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WOOD BADGE NEWSLETTER



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DAY ONE From Cubs to Scouts

Bob and White, our friendly neighborhood quail, walked into Camp Karankawa for this thing called "Wood Badge".



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The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.

Robert Baden-Powell



A Message from your SCOUTMASTER

It was an exciting first day. Wood badge is ON! My staff was anxious to start; and when the participants arrived early Friday morning there was electricity in the air... and the smell of strong coffee. From Cubs to Boy Scouts, now Troop 1 has been set in to motion. Let's see how they respond. Expectations are high and we're going to have a lot of fun!

JOHN GILBERT
Course Director S3-577-17

Wood Badge Ticket TRADITION

Back to Gilwell... Happy Land! The patrols are set; Beavers, Bob Whites, Eagles, Owls and Foxes. With their woggles made and their new McClaren plain neckerchief adorned, Troop 1 welcomes 22 new Scouts on their journey to Wood Badge glory.

Participants have been introduced to some of the traditions and practices of the Wood Badge course. The axe & log are in place and the anticipation is building.



Tray Bates, Senior patrol Leader, Troop 1

Listening to Learn



Listening is an essential part of communication, yet we take it for granted. We don't teach it in our schools. There are courses in writing and in public speaking, but seldom does a course focus on the skill of listening.

This Wood Badge session is designed to change that. By making ourselves aware of the importance of listening and the ways in which we do it, all of us can more effectively use listening as a tool for learning and for leadership.

"We got in to some good open discussion. It was reinforcement and a fine-tuning of my leadership style. It really made me examine my role as a manager."

Robert Kunicki
Asst. Scoutmaster
Troop 226



"It helped me organize my skills in communication. It's really going to help me improve my communication skills and focus better on patients."

David Carbajal
District Director
Aztec District



FOX PATROL

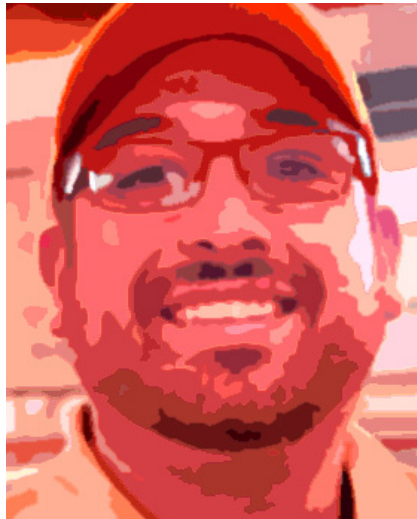
Annette Hodges Why am I here? I am very grateful for the role BSA has played in my son's life, from joining up as a Wolf in 2nd grade to leaving Scouts at the age of 18 as an Eagle Scout.

Because of my son's involvement with BSA, including N.Y.L.T., he has become a smart, caring young adult, who is currently attending college in Houston. Why am I at Wood Badge specifically? Because I want to learn about successful leadership and team-building techniques! I have witnessed first-hand the impact that N.Y.L.T. has made on several members of Troop 16, as well as Venture Crew 16, and I would love to learn what these young adults learned from their N.Y.L.T. Staffers and Guides.



EAGLE PATROL

First day went well. Arrived at check in and met our new patrol. We have a nice mix of people from South Texas including Laredo, Seadrift and Corpus Christi. Got set up in our tents and are ready for tonight. If everything goes as well as today, we will all be in for a productive outing.



I feel great to be in Eagle Patrol. It is the most eaglee to be the eagliest patrol around. Go Eagles!

Anthony Gutierrez
Asst. Den Leader
Pack 226

OWL PATROL

WHOOO ARE WE? Whooo?

A Scout executive, a construction engineer, an accountant, two eye guys. 36 years of Scouting experience. We are super wise, excited and will burn the midnight oil achieving our goals.



BEAVER PATROL



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It was another glorious day at beautiful Camp K.

We were welcomed with songs of scouting . We began building new and lasting friendships. This is the start of a new adventure that will guide us through life. We have a lot to look forward to!

