



THE GILWELL GAZETTE



Issue 1

S3-577-13

April 19, 2013

Day 1 Schedule		
MORNING		LOCATION
7:30	Check-in	Camp Office
8:30	Team Formation, Gathering Activities, Orientation, and Staff Exhibits	Visitor's Center
9:00	Staff Exhibits	Visitor's Center
9:30	Gilwell Field Assembly	Dining Hall Field
9:45	Break	
10:00	Course Overview (Troop Presentation)	Visitor's Center
10:30	<i>Listening to Learn</i> (Patrol Presentation)	Patrol Areas
11:20	Break	
11:30	Blue & Gold Banquet - Opening Luncheon	Dining Hall
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
12:45	Break	
1:00	Troop Meeting	Dining Hall
2:50	Break	
3:00	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Dining Hall
4:00	<i>Values, Mission, and Vision</i> (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
5:00	<i>Patrol Meeting</i>	Dining Hall
5:50	Retrieve Colors	Dining Hall Field
6:00	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00	Who Me Game (Patrol Activity)	Patrol Areas
8:00	Instructional Campfire	Dining Hall
9:30	Cracker Barrel	

A Message from your Scoutmaster

There's no statement more true than Wood Badge changes lives. I can honestly say that it changed mine and I know that Wood Badge has affected the lives of the Scouts in my unit and my family.

I want to thank you for taking the Wood Badge challenge. You'll soon realize what an important step you've made.

Gary Ford
Course Director
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"The boy is not governed by don't, but is led by do."
--Robert Baden-Powell 1857-1941

Wood Badge Ticket Tradition

The ticket is one of the great Wood Badge traditions. In Baden-Powell's day, military men at the end of their service were expected to pay their own way back to England. To economize, officers nearing completion of their duties sought assignments at posts closer to home – a process known as "working your ticket".

During the Wood Badge course, we ask each participant to develop a ticket – a list of goals that will allow you to use your new leadership skills in ways that will strengthen Scouting in your home units, districts, and councils.

Troop 1: Roles and Responsibilities

Patrol Leader

- Take a leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Represent the patrol as a member of the patrol leaders' council (PLC).
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Practice using the leadership and team skills being presented during Wood Badge presentations.
- Ensure that daily patrol self-assessments are carried out in a timely, effective manner.
- Provide patrol members with all the resources and information they need to succeed.
- Empower the patrol to become the best it can be.
- See that the patrol is prepared for all course presentations and activities.

Assistant Patrol Leader

- Assume the responsibilities of the patrol leader whenever the patrol leader is unable to do so.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Assist the patrol leader in empowering the patrol to become the best it can be.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Chaplain Aide

In concert with the chaplain aides of the other patrols and with the Staffer assigned to coordinate their efforts, the patrol chaplain aide will:

- Learn what resources are available that can be used for religious observances during the course and make that information available to the rest of the patrol.
- Develop and help present the participant's interfaith worship service.
- Assist in conducting any other religious observances that may arise during the Wood Badge course.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Scribe

- Provide interesting and timely material about the patrol to the publisher of *The Gilwell Gazette* – the daily newsletter of the course. (The publisher of the *Gazette* may hand out guidelines to help scribes fulfill their duties or may briefly meet with all the patrol scribes to discuss how best they can assist in making the *Gazette* a worthwhile publication.)
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Member

For a patrol to succeed as a team, each of its members must:

- Fully participate in the Wood Badge course and achieve all he or she can.
- Practice using the team development skills introduced during Wood Badge presentations.
- Help his or her patrol meet its obligations to fulfill assignments, including the development and presentation of the patrol project.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Have fun!

The Gilwell Gazette

The Troop Scribes publish *The Gilwell Gazette* (the Troop's newsletter) daily during the course. The *Gazette* provides the day's schedule, interesting information and articles about your Patrol. You may pick up your *Gilwell Gazette* each morning from your Patrol mailbox.

Your Patrol Scribe should submit your Patrol article for the *Gazette* by 5 p.m. each evening to be published the next day. The newsletter's content and success depend on each Patrol's daily contribution.

