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The Wood Badge Beads of Dinizulu

Early in the history of the Scout Movement, the founder, Robert Baden-Powell, ran the first residential adult leadertraining course for Scouters. At the completion of the course, the participants asked him if he could give them some token to indicate that they had been trained. He had not given this any thought, but on receiving the request he improvised by taking two little beads from a string of such beads he had; he threaded them on a bootlace, and hung them around the neck of each Scouter.

Ever since, each Scouter who has successfully completed the advanced training course receives two similar beads on a leather thong. Known as the Wood Badge beads, they are proudly worn by Scouters to indicate that they are continuing in a tradition handed down from Baden-Powell.



The conferring of wooden beads as a sign of recognition is an old Zulu tradition. We read of them first in the story of Charles Rawden Maclean, also known as John Ross, shipwrecked off the Zululand coast in 1825. He was one of the first white persons to meet the great Zulu king, Shaka. In his description of the Festival of the First Fruits, he wrote "They now commenced ornamenting and decorating their persons with beads and brass ornaments. The most curious part of these decorations consisted of several rows of small pieces of wood... strung together and made into necklaces and bracelets. ... On enquiry we found that the Zulu warriors set great value on these apparently useless trifles and that they were orders of merit conferred by Shaka. Each row was the distinguishing mark of some great heroic deed, and the wearer had received them from Shaka's own hand. Later, when Maclean met the royal

| MORNING | | Location |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| 7:15 | Gilwell Field Assembly | Gilwell Field |
| 8:00 | Breakfast and Assessment | Dining Hall |
| 8:30 | Troop Meeting <i>Zulu Toss</i> | Dining Hall |
| 8:55 | Skills Instruction | |
| 9:10 | <i>Patrol Meeting: What are You Afraid of?</i> | |
| 9:30 | <i>Interpatrol Activity: Front End Alignment</i> | Outside Dining Hall |
| 10:30 | Leveraging Diversity | Dining Hall |
| 11:00 | Stages of Team Development | Dining Hall |
| AFTERNOON AND EVENING | | Location |
| 1:00 | Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting | Dining Hall |
| 1:30 | <i>Communication (Patrol Presentation)</i> | Patrol areas |
| 2:20 | Break | |
| 2:30 | Project Planning (Troop Presentation) | Dining Hall |
| 3:20 | Break | |
| 3:30 | <i>Inter-patrol Rocket Competition (Patrol and Troop Activity)</i> | Dining Hall |
| 4:50 | Break | |
| 5:00 | Patrol Meeting | Patrol areas |
| 5:20 | Retrieve Colors | Gilwell Field |
| 5:30 | Dinner | Dining Hall |
| 6:30 | Patrol Meeting (part 2) | Patrol areas |
| 7:00 | <i>Wood Badge Game Show (Troop Activity)</i> | Dining Hall |
| 7:50 | Break | |
| 8:00 | <i>Win All You Can Game (Troop Activity)</i> | Dining Hall |
| 8:50 | Break | |
| 9:00 | Cracker Barrel | Dining Hall |



Dinizulu's Beads continued

party, he observed that Dingane, Shaka's half-brother, was "dressed in the same manner as the king, but without so large a display of beads."

Robert Baden-Powell came across these beads 63 years later in 1888, when the British had defeated the Zulu nation at war and annexed Zululand as a part of the British colonies. Dinizulu, the grand-nephew of Shaka, refused to accept the annexation and led the uSuthu tribe of the Zulus in rebellion.

B-P later wrote about the campaign to Sub-due and capture Dinizulu, "Eventually Dinizulu took refuge in his stronghold. I had been sent forward on a Scouting expedition into his stronghold. He nipped out as we got in. In his haste he left his necklace behind - a very long chain of little wooden beads. These beads now form the Wood Badge which Scouters win who go through the Training Course at Gilwell."

There can be no doubt that the beads of Dinizulu were identical to those beads that Maclean saw Shaka wearing. It is quite extraordinary that Baden-Powell should have chosen those beads as an award, to be "conferred by his own hand," without knowing that Shaka had used them in the same way.

Today, thousands of Zulu boys are Scouts. In 1987, Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi of KwaZulu was the guest of honor at a huge Scout rally. Chief Buthelezi's mother-in-law, Princess Mahoho, was a daughter of Dinizulu. At the rally, the Chief Scout of South Africa, Garnet de la Hunt, took from around his neck a thong on which four Wood Badge beads were hung, and handed it to Chief Buthelezi, in a symbolic act of returning the beads to their rightful heir.

(Source: <http://www.scouting.org.za/seeds/woodbadge.html>)



How to Use Lightweight Stoves

A camp stove gives you a fast easy way to do your cooking.

