

Thank you ever so much for all of your support and funding to help me be here. I've been having a wicked experience and have learned so much, not only about the outdoors, temperature, survival skills, cooking etc.. But also about myself. I've learned that when things get tough and stressful, I become a leader and make sure nobody gets left behind. An example of this is when we were on our overnight hike I was navigating off-track using a map & compass to ensure we were on the right path, helping those who were struggling and giving light to those who had none.

I also learned that I have teacher like qualities in a sense that I made sure the people who didn't quite know what was going on or didn't know how/what to do, I would stick with them and guide them through the process of how/what to do.

I have also developed how to work in a team, as I'm only used to working by myself or in small groups of 1, 2 or 3 people. An example of this would be while sailing, not only would I teach people how to do different jobs but also while being Captain of the vessel I would give fast and accurate calls to the crewmates to ensure our tack/gibe would be near perfect.

One thing I have really wanted to learn is how to tie knots to suit any situation I want and to make anything easier for me. I have learned how to tie so many knots while I've been here and have been putting them to use. E.g. I have tied my fly up around trees, with every rope I have used a different knot, such as a slipknot or half hitch or figure eight. I have become so creative that I have even produced a means to hold up my toilet paper.

Again, I really couldn't thank you enough for supporting me and giving me the opportunity to be here.

Thank you so much for everything.

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