Gazette Patrol Article Suggestions

1. Each daily Patrol article provides the Troop information about your Patrol.
2. Your Patrol Scribe may include but is not limited to the following suggestions for your Patrol article:
 - A brief biographical introduction of each Patrol member.
 - What your Patrol has accomplished. Please no repeats of the course content.
 - Funny and/or serious occurrences that happen during the day.
 - Goals or challenges for your Patrol.
 - Appropriate challenges for other Patrols.
3. Please assist your Patrol Scribe with the ideas and information that he or she may need.
4. Please place your Patrol article in the Troop Scribe's mailbox by 5 p.m. each day.
5. Please design your Patrol totem and submit a copy of it to the Scribes via the Troop Scribe's mailbox.

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Wood Badge Totems

Sometimes the little things in life are the big things.

What is a totem? The dictionary says it is an animal, plant or natural object that is associated with a clan or smaller group of a tribe, regarded by the members of the group as a protector or sacred ancestor. The name of the group is often derived from the totem. The word "totem" originated from the Ojibwa word—ototeman—meaning "his relation."

Although that description describes much of what a Wood Badge patrol totem is, it does not capture the whole meaning that a totem encompasses. Among the synonyms—we can think of the following words: charm, coat of arms, crest, emblem, ensign, hallmark, insignia, logo, mark, mascot, seal, sign, symbol, talisman, token, trademark.

The Boy Scouts obviously borrowed the term from the North American native culture, who gave "totem" a mystical or

metaphysical meaning. In Wood Badge, we give our totems sentimental, nostalgic and imaginary meaning. Wood Badge participants often use their totems to mark correspondence and notes.

A well executed totem should include but is not limited to the following elements:

- The patrol animal
- The course date
- The course number
- The Wood Badge course location
- Quickly or easily drawn by hand
- Simplicity
- A unifying symbol of all patrol members
- Some indication of individual patrol member

MEET YOUR STAFF



Gary Ford: Scoutmaster

Gary is currently the District Commissioner for LaSalle District and previously served as South Texas Council Commissioner. He has been in Scouting for 11 years and has worked as Cubmaster and as Pack Treasurer for Pack 62 and is on the Troop 110 committee in Victoria.

Gary participated in SR-734 here in the South Texas Council and has also completed BaALOO, Webelos Outdoor Leader Training, and the Trainer Development course.

Our current course provides Gary with his 5th opportunity to serve on a Wood Badge staff. His favorite pastimes include gardening and many outdoor activities and his grandson, Chase.



Ruth Luna: Assistant Scoutmaster

Ruth has been involved with scouting for about 12 years. She started as a Tiger parent and became a leader when her son became a Bear. She's been a Cubmaster and troop committee member and for the last 2 years has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 87 in Corpus Christi. She attended Wood Badge as part of the SR-1004 course and came out on fire. She completed her tickets as a troop committee member and began working on the district level as the District Training Chair of Gulf Breeze now Coastal Plains District.

This is her 3rd time staffing Wood Badge and has served on two NYLT courses. Wood Badge was a wonderful experience that showed her the next step on her journey of service for the Boy Scouts of America. She hopes that this is what Wood Badge is for all of this year's participants as well. Looking forward to working with everyone to make it a great course.



Cliff Kuykendall: Senior Patrol Leader

Cliff Kuykendall is a Unit Commissioner in the La Salle District. This is his first year serving on the Wood Badge staff.



K. B. Hallmark: Wood Badge Mentor

K.B. has served on the staff of ten previous Wood Badge courses, including one in which he was the course director. K.B. was active in Scouting for 13 years as a youth, Cub Scouts through Explorers and has been active as an adult since 1981 for a total of 45 years. K.B. served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant Webelos Leader, Pack Committee Chairman, Post Committee Chairman, Scoutmaster and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff member in the Sam Houston Area Council. Since moving to Victoria in 1987, K.B. has served as Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, District Commissioner, Troop Committee Chairman, Troop Committee Member, Explorer Post Advisor and OA Chapter Advisor. In both councils, he served as a member of the District Committee.

