



# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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## John Wayne: What the Scout Law means to me



A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer, and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp. At this dinner, Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual, he said that the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words." "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it." Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at the dinner; much like he would have for his grandson.

**TRUSTWORTHY** The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

**LOYAL** The very word is life itself, for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

**HELPFUL** Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves, not to mention mankind. Be always full of help -- the dying man's last words.

**FRIENDLY** Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood.

**COURTEOUS** Allow each person his human dignity which means a lot more than saying, "yes ma'am" and "thank you sir". It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more... earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

**KIND** This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, it's just no good unless you get out and use it.

**OBEDIENT** Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

**CHEERFUL** Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

**THRIFTY** Means a lot more than putting pennies away, and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

**BRAVE** You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work and living the best life they know how against the law of odds.

**CLEAN** Soap and waters help a lot on the outside. But it's the inside that counts and don't ever forget it

**REVERENT** Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

## The World Scout Emblem

The World Scout Emblem, worn by an estimated 250 million Scouts since the Movement was founded, is still used today by 16 million Scouts in 150 countries and territories and is one of the world's best known symbols. However, Scouts and members of the public often ask how the emblem originated.

Lord Baden-Powell himself gave the answer, "Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps for orienteering them with North."



Lady Baden-Powell said later, "It shows the true way to go."

So, the emblem helps to remind Scouts to be as true and as reliable as a compass in keeping to their Scouting ideals and showing others the way.

In Scouting, we take the three tips of the emblem to represent the three main points of the Scout Promise. The two decorative five-pointed stars are taken in some countries to stand for truth and knowledge.

In the World Scout Emblem, the basic motif is encircled by a rope tied with a reef or square knot, symbolizing the unity and brotherhood of the Movement throughout the world. Even as one cannot undo a reef knot no matter how hard one pulls on it, so the Movement remains united. The color of the World Scout Badge is white on a royal purple background. These colors are also symbolic. In heraldry, white represents purity and royal purple denotes leadership and helping other people.

## On Conservation

*Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.*

~Gifford Pinchot

*God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light.*

~Lord Baden-Powell

## Quotes from Baden-Powell

*A boy is supremely confident of his own power, and dislikes being treated as a child.*

*Teach Scouts not how to get a living, but how to live.*

*It's the spirit within, not the veneer without that makes a man.*

*It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it.*

*An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.*

## Today's Schedule

MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Breakfast and Assessments	
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	
8:30	Interfaith Worship Service	Training Center
8:50	Break	
9:10	Conservation Project (Troop Activity)	Training Center
11:10	Self-Assessment	
Noon	Lunch and Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Training Center
AFTERNOON		
1:00	Project Setup and Break	Training Center
1:30	Project 1 (Patrol and Troop Activity)	Training Center
2:45	Project Setup and Break	
3:15	Project 2 (Patrol and Troop Activity)	Training Center
4:30	Ticket Review and Staff Departure	
5:30	Patrol Dinner	
7:00	Patrol Meeting/Patrol Project Self-Assessment	
8:00	Patrol Campfires and Cracker Barrel	

## On Mentoring

To the world, you may just be somebody. But to somebody, you may just might be the world.

~ Unknown

## Dennis The Menace



"IF YOU WERE AN EAGLE SCOUT WHEN YOU WERE A KID, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE A BALD EAGLE NOW?"

## Critter Tales

### Beaver News

Saturday began as another glorious day at Woodbadge for the Beaver Patrol.

The Beavers got to work setting up camp and preparing for a fantastic ending to our Woodbadge experience. Our time off was spent working on our presentation and skit via emails and Facebook.

Individually the Beavers did the following:

Jordan- took naps and watched a documentary about Beavers.

Angelica- spent one week recovering from the last Woodbadge weekend.

Doug- came back the following weekend for the Family Campout at Camp K.

David- went back to his normal grind of 60 hrs.

Jorge- checked out the vision of his many patients.

Ellen- took a weekend and camped with 50 Cub Scouts and family members at Garner State Park.

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### Focus on a Fox

Alisha Hanshaw began Scouting in 1996 with her oldest son as a Tiger Cub in Pack 69. She continued as a Wolf, Bear, Weblo Den Leader and as Cubmaster for Pack 69 with her younger son. She now continues her Scouting career as a Committee Chair for Troop 277 in George West, Texas.

How many of you now know how a scout feels when he realizes he left (blank) at home!

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### Bobwhites

So the Bobwhites have landed

And just to be candid...

We are so glad to be here and oh what a year

We're so filled with cheer!

So until we talk tomorrow

Let there be no sorrow.

Bobwhite!

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### Beware of Bears posing as Rabbits

Well, we're back here at Camp K for round 2 of our Woodbadge training. The Bears have teamed up with the Fox Patrol to share a campsite.

Since we have set up our camp area, we have worked on finalizing our tickets for turn in and approval.

