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Team Building and Pledge at Mo-Ranch – A Unique Experience

Greystone students didn't know what they were getting into when they read *Mo-Ranch Challenge Course* and the *Greystone Team Pledge* were scheduled one Saturday.

On this particular day, Mo-Ranch Counselor Conn Carson, being familiar with last year's class, customized a course geared to the exceptional capabilities of Greystone.

Activities included:

- Swimming across the COLD river to retrieve a tarp *without letting it touch the water's surface.*
- Rock climbing and repelling a 40-ft. cliff. (Some had to complete this challenge *blind-folded* with only verbal instructions from classmates.)
- Canoeing down the river and portaging over a dam. (Most of these team members were blind-folded and received verbal directions from one, sighted team member.)

"My favorite activity was the blind-folded canoe adventure," said Greystone student Kelly Walsh, "because it was a true test of leadership and trust."

To wrap up an enlightening day, students took the Greystone Team Pledge and celebrated with burgers and much needed hot chocolate.

*Excerpt from
the Greystone Team Pledge*

- ❖ *I acknowledge that together, we are stronger than we are on our own.*
- ❖ *With dignity and respect for my teammates, I pledge to set self aside for the good of our team.*
- ❖ *Together, I promise to do whatever is required of me to ensure our collective success – as scholars, as athletes and as leaders.*

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Photo Captions:



Greystone students experienced true trust when given direction to canoe and portage blindfolded!



One of the first tasks was to swim across frigid Guadalupe River to retrieve a tarp and swim it across *without* letting it touch the water. (Easier said than done!)