K.B. currently works as our Council Activities Chair. He is a Vigil Honor Member of the OA and has received the Cub Scout Training Award, Boy Scout Training Award, Commissioner Training Award and Explorer Training Award. He has received the Training Key for Scoutmaster, Roundtable Commissioner, District Committee Member, Distinguished Commissioner Award, Episcopal St. George Religious Award, Catholic Bronze Pelican Award, Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award.

K.B. wears the James E. West Fellowship in honor of his father. As a youth K.B. earned the Arrow of Light, and the Lifesaving Award.

K.B. retired from his job as a Department of Public Safety communications supervisor in Victoria and has earned a Master's Degree in Astronomy, which he teaches at the Community College level. K.B. and Janet have been married for 45 years and have a son, K.B. IV who is an Eagle Scout and a grandson, K.B. V, who is a First Class Scout. The Hallmarks have attended numerous training conferences at Philmont Scout Ranch, and K.B. has served on staff at the Philmont Training Center. As a youth, K.B. participated in a Philmont Trek in 1963.



John Gilbert: Scribe & Chaplain

John was an active youth in Scouting, receiving the Eagle Scout rank, along with the bronze, gold, and silver palms. He was also a Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow and served two terms as the Nih-Ka-Ga-Hah Lodge Chief. John received his God and Country award and completed various training events, including the BSA National Aquatic School. John also experienced Philmont Scout Ranch and two trips to the Northern Tier as well as serving four years on summer camp staff at three different summer camps, once on the Waterfront staff, once as the Waterfront Director, once as the Camp Program Coordinator, and finally as a Group Trainer at the Region 7 Explorer Canoe Base in Boulder Jct., WI. John served as an Associate Advisor for an Explorer Post.

In more recent years, John has served on a pack committee, been a Webelos Den Leader, and served on the district training team. John started a Cub Scout pack, a Boy Scout troop, and an American Heritage Girls troop in Corpus Christi, where he is still actively involved in each unit. John has served as a unit commissioner, received the Arrowhead Honor and Commissioner Key, completed the Doctorate of Commissioner Science degree, and is currently serving as the District Commissioner for the Coastal Plans District and on the Council Executive Board.

John completed Wood Badge (SR-1074) and received his Wood Badge beads in 2011 and served on the Wood Badge staff in 2012.

John has a background in church administration, religious education, missionary service and teaching. Leaving an almost completed Ph.D. in physics at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, he has served churches as a Minister of Education, Executive Pastor, and Administrative Pastor. John and Jane raised their three kids in Temuco, Chile, serving with the International Mission Board, where John later became the director of the Global Research office. John currently serves youth outside of Scouting as the administrator/principal at Yorktown Christian Academy.



Richard Luna: Assistant Scoutmaster, Facilities

Richard Luna became involved in scouting starting in 2001 when son Jonathan became a Tiger Cub. Rising through the ranks with his son, Mr. Luna was an Asst. Den Leader, Asst. Webelos den leader, Asst. Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman and Pack Trainer, all for Pack 232. Crossing into boy scouts with son Jonathan in March 2006, Mr. Luna became a committee member and was made the troops 3rd Scoutmaster in 2007. Mr. Luna is also a Brotherhood member with the Order of the Arrow, Crew Advisor for Venture Crew 5857 and serves on the District committee as Marketing Chairman.

Mr. Luna has been awarded the District Award of Merit, Scoutmasters Key, Trainers Knot, Extra Miler and in April of 2011 was named as Scoutmaster of the Year for the Southern Region Area 3. Mr. Luna is married to Ruth, also an Asst. Scoutmaster and District Training Chair, one daughter Hannah (a future Venturer) and son Jonathan who made the rank of Eagle in December of 2010.

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Larry Thompson: Assistant Scribe

Larry's scouting experience started back in 1997. A family involved in Scouting came to his church, the First Baptist Church of Rice, Texas. They formed a committee and recruited some leaders and started enrolling boys. They started out with 7 boys, 5 adults. A troop in the next town supplied them with gear. Soon after the formation of the troop, he became Scoutmaster and remained until 2001. His first Wood badge experience was at the Philmont Scout Ranch. Circle Ten Council offered a week long experience, since he had a job that didn't allow being off on weekends, he jumped at this opportunity. This Wood badge would be the last "old" Wood badge offered to the Circle Ten Council.