While we were setting up our camp area one of the Bears desired to pass as a rabbit.

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### Eagle Patrol Daily Dropping

Day 4 of Woodbadge training greeted us with a crisp cool morning.

The morning activities included getting reacquainted with the five other patrols and setting up camp. This allowed for the continued bonding of the entire class.

Excellent training on Leave No Trace/Outdoor Code that included exhibits was amazing and was followed with continued training lectures at the training facility on "leading change". Busy morning and busier afternoon as the patrol prepares to host the nights campfire program.

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### Owls

We are happy to be back at Woodbadge this wonderful day. We have missed a lot of friends that we met at our first weekend. Just a little info about our family of owls:

\*Beth- 34 years old and has been involved in BSA for 7 years. She has held Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos leader, along with Committee Chair in Pack 49 out of Rockport. She is also part of Crew 3904 as a female advisor and is also part of Troop 49's committee.

\*Robert-the only Eagle Scout in the patrol. He is 43 years old and has been in BSA for 16 years-5 years as a cub, 7 years as a scout, and 4 in leadership (Assistant Cub Master and Scout Master.) He is in Troop 232 out of Corpus Christi where he earned his Eagle. He was in Pack 5 out of Flour Bluff.

\*Aaron-is our newest to the program. He has been with BSA for one year. He is the Assistant Scout Master for Troop 311 out of Corpus Christi. He is 38 years old.

\*Linda-She is the Unit Chair for Pack/Troop 562. She is also a troop leader for Girl Scout Troop 9892 in Sinton. Along with her scouting endeavors, she is also a Sinton ISD School Board Trustee and the President Elect of the Sinton Chamber of Commerce. Linda is also on the STXBSA Diocese Catholic Committee of Scouting. She is 44 years old.



It was another beautiful day at scenic Camp Karankawa, Donnie once again set up a informative and wonderfully done model campsite. We laughed and cajoled as we watched the participants work their way through the round robin games. Some took longer than others but all made it through the trials that make up these team building exercises relatively unscathed. As the sun started to set the smell of mesquite smoke filled the air as the participants learned how to manage conflict and we all started to get antsy for dinner. Last night's campfire was a bevy of unexpected surprises. Each patrol did a stupendous job with their contributions to the night's festivities. We will all now think twice before getting into the car with Bears. The staff made it through their song with only a few difficulties and Mike gave us much to think about. The Eagles did a lovely job with their flag retiring ceremony.

**HOW I OBTAINED THE NECKLACE OF DINIZULU AS TOLD BY THE CHIEF SCOUT**



In 1879 the British under Lord Wolseley broke up the Zulu kingdom, under Cetchwayo, which had

been a constant menace with its raids on both Boer and British territory, and divided the nation into eight tribes, each under a separate Chief. One of these tribes was under Dinizulu, the son of Cetchwayo.

'In 1888 Dinizulu raised a rebellion among the tribes against the British. Two of the tribes however elected to side with us. General Sir Henry Smyth took out a force against Dinizulu. I acted as Military Secretary and Intelligence Officer.

'Dinizulu after a few small engagements took refuge in a mountain stronghold called the Ceza Bush, just on the border of the Transvaal. I reconnoitered the place with a few Scouts and

our forces were brought into position to take it from three sides. Just before attacking I went into position with my Scouts at early dawn and found that the enemy had just hurriedly evacuated it, leaving most of their food and kit behind, and had crossed the border into the Transvaal, where of course we could not follow them.

*Baden-Powell, Scout*  
'In the hut which had been put up for Dinizulu to live in, I found among other things his necklace of wooden beads. I had in my possession a photograph of him taken a few months beforehand in which he was shown wearing this necklace round his neck and one shoulder.

'He was at that time a splendid type of young savage and full of resources, energy and pluck. He eventually surrendered to us, was kept a prisoner for some time and was then returned to his tribe on condition that he behaved himself.

'But later on he broke out again and involved us in a further campaign which resulted in our finally taking over Zululand and annexing it.'

*(Copy of notes dictated by B-P in 1925 authenticating the story of Chief Dinizulu's necklace. Original notes in The Scout Association's Archives, typed on Baden-Powell's head notepaper and addressed Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire.)*

**THE LEATHER THONG**

The other important part of the Wood Badge, apart from the beads, is the leather thong itself. Baden-Powell was originally given one during the course of the Siege of Mafeking in 1899/1900, when things were not going well. An elderly man met him and asked him about his unusually depressed appearance. The man took the leather thong that he had been wearing from around his neck and placed it in B-P's hand. 'Wear this,' he said. 'My mother gave it to me for luck. Now it will bring you luck.' So from these two souvenirs of his military career in Africa, the leather thong from an old man at Mafeking and the necklace from Dinizulu, B-P fashioned what is now known as the Wood Badge. (Taken from <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs145001.pdf>)



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