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More than a Race--Diversity

Camp Karankawa History

My son, Gilbert, was eight years old and had been in Cub Scouts only a short time. During one of the meetings, he was handed a piece of wood and four tires and was told to return home and give all to "Dad".

That was not an easy task for Gilbert to do. Dad was not receptive to doing things with his son. But Gilbert tried. Dad read the paper and scoffed at the idea of making a pinewood derby car with his young, eager son. The block of wood remained untouched as the weeks passed. Finally, Mom stepped in to see if I could figure this all out.

The project began. Having no carpentry skills, I decided it would be best if I simply read the directions and let Gilbert do the work. And he did. I read aloud the measurements, the rules of what we could do and what we couldn't do. Within days his block of wood was turning into a pinewood derby car—a little lopsided, but looking great (at least through the eyes of Mom).

Gilbert had not seen any of the other kids' cars and was feeling pretty proud of his "Blue Lightning," the pride that comes with knowing you did something on your own. Then the big night came.

With his blue pinewood derby car in his hand and pride in his heart, we headed to the big race. Once there my little one's pride turned to humility. Gilbert's car was obviously the only car made entirely on his own. All the other cars were father-son partnership, with cool paint jobs and sleek body styles made for speed. A few of the boys giggled as they looked at Gilbert's lopsided, wobbly, unattractive vehicle.

To add to the humility, Gilbert was the only boy without a man at his side. A couple of the boys who were from single-parent homes at least had an uncle or grandfather by their side. Gilbert had 'Mom'.

The race was done in elimination fashion. You kept racing as long as you were the winner. One by one the cars raced down the finely



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Camp Karankawa provides a wonderful setting for our second weekend of Wood Badge. The camp, operated by the South Texas Council, was established in 1944.

Originally, the camp consisted of about 50 acres located on the old Lake Mathis. The current layout of Camp K. resulted from the Wesley Seale Dam, which was built to form Lake Corpus Christi and which flooded some camp buildings.

The camp's old dining hall was situated where the training center now stands, and the original 11 campsites were centered on the old cove and faced the lake. Positioned below the old dining hall, the swimming pier pointed toward the dam.

The old trading post was placed on the cove side of the swimming pier. The trading post's concrete slab can still be seen—partially under water. The Gerald Smith Campsite was originally the council ring, and Hog Cove was the archery and rifle range.

With the cooperation of the Texas Legislature and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Camp Karankawa expanded to more than 100 acres.

Little remains of the original structures, but the memories of the old place remain and are being passed on to you.

(Source on Camp K.: Perry Winkler, former Camp Mauritz Ranger)

Diversity—continued sanded ramp. At last, it was between Gilbert and the sleekest, fastest-looking car there.

As the last race was about to begin, my wide-eyed, shy, eight-year-old asked if they could stop the race for a minute because he wanted to pray. The race stopped. Gilbert hit his knees clutching his funny looking block of wood between his hands. With a wrinkled brow, he set to converse with his Father. He prayed in earnest for a very long minute-and-a-half. Then he stood, smile on his face and announced, "Okay, I am ready."

As the crowd cheered, a boy named Tommy stood with his Father as their car sped down the ramp. Gilbert stood with his Father within his heart and watched his block of wood wobble down the ramp with surprisingly great speed and rush over the finish line a fraction of a second before Tommy's car. Gilbert leaped into the air with a loud "Thank You!" as the crowd roared in approval.

The Cubmaster came up to Gilbert, with microphone in hand and asked the obvious question, "So you prayed to win, huh, Gilbert?" To which my young son answered, "Oh no, sir, that wouldn't be fair to ask God to help you beat someone else. I just asked him to make it so I don't cry when I lose."

Gilbert's simple prayer spoke volumes to those present that night. He never doubted that God would indeed answer his request. He didn't pray to win, thus hurt someone else; he prayed that God supply the grace to lose with dignity. Gilbert, by his stopping the race to speak to his Father, also showed the crowd that he wasn't there without a dad, but His Father was most definitely there with him. Yes, Gilbert

walked a winner that night, with his Father at his side.
(Contributed by Jill Rosenbloom, a Wood Badge Beaver from Inland Harbor Council, Washington.)

Quotes

On Diversity

We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same.

~Anne Frank

On Change

Change in all things is sweet.

