



The Gilwell Gazette



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Day 3 Schedule		
MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Breakfast & Patrol Self-Assessment	Training Center
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field
8:30	Interfaith Worship Service (Instructional)	Training Center
9:20	Break	
9:30	Troop Meeting	Training Center
9:50	Opening Ceremony-Program Patrol	
9:55	Skills Instruction (Outdoor Ethics)	Training Center
10:10	Troop Meeting-Patrol Meeting	Patrol Areas
10:30	Troop Meeting-Interpatrol Activity - Relay	Back Porch of Training Center
10:50	Break	
11:00	The Leading EDGE/Teaching EDGE (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
12:00	Lunch	Training Center
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	Patrol Leader' Council Meeting Patrol Chaplain Aides Meeting	Pack Porch of Training Center
1:30	Conservation Project Planning (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
2:20	Break	
2:30	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Areas
3:00	October Sky (Troop Activity)	Training Center
5:00	Closing Gilwell Field Assembly Troop Activity	Training Center
5:30	Participant Departure	

Is Anyone Listening?

America has better means of communication than any nation on earth. We are constantly developing splendid new techniques for the dissemination of sound, pictures and print. The only problem is that on the most basic level of communication—person-to-person, live, mouth-to-ear, low-frequency conversation – we’re still in the dark ages; for everyone sends well enough, but very few of us are receiving.

Last week in the elevator of my mother’s apartment house, a man asked her, “How are you?”

Since Mother had just spent three hours with a tax collector, she smiled graciously and said, “Lousy, thank you.”

The man returned the smile and said, “That’s nice.”

Mother suspected that he either had misunderstood her or was simply a sadist. However, later the same day, she passed a woman who said, “How are you?”

“Suicidally distraught,” said Mother.

“Fine,” said the woman. “Hope the family’s well too.”

This second exchange gave Mother the kind of revelation that only scientists have known when discovering great truths. Because that man and woman weren’t people who would have wanted to see Mother out of the way (neither is in her will), she reached a profound conclusion: If you are well enough to be talking, people consider your condition superb, even if you colorfully describe an internal hemorrhage.

Mother’s pioneering experimentation in the amenities has so inspired me that I have dedicated myself to continuing her work. Yesterday, I made real progress.

“How are you?” asked a man in front of my house.

“I’ll be dead in a week.” I said.

“Glad to hear it. Take care now.”

There is no known way to shake the composure of the man who makes a perfunctory inquiry about your health; he loves his lines so well that the grimmest truth can’t make him revise them. Never is human communication so defeated as when someone asks casually about your condition.

Some day, perhaps, when I’m under a bus getting the last rites, I expect such a man to throw me a breezy, “How are you?”

“As well as can be expected,” I’ll say.

“Good and the kids?”

“The older one goes to the chair tomorrow. The little one was lost on a Scout hike.”

“Swell. The wife okay?”

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BSA Founders

Robert S. S. Baden-Powell

As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for his military regiment. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a non-military nature skill book and called it *Scouting for Boys*. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell brought Scouting to youth the world over.



Ernest Thompson Seton

Born in Scotland, Ernest Thompson Seton immigrated to America as a youth in the 1880s. His fascination with the wilderness led him to become a naturalist, an artist and an author. Through his works he influenced both youth and adults. Seton established a youth organization called the Woodcraft Indians. His background of outdoor skills and interest in youth made him a logical choice for the position of first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910. His many volumes of Scoutcraft became an integral part of Scouting, and his intelligence and enthusiasm helped turn an idea into reality.

William D. Boyce

In 1909, Chicago publisher, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and after guiding the man refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. He also created the Lone Scouts, which merged with the Boy Scouts of America in 1924.

Bill Hillcourt

In 1936, William "Bill" Hillcourt participated in the first Wood Badge course held in the United States (which was run by the British). He earned his Wood Badge beads in 1939. Hillcourt became the Scoutmaster of the first two BSA Wood Badge courses, which were held at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1948. As National Director of Training, he was the only American ever to earn the right to wear five Wood Badge beads.

