



August 17th: We arrived at ESF Newcomb Campus and after getting settled into our cabins took a walk around the lake we were staying on. The first picture on the top left was taken halfway around the lake!



August 18th: Taken on our second day after making it to the top of Blue Mountain! After a somewhat strenuous hike up the mountain, we were rewarded with beautiful views from the top of the fire tower!



August 19th: Hiking the lower Ausable Lake in Keene Valley. On this hike, we got to see beaver meadows, declining tree species, waterfalls, painters palate (a mushroom we drew on), and at the end were able to see the stunning views of water surrounded by mountains which was the real-life version of what I had always imagined the Adirondacks as.



August 20: Peat extraction from the ADK Scarlet bog with the assistance of Dr. Curt Stager from Paul Smith's College. Dr. Stager discussed the ecological evolution of how the bog had formed over time as a result of drastic climate changes. The soil extracted (bottom picture) is approximately 6,000 years old!



August 20: Top picture taken at the Brown Family gravesite. At the John Brown farm, we toured the historic farm and grave site of the civil war era abolitionist. We learned about some of the history of his years living in the Adirondacks and how the area became a state historic site.



August 21: The last hike of the trip before we head to NYC is at Pack Forest. It is an old-growth forest managed by the SUNY ESF. The picture showcases a patch of large pine trees that go up around 175 ft.