His new Scouting experience began about 3 years ago, when he was recruited as an Assistant District Commissioner. Being new in the area, he didn't know many of the Scouters, but through district meetings, camporees and training, he soon got acquainted with several. His "new" Wood badge experience led him to enroll in the course two years. With roaring hoofs, the Buffaloes of SR-1074 moved along the trail to the 21st Century experience. Since then he has received his Committee Training Device, his Commissioner's Key and his Doctrine of Commissioner Science.

His life outside of Scouting involves working in the local City Government as the City Secretary- Treasurer for the City of Ganado. He is an active member of the Lolita United Methodist Church and board member of the Jackson County United Way board. His favorite hobbies are hiking and survival and exploring the backwoods, thus his nickname "BearClaw".



Douglas Duran: Assistant Quartermaster, Equipment

Doug's Scouting career started in 1994 as his oldest son joined tiger cubs. His other sons followed in 1998 and 2000. Doug served as the Cubmaster, a Webelos den leader and a committee member for Pack 62 in Victoria. When Doug moved into Boy Scout Troop 110, He served a committee member for awhile, then served as committee chair for about ten years.

This year Doug was asked to serve as the Scoutmaster. He is very proud of his sons, they have all reached Eagle Scout. Doug says Scouting is his passion, even though he doesn't have any sons in the troop now, he still loves the fun of it.



Tracy Beth Williams: Quartermaster, Food

Tracy teaches English Language Arts for the sixth grade at George West ISD. She has worked in Scouting for 14 years, and her son, Joshua, is an Eagle Scout. Joshua is currently serving in the US Army. Tracy is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and currently serves as the Karankawa Lodge Adviser. She recently took on the role as Scoutmaster for the newly reformed Troop 277 in George West. She has served as Advisor for Venturing Crew 39 and as Cubmaster for Pack 277 in George West. In the past she has been a Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Advisor and Cub Round Table Commissioner. She has earned the Webelos Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Scout Training Award, Scoutmaster's Key, and she has received the District Award of Merit in both the Whooping Crane and Mesquite districts as well as the Silver Beaver Award. Tracy participated in SR-416 and served on staff as a Troop Guide for courses SR-632, SR-734 and SR-1004, and as Quartermaster for SR-827 and Assistant Quartermaster for SR-1074. Tracy enjoys Native American dancing, sewing, beadwork, gardening, and reading.



Janet Hallmark: Assistant Quartermaster, Food

Janet Hallmark is a retired teacher. She began Scouting in the Cub Scout program. She moved into the Boy Scout program and then the Exploring program as the advisor of a high adventure, multicultural post in Pasadena, Texas. When she and K.B. moved to Victoria, she served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 242 and as a District Committee member.

Janet has attended several Philmont Training Conferences, has served on several Wood Badge staffs, and has directed Wood Badge and other courses. She is a Vigil Honor member of Order of the Arrow. Janet serves as a council and district committee member, merit badge counselor, and Philmont Ambassador.

Janet is married to K.B. Hallmark III, mother of Eagle Scout K.B. Hallmark IV, and grandmother (Momo) of First Class Scout K.B. Hallmark V (Cinco).

