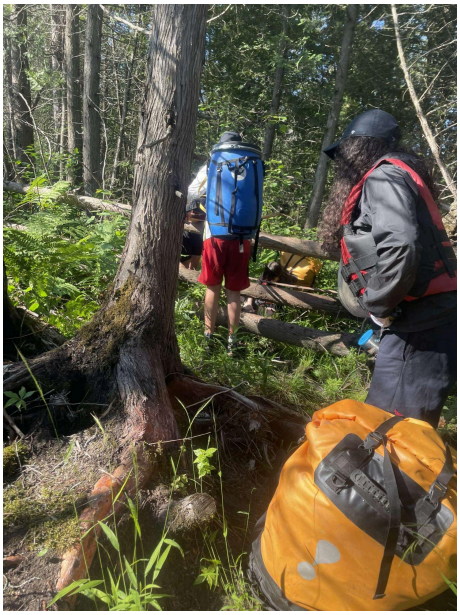
[student name removed for privacy] **WILD 2024 - Photo Portfolio**

↖**On the way to our first canoe destination, one of the vans' tires popped. Although this set us back a few hours, everyone kept smiles on their faces and focused on getting us going again.**

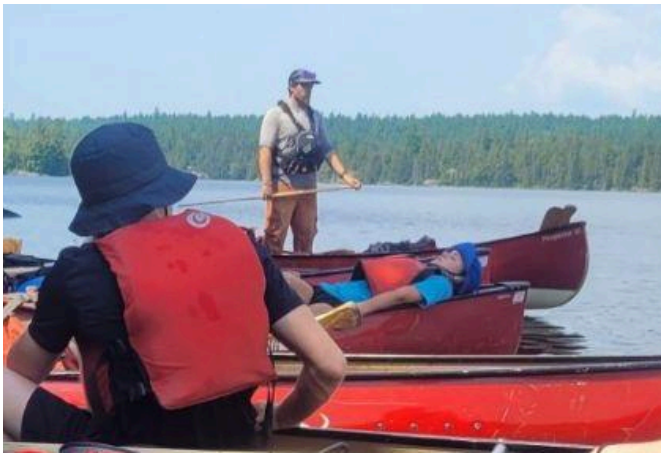
↖While waiting, we stayed at a nearby park. Instead of just sitting and waiting for the repairs to finish, everyone socialized and explored the area.



Later that day, we faced our first portage at about 9PM that evening. It was extremely overgrown and bugs were thriving, so it was a little rough. We weren't able to make it to our campsite that night, so we were forced to set up camp on the portage trail. Despite the rough evening, everyone kept their composure and stayed determined.

The next day, we faced many unexpected challenges like beaver dams, rock barriers, and directional challenges. We were even more behind schedule at this point, but no complaining happened.

On our third day, we worked hard attempting 20 km against the waves, and we got pretty far before the thunderstorm started. We set up tarps and waited the rain out, continuing to do tasks in the meantime.



On day four, I was pure exhausted. Surviving on 4 hours of sleep and non-stop paddling, I was a little tired. However, after a quick power nap shown here→→→→→→→→→→→→→→ I was refreshed and ready to paddle another 10km! An added plus was the beautiful campsite we got to.

The last two days were a piece of cake and the most relaxing. Even though the waves were pretty big on the last paddling day, it was so fun canoeing with everyone one last time and I had a lot of fun.

Overall, I really pushed my capabilities. I definitely improved not only my strength but also my overall mental mindset. I've seen a lot of improvements after the trip at staying positive and trying to make the best out of every experience. Not only have I really grown in confidence as a leader, I've been forced to think outside of the box to solve problems and make choices for the group. On the other hand - as a learner, I've given the trip my all and have picked up many skills including the leave-no-trace principles and collaborating with others effectively. Also I'm now really good at packing big red kitchen packs. (I should get bonus marks for the flappage tutorial)