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The Rocky Mountains in Summer

Update from Jen Roehrs

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Monday 2/9/14:

Today we spend the day learning search and rescue with Jeff Wadley. We went over the statistics of search and rescue and the probability of finding a subject in a certain area. The day started with lectures in the morning and then practical application in the afternoon. We went over the searcher cube and how to lead or participate in a search. We practiced by finding toothpicks and small paper tickets in the woods and had about an 80% success rate in finding all of the toothpicks/tickets. The day culminated with an organized class search through the forest to find a bag of peanut M&M's, of which we were successful and devoured the bag of M&M's in about 5 minutes.

Tuesday 2/10/14:

Structure without having to deal with EMR is amazing, and we woke up again just in time for our morning coffee and cereal for an amazing lecture in Dermatology by Mr. Morgan, PA, who enlightened us on Poison Ivy and Sunscreen and entertained a whole group of questions. This was followed by a lecture on Pregnancy in the Wilderness by Dr. Sterner an ER physician as well as lectures on Pediatrics, Elderly and River medicine by Dr. Helfman, an ER physician as well. The afternoon was spent learning mostly kayaking skills from our colleagues as well as how to save someone in the river by throwing a rope. The afternoon was very sunny and put us all in eager spirits, anticipating our hiking adventures in the wilderness. The evening was devoted to various student lectures as well. Topics covered in the afternoon and evening included Anterior Shoulder dislocation, Hikes to Everest, the Himalayas, and Denali, Tick borne diseases, Pediatrics several other interesting discussions.



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