

## Teaching Leadership

We can teach principles of leadership, but you don't learn leadership unless you live it. Leadership is more effectively taught through a hands-on application. It cannot come out of a book, but must be drawn like steel, slowly and repetitively; working out the errors through actual experiences; tempering each one with the fire of adversity through the laments of nature, given responsibility, and with personal conflict and resolution; and finally, polished through sacrifice, service, and compassion. Only then do the simple experiences of the outdoors become the proving grounds that our young men and women need to prepare them for the greater experiences that will one day come their way.