



# THE GILWELL GAZETTE



Issue 2

S3-577-13

April 20, 2013

Day 2 Schedule		
MORNING		LOCATION
7:15	Gilwell Field Assembly	
8:00	Breakfast & Assessment	Dining Hall
8:30	Troop Meeting (Zulu Toss Game)	Dining Hall
8:55	Skills Instruction	Patrol Areas
9:10	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Areas
9:30	Interpatrol Activity (Front End Alignment Game)	Front of Dining Hall
10:15	Break	
10:30	Leveraging Diversity through Inclusiveness (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
11:00	Stages of Team Development (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
12:00	Lunch	Dining Hall
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	PLC Meeting Patrol Chaplain's Aides Meeting	Dining Hall Mesquite Lodge
1:30	Communication (Patrol Presentation)	Patrol Areas
2:20	Break	
2:30	Project Planning (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
3:30	Rockets (Patrol and Troop Activity)	Chapel Area
5:00	Patrol Meeting (Part 1)	Patrol Areas
5:20	Retrieve Colors	
5:30	Dinner	Dining Hall
6:30	Patrol Meeting (Part 2)	Patrol Areas
7:00	Wood Badge Game Show	Dining Hall
8:00	Win All You Can Game	Dining Hall
9:00	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall

## The Wood Badge Beads of Dinizulu

Early in the history of the Scout Movement, the founder, Robert Baden-Powell, ran the first residential adult leader training course for Scouters. At the completion of the course, the participants asked him if he could give them some token to indicate that they had been trained. He had not given this any thought, but on receiving the request he improvised by taking two little beads from a string of such beads he had; he threaded them on a bootlace, and hung them around the neck of each Scouter.

Ever since, each Scouter who has successfully completed the advanced training course receives two similar beads on a leather thong. Known as the Wood Badge beads, they are proudly worn by Scouters to indicate that they are continuing in a tradition handed down from Baden-Powell.



The conferring of wooden beads as a sign of recognition is an old Zulu tradition. We read of them first in the story of Charles Rawden Maclean, also known as John Ross, shipwrecked off the Zululand coast in 1825.

He was one of the first white persons to meet the great Zulu king, Shaka. In his description of the Festival of the First Fruits, he wrote, "They now commenced ornamenting and decorating their persons with beads and brass ornaments. The most curious part of these decorations consisted of several rows of small pieces of wood... strung together and made into necklaces and bracelets. ... On enquiry we found that the Zulu warriors set great value on these apparently useless trifles and that they were orders of merit conferred by Shaka. Each row was the distinguishing mark of some great heroic deed, and the wearer had received them from Shaka's own hand. Later, when Maclean met the royal party, he observed that Dingane, Shaka's half-brother, was "dressed in the same manner as the king, but without so large a display of beads."

Robert Baden-Powell came across these beads 63 years later in 1888, when the British had defeated the Zulu nation at war and annexed Zululand as a part of the British colonies. Dinizulu, the grand-nephew of Shaka, refused to accept the annexation and led the uSuthu tribe of the Zulus in rebellion.

B-P later wrote about the campaign to subdue and capture Dinizulu, "Eventually Dinizulu took refuge in his stronghold. I had been sent forward on a Scouting expedition into his stronghold. He nipped out as we got in. In his haste he left his necklace behind - a very long chain of little wooden beads. These beads now form the Wood Badge which Scouters

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win who go through the Training Course at Gilwell.”

There can be no doubt that the beads of Dinizulu were identical to those beads that Maclean saw Shaka wearing. It is quite extraordinary that Baden- Powell should have chosen those beads as an award, to be "conferred by his own hand," without knowing that Shaka had used them in the same way.

Today, thousands of Zulu boys are Scouts. In 1987, Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi of KwaZulu was the guest of honor at a huge Scout rally. Chief Buthelezi's mother-in-law, Princess Mahoho, was a daughter of Dinizulu. At the rally, the Chief Scout of South Africa, Garnet de la Hunt, took from around his neck a thong on which four Wood Badge beads were hung, and handed it to Chief Buthelezi, in a symbolic act of returning the beads to their rightful heir.