Ronnie Williams: Assistant Quartermaster, Food

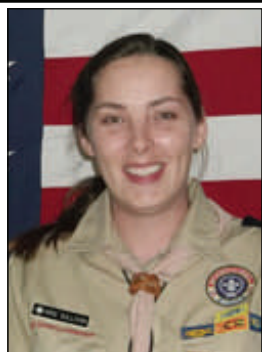
Ronnie Williams and his wife, Evelyn, live in Lolita. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February this year. Their sons, Wesley and Buck, are Eagle Scouts. Ronnie is a retired machinist with Alcoa. They have three grand-daughters, four great-grandsons, and two great-granddaughters. Ronnie currently serves on the LaSalle District Committee, South Texas Council Executive Board as the current Camping and Outdoor Chairman, and committee member for Pack 105 and Troop 105. He has worked on three National Jamboree Staffs—2001, 2005, and 2010. In the past, he has served as Den Leader, Webelos leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, OA Chapter Advisor, Lodge Vigil Advisor, Council Day Camp Coordinator and visitor, and Summer Camp Commissioner. Ronnie participated in Cub Trainer Wood Badge SCRC-58 in Viola, Arkansas, and in Walking Wood Badge SR-18 at Philmont. He has staffed six previous courses: SR-581, SR-632, SR-734, SR-827, SR-1004, and SR-1074. Ronnie has trained at Philmont Training Center 8 times and served as advisor for 10 Philmont treks. Also, he attended 1 National Day Camp School, served on National Day Camp Staff for three years, attended 2 National Camp Schools for Camp Commissioners, has been an active Scouter for 35 plus years, and is a Vigil member of OA. Ronnie has staffed 5 NYLT courses, serving as a director/Scoutmaster one year. Ronnie has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, James E. West Fellowship, Cross and Flame Religious Award, God and Service Award, Cub Scouter Award, Den leader Award, Webelos den leader Award, Scoutmaster Training Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner Award, Philmont Training Recruiter Award, and OA Founder's Award. When he is not busy with Scouting, Ronnie likes making walk-



Evelyn Williams: Assistant Quartermaster, Food

Evelyn Williams has been married to Ronnie for 50 years, and they live in Lolita. Their sons, Wesley and Buck, are both Eagle Scouts. As a retired teacher, she takes pleasure in swimming, walking, church activities, family gatherings (especially 3 granddaughters, 4 great-grandsons, and 2 great-granddaughters), and going on cruises. Evelyn currently serves on LaSalle District Committee, South Texas Council Executive Board, and committee member for Pack 105 and Troop 105. She has worked on three National Jamboree Staffs—2001, 2005, and 2010. In addition, Evelyn served as a den leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Indianola Day Camp Director, Council Day Camp Coordinator and visitor, and Summer Camp Commissioner. Evelyn participated in Cub Trainer Wood Badge SCR-58 in Viola Arkansas, and in Walking Wood Badge SR-18 at Philmont. She has staffed six previous courses: SR-581, SR-632, SR-734, SR-827, SR-1004, and served as Scoutmaster of SR-1074. Evelyn has trained at the Philmont Training Center 9 times and has served as an advisor on four Philmont Treks. Also, she attended 2 National Day Camp Schools, served on National Day Camp Staff for three years, attended 2 National Camp Schools for Camp Commissioners, has been an active Scouter for 35 plus years, and is a Vigil member of OA. She has staffed 5 NYLT courses. Evelyn has earned the Den Leader Award, Tiger Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, District Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship, Scouter Training Award, Silver Beaver Award, Cross and Flame Religious Award, God and Service Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner's Key, Den Leader Coach, Pack Trainer Award, Philmont Training Recruiter Award, and OA Founders Award.





Kris Sullivan: Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Guides

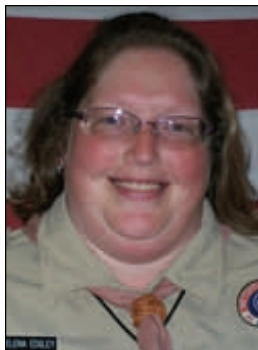
Kris began her scouting experience when her oldest son signed up to be a Tiger Cub. After spending a year as a committee member, she took the leap and volunteered to be Cubmaster with her son's pack. Over the course of seven years, serving in each position, she worked with others to bring the pack into the world of technology and made it one of the best packs in the city before resigning her position with the pack at the beginning of 2012.

After attending Trainer's Edge, she began serving on the district training team and has continued for the last few years. She has assisted with the coordination and planning of Adventure Weekends (Cub Family Camp-outs), including the entire planning and coordination of a CSI Adventure Weekend in conjunction with the Corpus Christi Police Department Forensics Division. She has been Dean of the Cub Scout College for the University of Scouting, coordinator for a major activity at the Scouting Expo and planned/ coordinated day camps as a camp director and program director for the last five years. Kris is also a Master Trainer for the South Texas Council – working directly with the Coastal Plains district to ensure training meets National Strategic Plans.

