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Yesterday near Richmond ·

This is the eleventh in a series of watercolors I created since 2005 for BSA's Wood Badge advanced leadership training course. It was revealed to the 33 staff and course director on Sunday night, then to the 52 participants at a luncheon on Monday.

The scene depicts an impactful moment once described by the course director - of walking on a trail through aspens. The poem recalls a framed poem that hung in his father's office since 1947 and speaks to the final course presentation - delivered by the course director called "Leaving a Legacy".

If you click on the painting and look closely at the bottom, you can see a few bear prints. Each participant belongs to one of eight patrols named after "critters". I usually sneak the course director's critter somewhere in the painting, but given this scene I didn't want it to look like the bear was hiding in the woods ready to eat a passing hiker. 😊

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