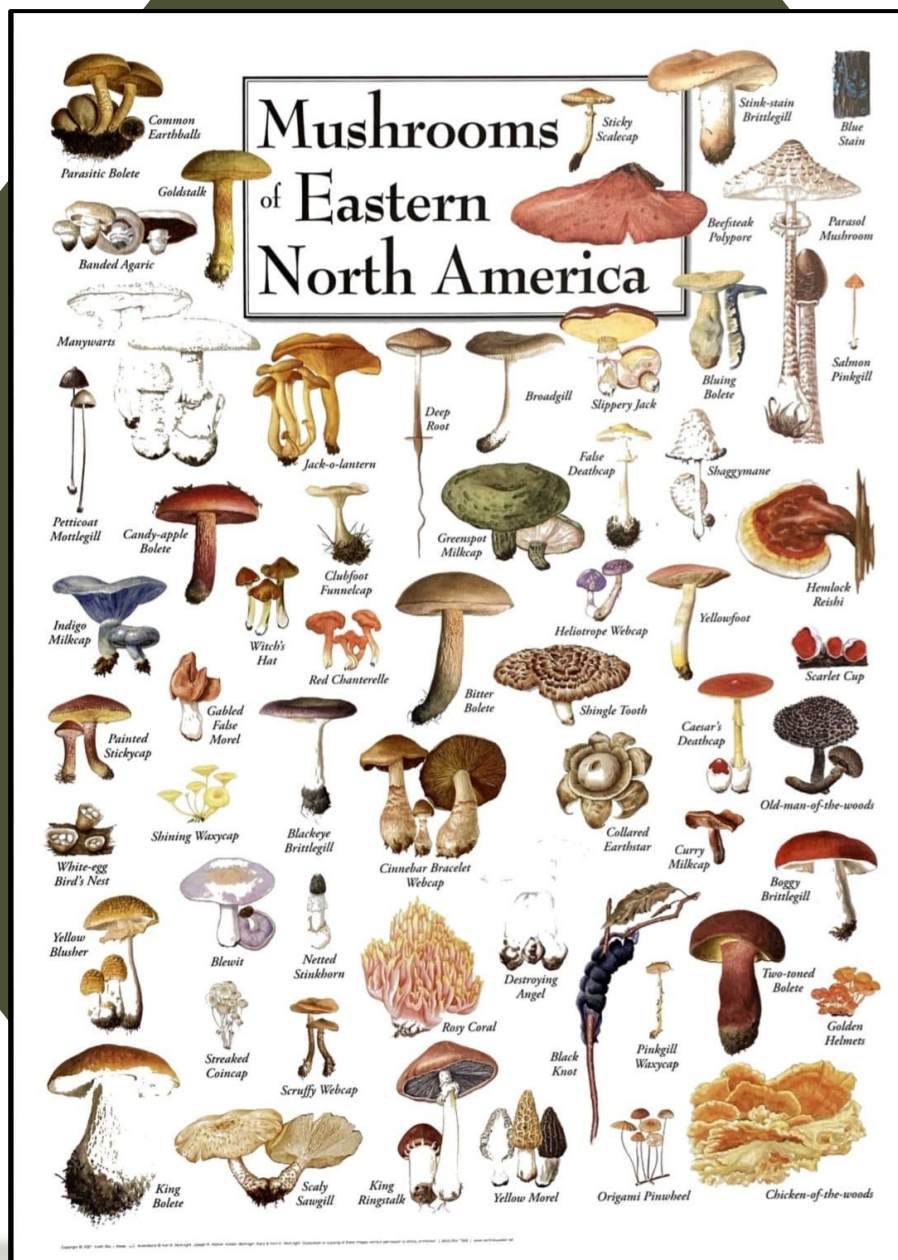
We got up at 6:00 this morning, an hour earlier than a normal Wednesday morning. We left camp at 9:12, 42 minutes past our planned departure, 8:30. The drive to Lincoln Lake was good, even if one old man did get annoyed at us. By 10:54, we arrived. Chief Rob parked the Goose, then we walked around for a little bit. We found a few snakes and saw lots of little fish. Unloading and packing the canoes with the food we'd need for lunch didn't take very long, and around 11:30 we started canoeing. We dinked around in our canoes until about 12:30, then the cooks started preparing lunch. We forgot to pack wood for our fires, so me and Chief Wyenne canoed back to the goose to get a little butane burner that they had brought along for us, and also the bacon, which, we had left behind. We had lunch at 2:05, and by the time siesta was over, it was 3:05. Our original plan had been to swim in the afternoon, but to our dismay, the signs said no swimming. So instead, we decided to canoe to the tip of the lake. On the way there, we saw a few turtles, and 2 geese with a baby gosling. We got back to the Goose at 4:30, and for some odd reason, a few of us were a little damp. After cleaning up the canoes, we set off to Bud Kidd Lake. We got there at 5:13 and swam for nearly an hour. There were lots of Big slimy rocks on the edge, but once you get far enough out, it was fine. The water was nice and warm, perfect swimming temperature. We thought about having supper by Big Sugar Creek, but we were all so exhausted, we just wanted to go home. We arrived back at the Brook at 7:45, had supper in wood coral, did dishes, had showers and pow-wow, then hit the hay. Hoya at 11:01 signaled the end to an amazing day. By a Camper