Hillcourt also authored numerous Boy Scout manuals.

After the abysmal failure of the *New Improved Scouting* of the 1970s, Hillcourt came out of retirement to revamp the program with a new *Boy Scout Handbook*, returning the focus of the program to the outdoors.



(Hillcourt information taken from *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William %22Green_Bar_Bill%22_Hillcourt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William%22Green_Bar_Bill%22_Hillcourt))

James E. West

James E. West was appointed the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. Although orphaned and physically handicapped, he had the perseverance to graduate from law school and become a successful attorney. This same determination provided the impetus to help build Scouting into the largest and most effective youth organization in the world. When he retired in 1943, Dr. West was recognized throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America.

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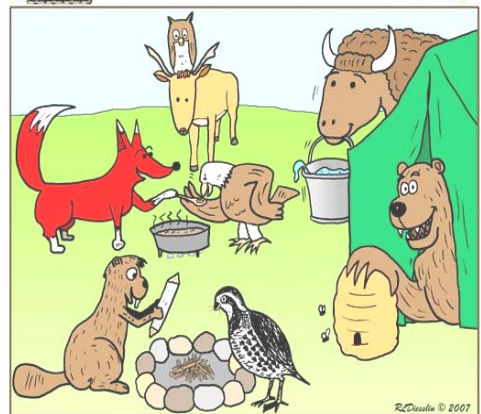
"She just ran off with the milkman."

"Glad to hear it. You'll have to bring the whole family over one night soon."

~~Ralph Schoenstein
Time Lurches On

KNOTS

Wood Badge



CRITTERS TO WATCH FOR IN THE WOODS

Joke of the Day!

How did the detective know the
duck lied?
His Voice quacked

Rocket Winners

- Judges Choice: Beaver Patrol
- High Flyer: Beaver Patrol
- Best Engin: Eagle Patrol
- Most Pieces: Owl Patrol
- Do Your Best: Fox Patrol
- Best Impact (2nd Highest): Bob White Patrol
- Most Creative: Bear Patrol

Critter tales

BEAVER PATROL

SATURDAY MARCH 5TH 2016
SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT (SEE Picture Below)
"THE BEAVER'S WERE ACTIVE"



A Special Thanks to Don-
nie Tegler for providing a replacement Beaver Totem.

The AGE = 52
Range = 40-72
The Patrol did a Stem Exercise, the results was the average age
of the Patrol
Is 52. The Median is also 52 with the range 40 to 52.

ADD FOR THE BEVERS!

NEEDED: Adults who are interested in STEM long -term
Project work!

I am currently writing grants that relate to computational
Thinking skills in K- 12 STEM courses that lead to simulation
And real life project challenges for area youth in school and
Or extra-curricular activities. Projects focused on drone and
Or underwater robots are highly encouraged. We need adults
With related expertise at this point in time, BSA's new STEM
Focus is on Target!

EXAMPLE

Of either personal or network idea, Stefan's dad is interested in
Starting a drone park in Robstown. Content specials working
With drones & robots are also needed. If you would like to
know

More or interested, contact Sue at Susan.Elwood@tamucc.edu.



EAGLE PATROL

THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED
by Eagle Patrol Scribe

The Eagles looked for their nests on Friday evening after a
full day, topped off by merriment, skits, and songs around the
campfire.

And the fun continues for the Eagles on their 2nd day at
Camp Karankawa as the Eagle Patrol continues on their flight
plan. This patrol learned that balls and claws do not make for a
good combination, but their enthusiasm more than made up for
any defaults that occurred during this exercise.

To Fear or Not to Fear - that is the question and after much
deliberation, the Eagles found out that there can be some things
that this majestic bird is afraid of.

Outdoor activities found the Eagles back in their nest receiv-
ing instruction on the
Primus Classic Burner - and their were no incidents that oc-
curred to cause them to change the Patrol name to "Flaming
Birds". Be at ease, Denver!