(Source: <http://www.scouting.org.za/seeds/woodbadge.html>)

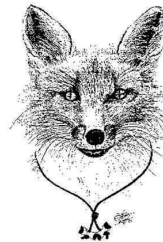


## INTRODUCING THE PATROLS



### Beaver Patrol

Rodolfo Sanchez  
Bill Wells  
Donna Vanway  
Robert Gonzales  
Dwyane Carballiera



### Fox Patrol

James Ralston  
John Edgley  
Cristina Navarro  
Tim Baggett  
Chris Vasquez



### Bobwhite Patrol

Ed Reynolds  
Margaret Halley  
John Anderson  
Charles Potter  
Srikanth Damaraju



### Owl Patrol

Steven Montgomery  
Michael Hess  
Kenneth Gonzales  
Minh Nguyen  
John McCain



### Eagle Patrol

Jim Erwin  
Margie Mitchell  
Tammy Rands  
Robyn Delgado



### Bear Patrol

James Wilson  
Michael Tressider  
Melissa Martinez  
Jeff Rodgers

## CRITTER TALES

### BEAVER PATROL

The Beavers Patrol of Gilwell Troop 1 were "chilled" to the bone as they began their first day of the Wood Badge training as members of Den 1, the yellow den. These frozen scouts traveled from near and far to crossover and begin their troop adventures together. Rudy Sanchez, newly elected patrol leader, currently serves as Troop 84's Scoutmaster in Laredo. Also from Laredo, Assistant Patrol Leader Bill Wells serves as Troop 407's Assistant Scoutmaster. Robert Gonzales, who leads Pack 93 from Alice, was elected as the merciful Chaplain Aide and prays that the beavers don't chew up any wooden structures around the camp. The lonely lady beaver, Donna VanWay, who was elected as the Scribe, lives in Dinero and leads Pack 52's Tiger Den in Corpus Christi and acts as Committee member for Troop 52. Dewayne Carballeira, who served the Scouting movement for 21 years, wears several hats, such as Den Leader, Pack Trainer, and Committee Chairman for seven packs in the South Texas Council. Dwayne was unanimously entrusted by his peers to be the keeper of the beads. Keeping the Wood Badge beads proved to be the ultimate challenge for the Beaver patrol as beavers are "dam" good at chewing wood. The Beaver patrol has diligently practiced the three "R"s and Troop Guide Steven Wright has done his very best to keep the Wood Badge beads from being recycled into toothpicks. Let all of the patrols be warned: Protect your patrol flags - these beavers need wood! Eat em up Chew 'em up ; Spit 'em out. Donna VanWay, Scribe.

Yell: Eat em up  
Chew em up  
Spit em out  
We are the Beavers!

Song: (tune of Mary had a Little Lamb)  
Beavers had a little dam, little dam, little dam.  
Beavers had a little dam, made of stick and mud.

### BOBWHITE PATROL

Just a few words from the Bobbie Bobwhites: "We are an awesome patrol." We have John, our Troop Guide, that is a grandfather that acts like a Cub Scout. Our Patrol Leader Srikanth has an app for everything under the sun. When they ask the the Assistant Patrol Leader Ed, to described himself he said, "yeah". Charles, our Chaplain's Aide, is inspiring to all of us. John tells us that he can't wait for his turn as the Patrol Leader. Myself, Margaret, who knows what she will write tomorrow, with this awesome group, all I can say is "Be Prepared."

Song: (To the tune of Barbara Ann by the Beach Boys)  
Bob, Bobwhite , Bob bobwhite , ho Bobwhite , you got me  
Rockin and Rollin, Rocking & Reeling , Bob Bobwhite ,  
Bob Bobwhite

Yell: Bob Bob Bobwhite.

### EAGLE PATROL

The Eagle patrol would to introduce ourselves: Tammy Rands - Beeville, Robyn Delgado - Beeville, Margie Mitchell - George West, Jim Erwin from Topeka, Kansas. We have enjoy our first day at Wood Badge learning to understand our skills of leading. We also enjoyed making woggles.

