



THE GILWELL GAZETTE



Issue 4

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Day 4 Schedule		
MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Participants Arrive	Training Center
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	Training Center
8:15	Course Photos	
8:30	Travel to Overnight	
9:30	Outdoor Experience Assembly Leave No Trace Model Campsite Patrol Camp Setup	
10:30	Leading Change (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
11:20	Break	
11:30	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Training Center
12:00	Lunch	
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	Generations in Scouting (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
2:00	Break	
2:15	Problem Solving and Decision Making (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
2:45	Problem Solving Round Robin (Patrol and Troop Activity)	
4:00	Managing Conflict (Patrol Presentation)	Patrol Areas
5:00	Patrol Meeting	
6:00	Dinner	
7:30	The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)	Patrol Areas
8:30	Participant Campfire and Venturing Induction Ceremony (Patrol and Troop Activity)	
9:30	Patrol Cracker Barrel	

Camp Karankawa History

Camp Karankawa provides a wonderful setting for our second weekend of Wood Badge. The camp, operated by the South Texas Council, was established in 1944.

Originally, the camp consisted of about 50 acres located on the old Lake Mathis. The current layout of Camp K. resulted from the Wesley Seale Dam, which was built to form Lake Corpus Christi and which flooded some camp buildings.

The camp's old dining hall was situated where the training center now stands, and the original 11 campsites were centered on the old cove and faced the lake. Positioned below the old dining hall, the swimming pier pointed toward the dam.

The old trading post was placed on the cove side of the swimming pier. The trading post's concrete slab can still be seen—partially under water. The Gerald Smith Campsite was originally the council ring, and Hog Cove was the archery and rifle range.

With the cooperation of the Texas Legislature and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Camp Karankawa expanded to more than 100 acres.

Little remains of the original structures, but the memories of the old place remain and are being passed on to you.

*(Source on Camp K.: Perry Winkler,
former Camp Mauritz Ranger)*

Quotes

On Diversity

We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same.

~Anne Frank

On Change

Change in all things is sweet.

~Aristotle

On the Outdoors & Camping

Living out in God's open air, among the hills and the trees, and the birds and the beasts, and the sea and the rivers -that is living with nature, having your own little canvas home, its gadgets, doing your own cooking and exploration - all this brings health and happiness such as you can never get among the bricks and smoke of the town.

~Lord Baden-Powell

More Than A Race - Diversity

My son, Gilbert, was eight years old and had been in Cub Scouts only a short time. During one of the meetings, he was handed a piece of wood and four tires and was told to return home and give all to "Dad".

That was not an easy task for Gilbert to do. Dad was not receptive to doing things with his son. But Gilbert tried. Dad read the paper and scoffed at the idea of making a pinewood derby car with his young, eager son. The block of wood remained untouched as the weeks passed. Finally, Mom stepped in to see if I could figure this all out.

The project began. Having no carpentry skills, I decided it would be best if I simply read the directions and let Gilbert do the work. And he did. I read aloud the measurements, the rules of what we could do and what we couldn't do. Within days his block of wood was turning into a pinewood derby car—a little lopsided, but looking great (at least through the eyes of Mom).

Gilbert had not seen any of the other kids' cars and was feeling pretty proud of his "Blue Lightning," the pride that comes with knowing you did something on your own. Then the big night came.

With his blue pinewood derby car in his hand and pride in his heart, we headed to the big race. Once there my little one's pride turned to humility. Gilbert's car was obviously the only car made entirely on his own. All the other cars were father-son partnership, with cool paint jobs and sleek body styles made for speed. A few of the boys giggled as they looked at Gilbert's lopsided, wobbly, unattractive vehicle.

To add to the humility, Gilbert was the only boy without a man at his side. A couple of the boys who were from single-parent homes at least had an uncle or grandfather by their side. Gilbert had 'Mom'.



The race was done in elimination fashion. You kept racing as long as you were the winner. One by one the cars raced down the finely sanded ramp. At last, it was between Gilbert and the sleekest, fastest-looking car there.

As the last race was about to begin, my wide-eyed, shy, eight-year-old asked if they could stop the race for a minute because he wanted to pray. The race stopped.

Gilbert hit his knees clutching his funny looking block of wood between his hands. With a wrinkled brow, he set to converse with his Father. He prayed in earnest for a very long minute-and-a-half. Then he stood, smile on his face and announced, "Okay, I am ready."

As the crowd cheered, a boy named Tommy stood with his Father as their car sped down the ramp. Gilbert stood with his Father within his heart and watched his block of wood wobble down the ramp with surprisingly great speed and rush over the finish line a fraction of a second before Tommy's car. Gilbert leaped into the air with a loud "Thank You!" as the crowd roared in approval.

The Cubmaster came up to Gilbert, with microphone in hand and asked the obvious question, "So you prayed to win, huh, Gilbert?" To which my young son answered, "Oh no, sir, that wouldn't be fair to ask God to help you beat someone else. I just asked him to make it so I don't cry when I lose."