It produces heat just right for warming a small cup of soup or cooking a big pot of pasta. A stove won't blacken rocks or cooking gear or scorch the soil. With a stove you can camp where there is no firewood or where camp fires are prohibited. Stoves work equally well in deserts, high mountains and deep forests and are ideal for use in storms and on snow.

Many camp stoves burn commercial stove fuel or kerosene. Store these fuels in special metal bottles with lids that screw on tightly. Choose bright red bottles or mark them with colorful tape so there is no chance of mistaking them for water bottles. Butane and propane stoves burn gas from small cans called cartridges. Carry cartridges and fuel bottles in the outside pockets of your pack where gas fumes can't get near your food.

When you are ready to cook, place your stove on a level surface free of leaves, sticks and other burnable materials. A patch of bare ground or a flat rock is all you need. During winter campouts, put your stove on a piece of plywood about eight inches square. The plywood will hold your stove on top of the snow or ground and prevent the cold from chilling the stove. Different kinds of stoves burn different fuels and operate in different ways. Read your stove's instructions carefully and follow them exactly.

Introducing the Patrols

Beaver

Angelica DelaGarza David Adams
Jorge Carrion Jordan Bangert
Ellen Blasingame Douglas Borden

Owl

Cody Miori Robert Mealer
Linda Rodriguez Beth Reed
Aaron Rose

Fox

Scott Lemanski Alisa Hanshaw
Mark Kwitowski Matthew Edwards

Bear

Juan Saenz Scott Sanford
Charles Reed
Johnny Santos Stacey Longoria

Bobwhite

Paul Bourland Robert Mills
Daniel Child Angie Williams
Kimberly Ballenger Tracy Moss

Eagles

Denver Eichler Jessica Elam
George Garcia Casey Gloor

Critter Tales



The Beaver Blog

The Beaver patrol is the hardest working patrol in the Troop. We had a very productive day cutting down trees and building a dam at the lake. After we cleaned up our mess we took a leisurely swim.

The balance of the day was spent making woggles, singing songs, and designing our patrol totems.

A Beavers goal is to get it right by helping others and working as a team.



Fox Den News Focus On a Fox

Matt Edwards – second youngest member of Woodbadge S3-577-14. 2014 Graduate of King High School. Started his scouting career as a Tiger Cub in 232 and earned the Arrow of Light and then crossed over to Troop 255 Where he “Eagled” in 2013. He is currently an Assistant Scout Master of Troop 255. He presently works at Schlitterbahn in Corpus Christi and hopes to continue his education in Fall of 2015 at the Firefighter Academy.

“What do you get when you cross a red Fox Patrol patch with a blue Fox critter flag?”

--Go Foxes



Owl News

The first day has been a great day. Our ages range between 34 and 44. I would say that we have some funny people that make us laugh so much that sometimes it hurts. We are glad that we are the Owl Patrol because owls are wise and watch everything.



Bear Necessities

Listening leads to communication. Communication leads to a rapport/trusting relationship.

When you have a rapport with each other we are more likely to see each other as a resource and overcome any barrier.

Each member of our patrol has gained knowledge through sharing life experiences.

Eagle Nest Eagle Patrol Daily Dropping

Woodbadge Day One started with scout assignments to their dens. Den 3 consists of the following members: Jessy Elam from Troop 65 in Robstown, Outdoor Chairperson; Van Westervelt from Troop 54 in Banquete, Scoutmaster; Denver Eichler from Troop 110 in Victoria, Assistant Scoutmaster; Casey Gloor from Pack 105 in Vanderbilt, Cubmaster/Den Leader; and George Garcia from Troop 255 in Corpus Christi, Committee. James Bangert serves as the assigned troop guide for the course.

Early in the day, they went through a comprehensive Cub Scout overview that included practical drills. This was capped off with our Blue and Gold Ceremony and Crossover to Boy Scouts.

Our den was assigned to the "Eagle" Patrol. Casey Gloor was selected as Patrol Leader. Jessy Elam and Van Westervelt serve as Assistant Patrol Leaders. Denver Eichler serves as the Chaplain Aide. George Garcia is the patrol's Scribe.

The afternoon close with training, slide presentations, construction of neckerchief woggle slides and the issuance of our Troop 1 neckerchiefs.

Bobwhite Tails The Story of the Bobwhite Patrol

Once upon a time there were five Bobwhites, who lived in the Great South Texas. They desired to learn the skills to live and serve the little Bobwhites of their communities. These five Bobwhites got together and went to the wise Lunar Moon to ask her what we needed to learn. She told us that we needed to attend the wise school called the Woodbadge Lodge. So the five Bobwhites started to go to the school of great leadership. The first day they got to meet a Beaver Tribe, a bear Tribe, an Owl Tribe and a Fox Tribe. They were kinda scared of the Eagle Tribe but became great friends. They first lesson they learned was how to make a woggle. They also got to start as Little Bobby Whites, then got to cross this really old bridge to move forward to young Bobwhites.



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