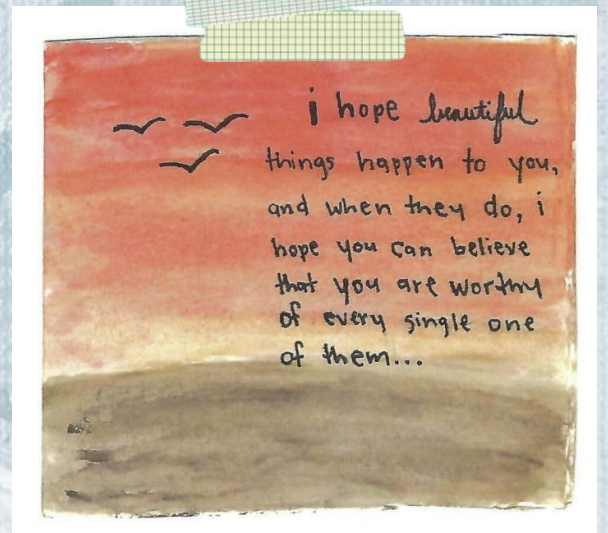
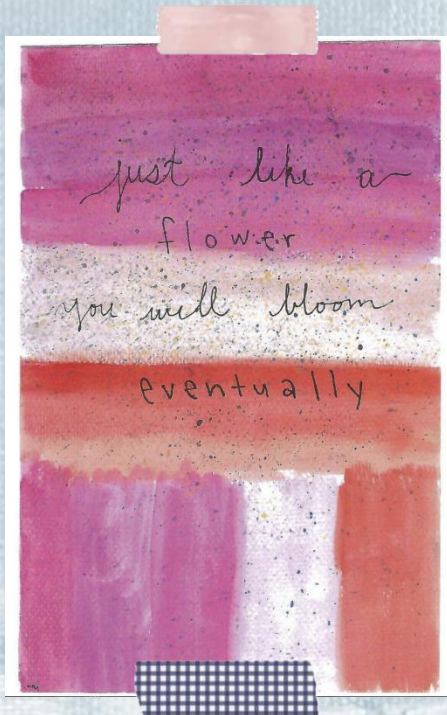


The other day we went on a canoe trip. Two of us campers decided to count how many Dodge Cummins we could see. So one of us counted and one of us wrote. We found 118 of them.

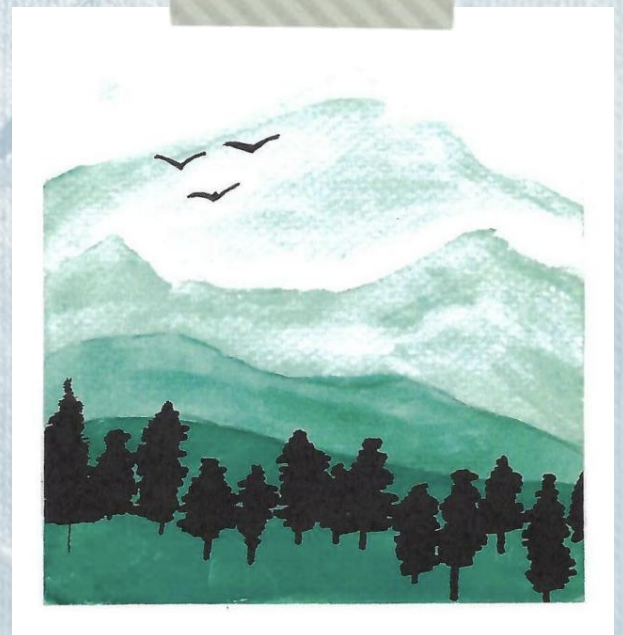
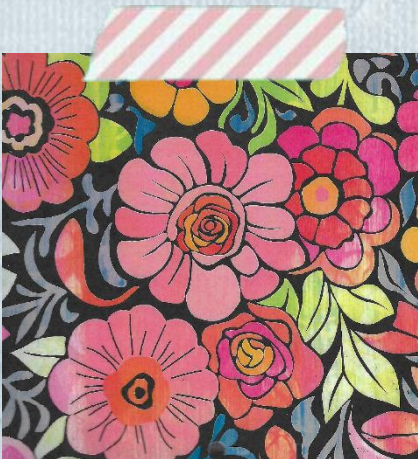








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Thank You

A huge thank you to Chief Doyle's and Chief James' for filling in and supporting us when Chief Rob's didn't make it back right away at the beginning of the sixth session.

Thank you to Chief Verle for building us two amazing tables for chuck wagon.

Thank you to our board members for keeping on working on shower house.

PROGRESS REPORT

The Summit Seekers are cooking in Cook Tent.

A bedroom in Chuckwagon was remodeled into two rooms.

The dirt work for shower house is done.

Landscape around Chuckwagon is being created and a sidewalk was built.