~Aristotle

On the Outdoors & Camping

Living out in God's open air, among the hills and the trees, and the birds and the beasts, and the sea and the rivers -that is living with nature, having your own little canvas home, its gadgets, doing your own cooking and exploration - all this brings health and happiness such as you can never get among the bricks and smoke of the town.

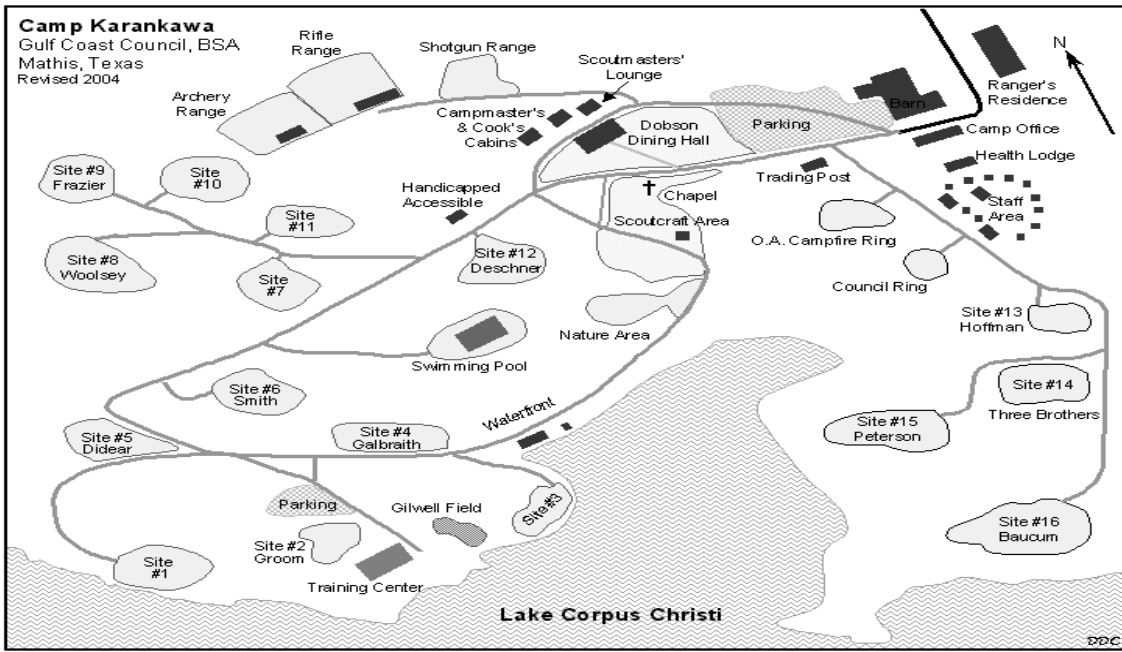
~Lord Baden-Powell



Today's Schedule

MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Participants Arrive	Training Center
7:45	Gilwell Field Assembly/ Venturing Crew Introduction	Training Center
8:50	Travel to Overnight	
9:00	Outdoor Experience Assembly, Leave No Trace Model Campsite, and Patrol Camp Setup	Campsite #1
10:30	Leading Change (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
11:20	Break	
11:30	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Training Center
Noon	Lunch	
AFTERNOON AND EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	Generations in Scouting (Troop Presentation)	
2:00	Break	

2:15	Problem Solving and Decision Making (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
2:45	Problem Solving Round-Robin (Patrol & Troop Activity)	
4:00	Managing Conflict (Patrol Presentation)	Patrol areas
5:00	Patrol Meeting	
5:50	Retrieve Colors	
6:00	Dinner	
7:00	The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)	Patrol areas
8:30	Participant Campfire (Patrol Program)	Helicopter Pad Caliche Pit
9:30	Patrol Cracker Barrel	



Map taken from

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What is Venturing?

Boy Scout Venturing provides a youth development program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Local community organizations establish Venturing Crews by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community.



The resulting program provides exciting and meaningful activities that help young people pursue special interests, develop leadership skills and become good citizens.

Venturing, like other Scouting programs, uses fun activities to aid in the character development of the young people in the program. The Venturing award program implements a step-by-step process to personal growth and development through service to others.

All Venturing awards require Venturers to teach what they have learned to others. Through teaching, Venturing youth are able to retain the learned skill, gain confidence in their speaking ability and acquire knowledge that will serve them throughout their lives.

