

Woodrow High House Report

On the second of November 2022 we set off to Woodrow house. When we got there, we grabbed any suitcase and headed inside. We had a quick tour of the house and had a chat with Dan (our Woodrow head instructor) and then we went out to do our scavenger hunt. We were all impressed by the large house.

Scavenger Hunt

Unlike the other activities, we did this altogether. We went to the campfire and got into groups of 5. Then, we got handed a clue list and a clipboard with a map on the back. After that, an instructor came and told us which clue we had to find. We had around 15 minutes to find our clues. This was enjoyable and helped us find our way around.

Grouping

When we got back to the house, we got into set groups. E was Mr Hankey and Mrs Roberts, H was Mrs Strawbridge, F was Mrs Thomas and G was Mrs Wormald. After we were in our groups, we all headed out to our different activities!

Crate Stacking

In crate stacking you had a rope attached to you and you had to climb stacked crates. The other people would add more crates under you. If the instructor shouted CLEAR! the builders ran away and the people with the rope attached to them, got the crates knocked from under them - leaving them hanging. You could call 'stop' and go down at any time. This was quite nerve-racking and very exciting.

Night Line

In night line, special goggles that were blacked out were given to you to put on your face. After this, we had some fun with the goggles and then set off for the woods. We held a rope (as we couldn't see) and went on a mysterious path. There were obstacles in our path, but because of the rope no one fell into brambles (luckily). Eventually, we made it to the end and took our goggles off. After that, we headed out of the woods and onto the field.

Rooming

Back inside the big house we found out our rooms. After that, we went to our new rooms and set up for the night. We then went down to the lounge and waited for dinner to be called. After dinner we had a fire practice and then headed to the leisure centre to play a game with Mr Hankey. This game was wild! We had to try and get to the other side of the hall without being hit by flying ball - thrown by Mrs Roberts, Mrs Thomas, and Mr Hankey. After we had finished the game, we headed up to bed tired but happy.

Low Ropes

In low ropes, we went into the woods and stood whilst our instructor picked groups of 3. After the groups had been picked, we could get started on the activities. There were 6 groups and 6 activities. Each group would do a different activity. There was a tightrope, a tyre pulley, an x on top of a tightrope, swinging planks in tyres, the tightrope with short ropes above your head and a tightrope with another rope just above your head. It was great working in a team. You had to rely on your team mates to help you get across the ropes and keep you safe.

Shelter Building

When the time came for shelter building, which was deep in the woods, we were split into 2-3 groups. Each team had to pick up twigs and logs and start to build a shelter. After we'd finished building - we competed with the other groups to see who's was best. Whilst being tested our instructor would put a fake earthquake on. Some instructors would kick and shake your design. Then they rated it out of five and would then choose a winner. Some of the designs had relaxing areas and sleeping quarters. Other dens were very stable and could keep out a strong wind.

Pioneering

For pioneering we were split into 2 groups to try and build a giant catapult. There was a big material dart board on the field. There were 2 big logs and 4 smaller ones. You had 6 balls and 4 ropes to build your catapult. We had to learn about knots to construct the catapult frames. Once finished, our teams had to compete to see who could hit the target. It was quite difficult but great fun.

Campfire

Once we had finished the second day, we were told to get into something warm and get our torches. After dinner, we headed out to the campfire. During the campfire, we sang songs, told jokes and riddles and Mr Hankey told us a spooooooooky story. After it was over we went to bed.

Challenge Course

In challenge course we worked together to do the different stages. We started off by doing the partner challenge, in this stage of the activity we had to balance on logs, hang on the monkey bars (best as we could), jump over the hurdles and hopscotch tyres. After this, we headed over to the next point. This activity was the tunnels. There was a point you went in and a point you came out - the challenge was to find the way out. Next came the no rock wall. In this activity, you would help your team-mates climb over the wall. After everyone had climbed over, we moved onto the next step. This was a climbing net. You climbed up one side and when you reached the middle you would koala over. Once the last person got to the end that was the end of the activity.

Woodland Walk

Woodland walk was one of the last things you did. During the woodland walk you learnt about all of nature and they asked you questions about the surroundings. It was a lovely day and the woods were full of fungi and other interesting things to see including Geocaching.

Team Building

Before you could enter the main area, your group were given a ball and some gutter. In this challenge, you had to get the ball through the gutters without dropping it.

Each time it fell you had to start again! Once in the main area we were handed 2 planks of wood and we had to get across a rectangular pit filled with pebbles with some concrete squares as stepping stones. If you dropped the plank of wood, you lost it and had to answer a riddle to get it back. It was a very tricky challenge for us as we kept dropping the plank of wood! There were lots of challenges which made us work together and solve the puzzles. It felt good when we managed to complete the tasks.

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