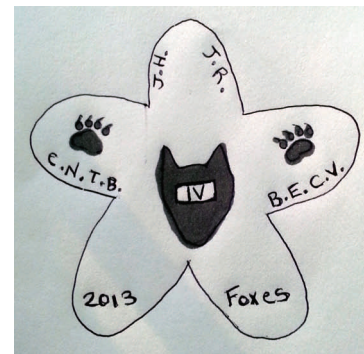
The Eagles would like to thank our Troop Guide for his support and sanity as he guided us through our first day and our journey for the rest of the weekend. The staff has been wonderful and have not gone away hungry.

Song: (to the tune of "We are the champions")  
We are the Eagles - my Woodbadge friends and we'll  
keep on flying till the end.  
We are the Eagles  
We are the Eagles  
No time for sleeping  
'Cause we the Eagles of the camp. !

Yell"  
The Eagles are coming , the eagles are coming....Ahhhh

### FOX PATROL "Victoria" Foxes

We are all excited to be apart of the S3-577-13 Wood Badge course. This week our patrol represents all levels of BSA, ranging from Cubs to Venturing. We feel that Scouting has so much to offer the young people, both boys and girls. We all felt coming to the course that Wood Badge would offer us an experience to do our best even better and to improve our units.

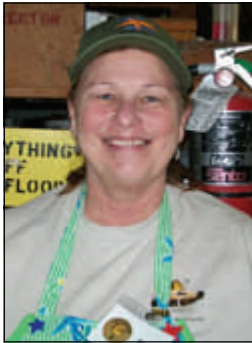


Just to introduce a few of our members, we have Cristina Navarro who works as a Cub Leader for Pack 366 of Victoria as part of the training committee. Recently her son crossed over with his Arrow of Light into Troop 364. James Ralston has been involved with Scouting since the second grade. He has been a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, an Explorer, a Scout Professional and now just enjoys being involved with his sons in the Scouting program.

## OWL PATROL

In the Spirit the Owl without fear, we all showed up this morning eager to be better Scout leaders as if it was a field mouse. We all happen to be from the same city of Corpus. We proceeded with our introductions over coffee, and fun games for beads as a den. Later in the morning we had some alone time to get know each other better through "active listening." We learned through a game of volleyball. At lunch time we decided to all fly over to the mess hall for a fabulously decorated Blue and Gold Banquet fit for Leaders!

In anticipation of crossing over from Webelos to Scouts, we wondered what critter would be given to us. We enjoyed today learning how to make woggles and puzzles that challenged us as patrol members. At the Patrol Leaders meeting you could actually see our patrol leaders wheels spinning with ideas. He looked like a true owl ready to swoop down on the information needed to do a great job. John came up with a idea, to make our cheer, "Hooty who, Hooty who!!!, we all agreed. Our Steven just couldn't get enough cupcakes to eat. Our patrol member are Minh Nguyen, Mike Hess, Steven Montgomery, John McCain, and Kenneth Gonzales. At the flag ceremony, we awarded the Ruth Luna, Assistant Scoutmaster, with the Tribblefire Award for a job well done today with her presentations.



**Shelly Williams**  
Assistance Quartermaster, Food

Shelly Williams has been married to Morris Williams for 44 years and has three children and five grandchildren. After living in George West for 35 years, she moved to La Porte where she is currently living now. Her oldest grandson, Joshua (who by the way is the son of Tracy Williams) was the reason she joined Scouting. Joshua received his Eagle in Troop 451 in

Beeville where she served as Troop Committee Chair. He is now in the United States Army, and deployed currently in Afghanistan.

Shelly has served in several capacities in Scouting including Assistant Crew Advisor in Crew 39 in George West, the Mesquite District Training Chair, and also served as Quartermaster for several NYLT and Wood Badge courses.

Shelly is proud to be a member of Order of the Arrow and is a Brotherhood member.

Shelly says, "I have been very blessed to have the opportunity to work with the Boy Scouts of America. There is so much to learn in Scouting. What a wonderful organization to be a part

## BEAR PATROL

Attention all Wood Badge participants! A recent development has occurred which concerns us all. We have been made aware of the mysterious disappearance of one of our members.

Authorities are baffled and a twelve county wide search is underway. Any persons having information concerning this request, please contact our Senior Patrol Leader. A vigil is planned at Gilwell Field. All interested please contact the bear patrol for details. Until our member is found we will fondly be known as the 4-clawed bear patrol.



**This is the way you do it!**



**If this is the Blue & Gold banquet, where's the food?**