Diversity also plays a big part in this Patrol and the team has
learned to appreciate the different sizes in their wing span, we
fly together to keep soaring above the sky.

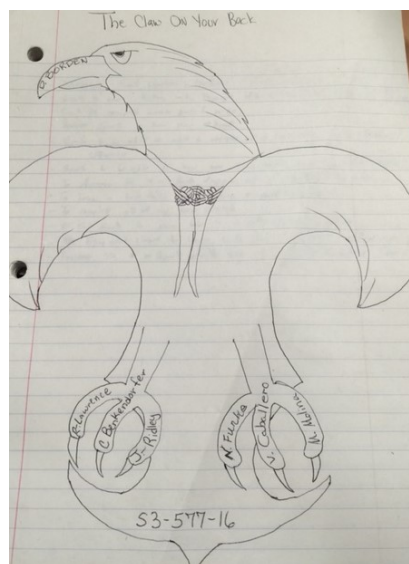
The "Right Culture" plays no part in this patrol instead fo-
cusing on the talents of each and incorporating those into the
Convocation which further enriches our experiences.

As we keep forming, storming, norming our song, totem,
and articles - we look forward to performing soon before the
staff and patrols.

By the way a group of Eagles is called a "Convocation". Don't
worry, we had to google it also.

The day closed out with a Rocket Building Challenge. The
Eagles discovered that they are not the only ones that fly as the
Beavers took the medals. We, Eagles, still feel very proud of
our accomplishment because we did take Best Engine, sorry - I
meant

"Best Engineering" and longest flight, we need that category
added (it is only a suggestion). Tomorrow is another day, so
fly high! Go Eagles!



OWL PATROL

Owl Patrol

Jennifer Swan (36) Lives in Corpus Christi
From Dallas originally. Married to Cody Swan for 12 years.

Son – Alex who is 8 years old.

Been in Scouting for 3 years.

Data Analyst @a large Credit Union.

Jennifer enjoys reading on her kindle &

Coloring (adult Coloring books)

Also has 1 dog & 2 cats. Jennifer is currently our Chaplain Aide.

Jennifer is Very Artistic!!



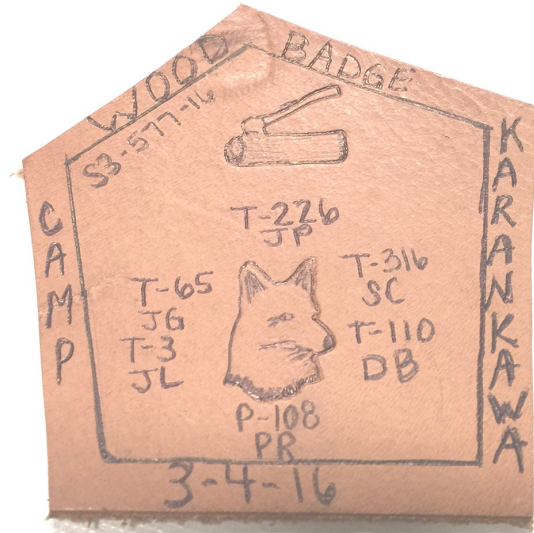
FOX PATROL

The Fox Patrol

A wise person once said (Jessy Elhm), if the person
In front of you stops, you should stop!

If you melt dry ice, can you swim without getting wet??

Your 1st Place winners the Fox's!



**The Food Quartermasters have been
doing an outstanding job!**



Did You Know?
Robert Baden-Powell,
wore six beads, as did
Sir Percy
Everett, then
Deputy Chief
Scout and the
Chief's right
hand.