In 2011, she attended Wood Badge in the Bay Area Council (at the 'other' Camp Karankawa). In 2011, she also headed up the largest Day camp to date in Corpus Christi at TAMUCC (over 150 day campers). The project helped to bring the STEM program into scouting and open the door of possibilities to scouts across the district. Most recently, she completed writing a Cub Scout How-To guide geared directly towards cubs to include many of the basic essentials cub scouts need to know.

She has successfully attained a degree in Child Day Care Management, earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice (Highest Honors) and a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Science with Forensics (Magna Cum Laude). Over the last few years, she has worked as a CSI, an autopsy technician, and a death investigator. Currently, she is working towards medical school in order to earn my medical degree in forensic pathology.

Her current positions in scouting include Assistant Scoutmaster, Chartered Organization Representative, District Trainer, Day Camp Director, District Committee and Master Trainer. Her two sons have completed Cub Scouts, earned the Arrow of Light and are now in Boy Scouts working their way towards Eagle.



Helena Edgley: Troop Guide

Helena is a Registered Nurse who has been employed at Citizens Hospital, in Victoria, for 15 years. She is a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church where she teaches First Grade Catechism. Helena has been married to Brian Edgley for 13 years. They have two children: Alexis (17) a Venturer with Crew 182 and Zachary (12) a Tenderfoot Scout with Troop 364.

Helena joined Girl Scouts in second grade, and continued on with them until after high school. Then when her daughter was in Kindergarten she registered her as a Daisy Scout and they stayed active with Girl Scouts until Alexis turned 12, when she became bored with facial make-overs and mall sleepovers. She joined the Venturing Crew at the age of 14 and has had several amazing adventures.

Helena registered as a Tiger cub Parent with Zachary in 2006, and in 2007 took over as Cub master and Wolf Den Leader for Pack 366. In 2008 she advanced with her son to Bear Den Leader and continued as Cub master. In 2009 she became the Webelos Den Leader and Cub master and still holds these positions today along with the position of pack trainer.

In 2009 Helena became the Cub Scout Day Camp Director for DeLeon District and currently holds that position for LaSalle District. In 2012 she became the LaSalle District Training Chair Person, and really enjoys teaching adults about the Scouting ways.

Helena was awarded the District Award of Merit for 2011, and has earned her Cub Scout Leader award.

This is her first time to serve on Woodbadge staff after completing the course S3-577-12 in 2012 as a Friendly Fox, and is looking forward to a great and rewarding course for all!



David Hensley: Troop Guide

At the age of 12, David became a member of troop 135 in Ganado Texas after being invited to join by one of his neighborhood buddies. One of the first camping trips that David went on was to the Gulf Coast Council Camporee at Knolle Farms. David's stay with Troop 135 was a relatively short two years. However, when David left scouting to follow another call, he had earned the Star rank, the Ad Altare Dei award, and was a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Many years later, while living in Austin, Texas, David happened to drive past the Capital Area Council offices and was pleasantly surprised to find that he still remembered the Scout Oath and Law. That experience nurtured the idea of someday becoming involved in the scouting program again. That someday occurred when his older son needed someone to take him to a Wolf Den meeting. As father and son were leaving to attend the meeting, David paid little heed to his wife's admonition, "Don't you volunteer for anything." The rest is a history of miles traveled, nights given up, the fellowship of campfires, the laughter of silly skits and songs, and great globs of Dutch oven cobbler. Along the way, David has been an Assistant Wolf Den Leader, a Bear Den Leader, a Webelos Den Leader (two different times), Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Troop Chaplain, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster.

In addition, David has been an OA chapter advisor, Roundtable Commissioner and District Commissioner. David has also served on staff and as Scoutmaster/Course Director for the old Arrowhead Leadership Training & National Youth Leadership Training programs. David currently is a member of the South Texas Council Executive Board, Chair – Camping & Outdoors Activities Committee for the LaSalle District, and as a Unit Commissioner. In addition David is currently the Scout Liaison to the Southwest Texas United Methodists Men.

