



# THE GILWELL GAZETTE



Issue 3

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April 21, 2013

Day 3 Schedule		
MORNING		LOCATION
7:15	Gilwell Field Assembly	
8:00	Breakfast & Assessment	Dining Hall
8:30	Interfaith Worship Service (Instructional)	Dining Hall & Outside
9:30	Troop Meeting	Dining Hall
9:55	Skills Instruction (Leave No Trace)	Dining Hall
10:10	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Areas
10:30	Interpatrol Activity - Relay	Front of Dining Hall
11:00	The Leading/Teaching EDGE (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
12:00	Lunch	Dining Hall
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	PLC Meeting	Dining Hall
1:30	Conservation Project Planning (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
2:30	October Sky (Troop Activity)	Dining Hall
4:30	Closing Gilwell Field Assembly	
5:00	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Areas
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?”

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**Wood Badge - 2nd Weekend**  
 May 18-20 (S-S-M)  
[www.STXWoodBadge.org](http://www.STXWoodBadge.org)  
 Watch website for details and announcements.

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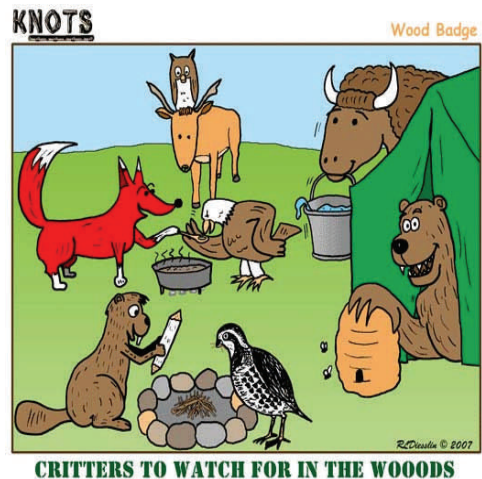
"The older one goes to the chair tomorrow. The little one was lost on a Scout hike."

"Swell. The wife okay?"

"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*



### Rocket Contest Winners

- Highest: Bobwhite Patrol
- Crash & Burn: Bear Patrol
- Most Odd: Eagle Patrol
- Scout Theme: Owl Patrol
- Did Their Best: Fox & Beaver Patrols



## CRITTER TALES

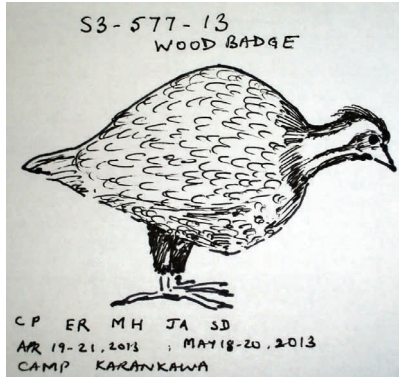
### BEAVER PATROL

Having the temptation of eating the service beads, they overcame great urges and returned them to the Senior Patrol Leader. Troop Guide Stephen Wright played a great part in sharing information on value life lessons. We had a blast building our rocket, even though it fell short. We are all working on our Tickets and looking forward to a great day tomorrow.



### BOBWHITE PATROL

What a beautiful start of our second day of Wood Badge. Oh where oh where could our Troop Guide be? What could he be up to? Are we prepared? We had an awesome day. We learned many things such as working as a team and building a rocket. Tomorrow is promising to be an even more exciting day. Until tomorrow, are you prepared? Woohoo, we won the highest flying rocket.



*Dr. Moonstein & Dr. Frankeclaw, Rocket Scientists*

### EAGLE PATROL

Did you know that Ben Franklin wanted the wild turkey to be our national symbol? After a lot of debate and discussion, the North American Bald Eagle, a rare and distinguished bird, became the National symbol.

The eagles are contemplating and beginning writing their tickets. We are excited about our project too.



### BEAR PATROL

We are sad to say that we are still mourning the loss of our still missing member. On a positive note, we, the 4 clawed Bears, have had a most productive day from bouncing balls off of our members heads to getting them snared in traps. What a day!

We have an official chant as well as a song.

Bear Patrol Chant:  
We're the 4 clawed bears  
Ready willing, and able  
Call on us for anything  
We are bearly able.

Bear Patrol Song:  
Teach cubs to fly with Eagles wings,  
Help wallflowers bloom in fall or spring  
I play the fool to show I care.  
It's who I am a Bear.  
One hour a week, three weeks a month.  
A leader's task is never done  
Through field and stream, on land and air.  
It's who I am, I am a BEAR!





## OWL PATROL

While everyone else slept last night, the night owls patrol. Being nocturnal creatures, we do our best work at night. We met our patrol leader Mike Hess in the trees to review the day and have a game plan for today. "There is no substitute for a GOOD plan." Our new patrol leader today in Minh Nguyen who flew into action immediately after the Gilwell Field Assembly. Later some of our scout first aid training came in handy doing the Zula Toss Game. Mike Hess was beamed in the head and collapsed on the road. He recovered well with minor injuries and a slight problem. He doesn't always remember who he is or where he is periodically. So if he ends up in one of your patrol meetings, games or even tent, please forgive him and steer him in the right direction. It was then and there that we realized that we were all suffering the same symptoms ...we were addicted to the *Back to Gilwell* song. We think there is a chance we may have to go to rehab to get the song out of our heads. The Scoutmaster warned us about this.



### Song

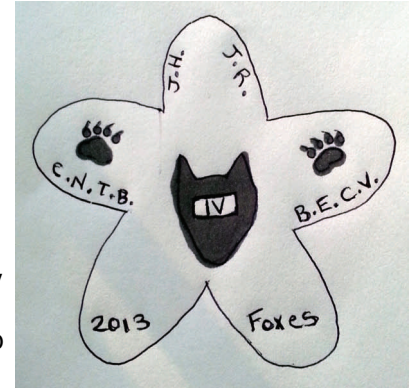
Who ,who ...who, who, who  
 Who let the Owls out!  
 Who who who who who  
 Who let the Owls out!  
 At Wood Badge.



Staff Rocket - Is this intimidation or what?

## FOX PATROL

The foxes would like to introduce a couple of their members, the first is Christopher Vasquez from Beeville. Vasquez is a Police Officer with the City of Beeville. He has twins in Troop 110 in Victoria. Christopher has been involved with Boy Scouts for a year and half. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 110. Another member of the patrol is Brian Edgley who lives in Victoria. He joined Scouting about five years as Committee Member along with his wife Helena, who became the Cubmaster for Pack 366, along with their son. One of the first responsibilities was to run the Day Camp for De Leon District. As his son crossed over into Boy Scouts, Brian moved with his son to Troop 364.



The Dorito Man in Action!



We love Wood Badge!



OK. Is this a rocket? A torpedo? Or a fishing lure?