**Communication Presentation
Don't FALL**



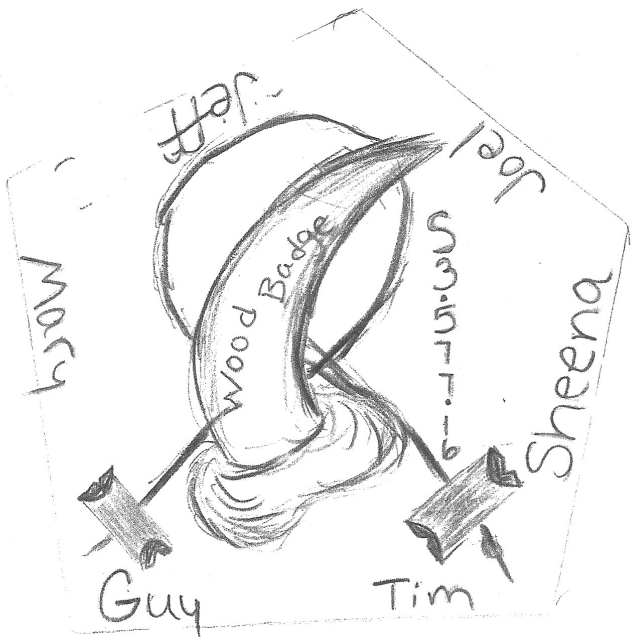
BEAR PATROL

Da'Bears opened Day 2 with an awesome flag ceremony. We decided our patrol sense of humor is similar and it was voted on that Jeff actually has a personality!

Jeff Shields enjoys classic rock and photography. He is married with one daughter. He earned Eagle in 1975 and has returned to scouting as a Unit Commissioner for Pack/Troop 289 and 298.

A Scout is helpful and kind...

THANK YOU! Jerry Lowder for my Bib,
I will use it often... Alisa Hanshaw of the Bears!



BOBWHITE PATROL

The 1st activity we had was the Zulu toss where we learned Communication is an essential tool that is sometimes under Utilized! The second activity was the most interesting – What Are you most afraid of? We learned that our team's top 3 collective

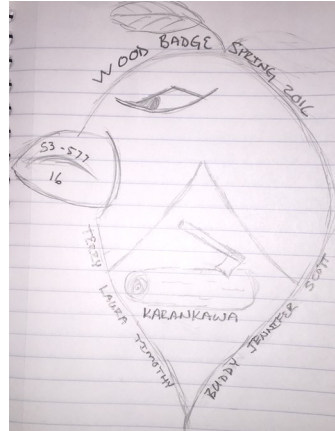
Were – sickness, financial problems, and speaking before a group.

The 1st 2 are in their positions mainly due to the question: What

Would happy to our families? The best activity, the rocket building,

Was the most fun and best show of teamwork so far today! We are

Looking forward to tomorrow's events.



What is a Wood Badge Ticket?

Most participants know a little about Wood Badge when they register — some more than others. Usually the biggest question for most prior to our time together is, “What is a Wood Badge Ticket?” The Wood Badge for the 21st Century ticket was created to help course participants realize their personal vision of their role in Scouting. Ideally, participants write their own ticket based on their primary Scouting role. The ticket consists of three parts: •A description of your Scouting role; •A statement of your vision of success; •A plan of action composed of 5 significant goals that can be attained within 18 months. Your tickets should be meaningful and should enable you to practice the skills learned in the course. During this first weekend you will learn how to develop your tickets and have a plan of action put into place so you can “work your ticket”.

You may not realize your “tickets” immediately and many do not have ideas until late in the second weekend, but by that time, you will be well on your way with a vision of improvement. Now remember, there is more to the Wood Badge experience than just building Tickets. All of the lessons and activities are meant to serve important roles in helping you develop and broader way of thinking to help you deliver a better Scouting program. You can be creative with your tickets as no two tickets will be a like. Reaching your goals is merely a kick-start to a longterm work in progress. During this first weekend, you will learn about “SMART” goals which stands for specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and timely. Your Troop Guides and others will assist you in this process so you can be successful. You are not alone in this process, we are here to help make sure you succeed.

Patrol Leaders and Assistance Patrol Leaders for Day 2!



Congratulations Linda Rodriguez!

Participants were able to witness a Woodbadge Beading Ceremony.



Woodbadge Game Show!



From the Scout Master:



Remember patrols work on projects.

Continue working on your vision and start thinking about your ticket items.

The Game of Life!

