

Camp Seminole Project Executive Summary

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PROJECT EXECUTIVE ITEM 1: Realized Project Summary & Benefit

During the fall semester of 2016, Day One team “Akela” performed a series of small renovation tasks for Camp Seminole. These renovations included painting two administration buildings and a trading post, building benches from a pre-existing design, and clearing debris and weeds from the parking lot of one administration building. Our primary goal was to act as a work force to assist in desired construction and aesthetic maintenance that was needed around the camp. Our team wanted to clear the parking lot in order to build a curb, paint buildings, and build benches for the Boy Scout camp. All of these tasks have been accomplished, except for the curb in the parking lot due to time constraints. These accomplishments are beneficial towards the camp’s atmosphere for all visitors attending functions at the camp. We have seen the effects of our work and feel a sense of pride in it. People can see a noticeable difference when they attend the camp.

There were inevitable obstacles in our project that we had to find solutions to. One of these obstacles was rain, which was resolved by switching from painting to constructing benches indoors. The efficiency was not heavily affected by the adverse weather, and our team found solutions to still work despite the inability to perform the planned task for rainy days. Overall, our accomplishments are important because we were able to benefit the camp by making it look more appealing to newcomers. It also makes regular visitors want to keep coming back to Camp Seminole.

PROJECT EXECUTIVE ITEM 2: Leadership Lessons Learned

Team “Akela” worked together to give Camp Seminole a better look. Our greatest challenge was adjusting to the various tasks that we were given to complete in a short amount of time. There were tasks

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that required certain skills that the team as a whole was not equipped with, therefore working with others and trying to complete the tasks was a learning process. Most of us have never used power tools, cut wood, or painted an outdoor structure before, so we had to learn and pick up these skills as we went along.

On the days that we were assigned to go volunteer at Camp Seminole, we learned and experienced a great deal of leadership. We went through all stages of team development, learning along the way how to work together as a team and communicate with each other. We learned delegation by having an overall big job to complete, giving each person a part in completing that job and trusting them to complete it. Each team member did their part and did not slack. When we built five benches we divided into teams and made an assembly line. Seeing that the benches ended up being sturdy and well put together, we saw how much working together made an impact. We learned how to communicate in order to achieve our goals, especially when building the benches. If we had not been communicating, the benches would have not gotten built. Our action team learned many new tasks and new teamwork skills through our partnership with Camp Seminole.