Gilbert's simple prayer spoke volumes to those present that night. He never doubted that God would indeed answer his request. He didn't pray to win, thus hurt someone else; he prayed that God supply the grace to lose with dignity. Gilbert, by his stopping the race to speak to his Father, also showed the crowd that he wasn't there without a dad, but His Father was most definitely there with him. Yes, Gilbert walked a winner that night, with his Father at his side.

(Contributed by Jill Rosenbloom, a Wood Badge Beaver from Inland Harbor Council, Washington.)

What is NYLT?

National Youth Leadership Training, an exciting action-packed program, is designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations, demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership."

The six-day NYLT course content is delivered in a Troop and Patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

What is Venturing?

Venturing provides a youth development program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Local community organizations establish Venturing Crews by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community.

The resulting program provides exciting and meaningful activities that help young people pursue special interests, develop leadership skills and become good citizens.

Venturing, like other Scouting programs, uses fun activities to aid in the character development of the young people in the program. The Venturing award program implements a step-by-step process to personal growth and development through service to others.

All Venturing awards require Venturers to teach what they have learned to others. Through teaching, Venturing youth are able to retain the learned skill, gain confidence in their speaking ability and acquire knowledge that will serve them throughout their lives.

CRITTER TALES

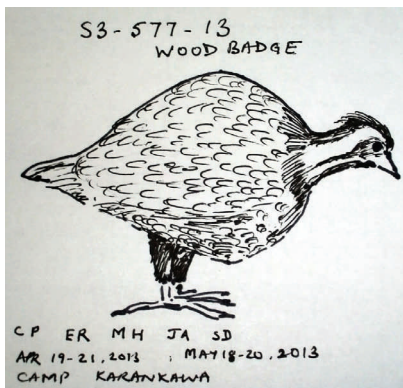
BEAVER PATROL

As the third day comes to a close, many life lessons have been presented. Our friendships have flourished and our goals are becoming more apparent. Ideas for our future projects have been discussed; the good, the bad, and the ugly. We have a better understanding of our roles and where our futures may lie. We had a "Chomping Good Time!" this weekend. "Eat'em up, Chew'em up, Spit'em out. WE ARE THE BEAVERS!"



BOBWHITE PATROL

What another beautiful morning as we head into day 3 of our Wood Badge. Today promises to be another exciting day as we start making plans for our next visit and day 4. I'll close out is brief session with some words of wisdom from our patrol:



- Patrol Leader John - The key to immortality is to do something worth remembering.
- Assistant PL Srikanth - BIKE, and OFTEN.
- Chaplain's Aide Charles - Don't take any wooden nickels.
- Patrol Member Ed - Take pictures of the moments that take your breath away.
- Scribe Margaret - Are you prepared?

EAGLE PATROL

Excellence - An Eagle strives to be above the rest to fly high and achieve success in the important things of life.
Accountability - An Eagle is accountable for their thoughts and actions at all times.
Gratitude - An Eagle is grateful for all his blessings and acknowledges where all blessings come from.
Love - An Eagle loves his God and his neighbor and shows that love through service and leadership.
Empathy - An Eagle is aware of other's needs and is willing to help at all times and willing to listen with care.



Eagles, once they leave the nest, soar up high above all the rest. GO EAGLES!!

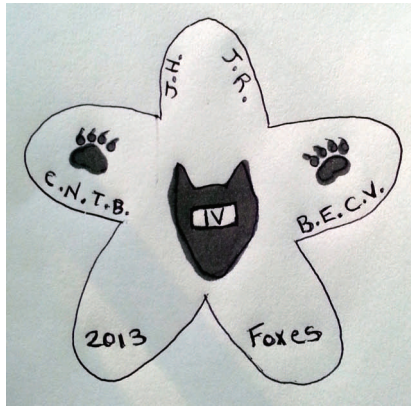
We've enjoyed our first weekend of Wood Badge. We'd like to thank the Bobwhite Patrol for helping out with our flag ceremony on Sunday. A special thanks to all the staff for making our 1st Wood Badge weekend a success and David Hensley for guiding us on our way.



The Chaplain Aides ready for Sunday Worship!

FOX PATROL

As our time at the 1st session of Wood Badge comes to an end, the foxes have had a great time meeting each other and other patrols. We learned a lot about the scouting experience, ourselves, and each other. We, the foxes, hope everyone enjoyed themselves as well.



The last introduction is Tim Baggett. He has recently joined the scouting family in September of 2012. He is the Cubmaster for Pack 363 in Victoria. Although his experience in scouting has been short, he is very dedicated to the scouts. He has one son, who is 8. He enjoys camping, Disc golf, and spending time with his family.

BEAR PATROL

It has been a beary wonderful first three days. We have learned, shared, and had fun.

We are beary excited to get back and show our project and spend time with our new found friends in scouting.

Also, we give a Beary big Thank you! to all the staff for their time and hard work.



Bead Inspection!



Starfish Gary makes a point!



Let's all go to the Northern Tier next year!



Rocket scientists at work! Preparation pays off!