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Scenarios Day 1

TK Update with Liz Addendum

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Today has been overcast and cooling during daylight hours. The group has been indoors all day getting basic field (pre-hospital) skills--airway in the morning, spinal protection in the afternoon.

The entire group continues to be impressive in their desire to learn, willingness to try things, and positive attitude. Beginning scenarios will be a very interesting challenge, one that will likely begin tomorrow.

Dr. Edelstein, scheduled to arrive Monday evening, finally escaped the East Coast and drove in during the morning sessions. She has been engaging students and discussing improvements and upgrades for the elective. Her energy and enthusiasm reinforce my decision to turn over the experience to younger and more conventionally focused minds.

Just at lunch time the water system had been patched to allow pressured water to be available in the main buildings now in use.

The final fix will require more digging which can be deferred to a time more convenient to the camp. Just as well--85 expected to arrive Friday afternoon and stay through Sunday afternoon. We all have a deepened appreciation for piped potable water, heated if desired.

Chuck Hestor, National Park range with over 2 decades experience in GSMNP came in the afternoon and shared about what rangers do. He joined us for dinner, then afterwards talked about recommended trails and campsites. He included stories

from his past, always interesting and engaging. I am confident the group will now be motivated to begin back pack planning.

Yet tonight we are looking forward to chatting with Dr. Edelstein about the society, the FAWM program, the future of the elective, and getting more student input into the blog to balance my biased "how great we are" view. TK

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