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## Week 2 Update from TK

February 12, 2014

Sunday the 9th turned out to be an active day. I welcomed Monday's faculty. Many went on a hike with Chuck Hestor to a cascade near Gatlinburg, then returned to camp to meet Anna Gaultney, semi-retired camp employee, who took them caving. Another group went to the Obed to climb. It was wet so not optimal, but no complaints from either group.

Today we had a series of talks by Dr. Jennifer Rossi now of Cleveland, soon to be from Portland. She covered chronic illness, avalanche, and exercise associated hyponatremia. It was great to have her as first time faculty.

In addition today was the search and rescue section. Jeff Wadley did a grand overview. Jeff was a long time Civil Air Patrol officer and has been involved in many searches of all kinds. A mix of powerpoint and field exercises combined theory and application. The group does not fully realize it, but these skills will be required for the night exercise in just a week.

During a SAR activity students reported smelling propane. Sure enough, a valve on a main propane tank was leaking. That explains a rapid emptying of the tank last week, and half the tank gone since Thursday. Nice to have alert students as propane is a major expense for the camp, especially in winter.

My plan was to begin student presentations tonight. It has been overcast and we had some snow flurries. Many in the group wanted to go ski in Ober Gatlinburg; they pointed out that this

was probably the best time as evening speakers are planned the next three evenings, then our overnight group experience. So I relented and will get a bit of extra rest.

Dr. Laura Helfman is up for tomorrow. We are expecting highs around 40 the rest of the week, with possible snow but no significant accumulation predicted. As Dr. Seth Hawkins is scheduled to drive over from NC I certainly hope that I 40 is open! Time will tell. Temperatures predicted in the 50s next week. Great place to experience a variety of weather conditions. TK

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