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A Day in the Life of a Forest Ranger

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Dear diary,

Today was a sunny day. As a forest ranger, I need to preserve pandas in Sichuan Province. I was patrolling in the forest and preserving pandas during the day to maintain ecological balance. Well-trained professionals such as vets and scientists provided useful knowledge and skills to our team.

Our team had to wake up before dawn. We climbed up to the mountain and navigated across the cliff early in the morning. Finally, we arrived to see the pandas! When we saw the pandas, some of them were eating bamboo and some were sleeping. I thought they were very quiet and friendly. But they were really lazy as they love to roll. After we met the pandas, we tracked and set up infrared cameras, and also checked on infrared camera traps.

As pandas are now endangered species, I think our team should do our best to save as many pandas as we can. Our work is to stop illegal poaching by patrolling in the panda habitat each month. We strive to prevent pandas from being killed by human, protect bamboo groves and the pandas' major food source to preserve pandas. Therefore, I think our work can help prevent the pandas from being endangered.

Lastly, it was a productive day as I have acquired some useful knowledge and skills about the nature and pandas from well-trained professionals. I also did many tasks to preserve them. Although it was tough, tiring and dangerous, it's really worth it because pandas are so important and they're priceless treasures of our country. It's my honour to protect the symbolic icon of our country.

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