David has completed the leader-specific training for the various leadership positions in which he has served. He is also completed two Wood Badge courses –SR 82 & SR 1074. In September, 2012, David completed the Philmont Leadership Challenge course.

David has been honored with the receipt of the DeLeon District Assistant Scoutmaster Award, the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, and Vigil Honors. However, the most recent honor is that of serving on this Wood Badge staff. To quote one of David's mentors, "It doesn't get any better than this."



Jay Howard: Troop Guide

Jay is currently serving as Unit Commissioner for the LaSalle District (LaSalle was the fella that got lost in the woods near Palacios and thought he was on the Mississippi River.

His men subsequently killed him for getting them all lost, which is why we picked him for our District name; to remind us as scouts leaders to carry a compass).

As Unit Commissioner he has perfected the skill of electro-shock therapy on District Committee members and gracefully taunts the District Commissioner and some guy named Bart.

As a Woodbadge graduate of SR-1074 he is nationally known for being able to sneeze a beanie weenie through his nose, and he also once made a horse faint in Costa Rica.

With two sons that are currently Life Scouts working on their Eagle Projects and while trying to perform as Unit Commissioner, Former Friends of Scouting Chairman, and Troop 364 Committee Treasurer, he has been known to say "Sometimes I just want to give it all up and become a handsome billionaire".

But until then he is settled with the idea of being a Troop Guide for S3-577-13.



John Smith: Troop Guide

John Smith is currently the scout master of troop 25, cub master of pack 341, and crew advisor for crew 2526, and the OA chapter advisor of the Yapewi chapter.

He started as a leader in scouts in 1996 in Fallon Nevada.

John is a retired Navy Chief of 20 years and currently has been working in the Army aviation for the past 10 years

He has been married for 31 years, to Rita Smith who runs the Horsemanship program at Camp K.



Steven Wright: Troop Guide

Steven began his scouting experience when his son joined as a Tiger Cub. He later became the Webeloden leader where he put together various outings for the Pack. Today he is an Assistance Scout Master with Troop 407. Over the past year he has put together two merit badge colleges in Laredo that offered. Steven is a recent graduate of Wood Badge 2012.

Outside of scouting Steven works in real estate, most of the day is filled working in Property Management where he oversees 200 units around Laredo, and commercial sales.

Donnie Tegeler: Leave No Trace

Donnie Tegeler is serving as Leave No Trace Model Campsite and Leading EDGE presenter for the 2013 Woodbadge Course. Donnie is currently serving as Scoutmaster of the Ganado Boy Scouts Troop 135. He is also the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner for the LaSalle District. He attended Woodbadge Course 138 in 1978 and was a member of the Sabertooth Beaver Patrol. He also was a member of the Mighty Growling Bear Patrol at Woodbadge Course 827 in 2007. Donnie served as a Troop Guide for the Bionic Beavers during the 2009 Woodbadge Course 1004. He served as Senior Patrol Leader during Woodbadge Course 1074 in 2010. Donnie has served on four NYLT courses and will be the Course Director of the 2014 NYLT Course. Highlights of Donnie's scouting career have been trekking with scouts to Philmont for seven years and completing twelve treks to Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota. Donnie completed Roundtable Commissioner Training and Train the Trainer at Philmont in 2012. He also completed the Leave No Trace Master Educator Course in Mille Lacs State Park in Minnesota. Donnie is a retired Speech and Hearing Therapist after 33 years of service and is presently a teacher for special needs children at Edna Jr. High in Edna, Texas.



Jessica Gonzales: Quartermaster, Store

Jessica comes to us this year to serve as the Quartermaster in charge of the Woodbadge Store. She is also employed at the Holloway Scout Shop in Corpus. Jessica is a committee member for Troop 6. She has two boys who are active in Scouts one is a Boy Scout and the other is a Webelos about to crossover soon. She is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and serves as a Chapter Advisor for the Wulihan Chapter.



Adam Beard: Troop Guide

Adam Beard is from Port Lavaca. He is currently a unit commissioner. Outside of scouting he is enrolled in Victoria college EMS program studying to be a paramedic. Adam is also a COPE director for the South Texas Council and his hobbies include fishing and martial arts.