The Venturing Oath
As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America; To help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

Sudoku Solution

(from GilGaz Day 2)

Numbrix: 09/22/10 Solution (from GilGaz Day 2)

7	6	21	22	23	24	25	30	31
8	5	20	19	18	17	26	29	32
9	4	3	2	1	16	27	28	33
10	11	12	13	14	15	36	35	34
53	52	51	50	45	44	37	38	39
54	55	56	49	46	43	42	41	40
59	58	57	48	47	72	73	78	79
60	63	64	67	68	71	74	77	80
61	62	65	66	69	70	75	76	81

4	3	7	5	8	6	9	2	1
8	5	2	7	1	9	4	6	3
9	1	6	3	4	2	8	7	5
5	6	9	4	7	8	3	1	2
3	7	4	2	9	1	5	8	6
2	8	1	6	5	3	7	4	9
1	4	5	9	2	7	6	3	8
7	2	3	8	6	5	1	9	4
6	9	8	1	3	4	2	5	7

What is NYLT?

National Youth Leadership Training, an exciting action-packed program, is designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other Situations, demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW,

and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership."

The six-day NYLT course content is delivered in a Troop and Patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun

environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Critter Tales

Eagle Patrol Daily Dropping

Sunday; today being our last day of Part One Woodbadge training, the patrol was greeted with cool, crisp weather for a change. This made for an excellent setting for the assembly program very moving "National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Ceremony for Fallen Heroes". The morning's interfaith worship instruction and service was inspirational and a beautiful cap to a morning of reflection. The afternoon was scheduled for fun and work as the group is treated to popcorn and a movie followed with wrap up discussions on open projects and song. Much fun and learning was had as the group wound down for the weekend. Today's Patrol Leader was Van Westervelt and Denna Eichler was Assistant Patrol Leader.

Focus on a Fox

Mark Kwitowski began his scouting career in 2011 as an involved Tiger Cub parent. Since then, he has been promoted to Pack Trainer and Charter Representative of Pack 615 in Laredo, TX.

Gilwell's Guardians, the Owls

Where you at Whoooo.....See you next weekend!

Bear Necessities

Today we will be parting ways until November. We have learned a lot of new ways to teach our youth, but we are looking forward to our next weekend of Woodbadge to continue to grow as a team.

When we return we will be teaming up with the Fox patrol, for camping and cooking. As a newly formed and larger patrol, we have discussed our menu for the upcoming days. We have also discussed the importance of outdoor ethics and ways to pass this onto our troops and packs. We discussed packing and what to bring on campouts, tent items and other compact items.

Bobwhite Tales

So the saga continues as we enter the second weekend, how we've missed our many friends. We had an amazing experience back in October long, oh how we enjoy, the talks, the food, the songs. With Mr. Gilbert as our guide, we have no choice but to have pride. We thank the Lord on high for blessing us with such an amazing staff.

Staff News

Let's light the fire and show that Patrol spirit!



Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of the World Scout Movement, Chief Scout of the World

The portrait of Baden-Powell is from the 1929 painting by David Jagger. It was presented to B-P on August 6, 1929 at the III World Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, England. This was known as the "Coming of Age Jamboree" as it marked the 21st anniversary of Scouting. The portrait was Baden-Powell's favorite. The original is at Baden-Powell House in London and a copy is displayed in the conference room at World Headquarters (WOSM) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Motto

The Motto of the Scout is "Be Prepared." This was adopted, with much of the uniform, from the South African Constabulary. The men of the Force chose that motto for themselves partly because it spoke to their readiness to take on any kind of duty at any time, and also because it brought in my initials.

The Fleur-de-lys

The fleur-de-lys has come to be the sign of the Scouts in almost every country in the world. In order to distinguish one nationality from the other the country's own emblem is "superimposed," that is, placed on the front of the fleur-de-lys.

You see this in the United States where the eagle and the national arms of America stand in front, backed by the fleur-de-lys of the world-wide Scout Brotherhood. And long may it so stand!



The Knot

Beneath the fleur-de-lys and Motto a little cord depends with a knot tied in it. This knot, like the knot you tie in your handkerchief on occasion, is to remind the boy daily that he has to do a good turn to someone.

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