



THE GILWELL GAZETTE



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Day 6 Schedule

MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Breakfast and Assessments	Patrol Sites
8:00	Begin Camp Breakdown	Patrol Sites
9:30	Tickets Turned In, Clean Up, Load Vehicles	
10:30	Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field
10:50	Patrol Leader's Council Meeting	Training Center
11:10	Coaching and Mentoring (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
11:45	Closing Luncheon (Troop Activity)	Training Center
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
1:15	Leaving a Legacy (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
2:30	Break	
2:45	Summary Session (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
3:15	Course Assessment (Troop Activity)	Training Center
3:45	Closing Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field
4:00	Adjourn Depart for Home	

The First Scoutmasters' Course



September, 1919- Baden-Powell is seated center in the front row at green arrow

On the morning of September 8, 1919, nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirt sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell Park in Epping Forest, outside London, England. The camp was designed and guided by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, a 61 year-old retired general of the British Army and the founder of the World Scouting Movement.

When they had finished their training, Baden-Powell gave each man a simple wooden bead from a necklace he had found in a Zulu chieftain's deserted hut in South Africa in 1888. The Scoutmasters' training course was a great success and continued to be held year-after-year.

When the original beads ran out, new ones were whittled to maintain the tradition established by Baden-Powell. Because of these beads, the course came to be known as the Wood Badge Course. It continues to this day in England and around the world as the advanced training course for leaders in Scouting.

At the time of the first course, Baden-Powell presented to Gilwell Park a Kudu horn he had captured during the Matabele War of 1896. Its deep booming sound (when played with skill and no small amount of courage) would summon course members to assemblies and activities and was used in courses at Gilwell Park for many years. Baden-Powell would use this same horn to open the Third World Jamboree held at Arrow Park, Birkenhead, England in 1929. The jamboree was known as the "Coming of Age" Jamboree as it celebrated 21 years since the foundation of the Scouting Movement. A Kudu horn is still used today by many advanced leadership courses in Scouting.



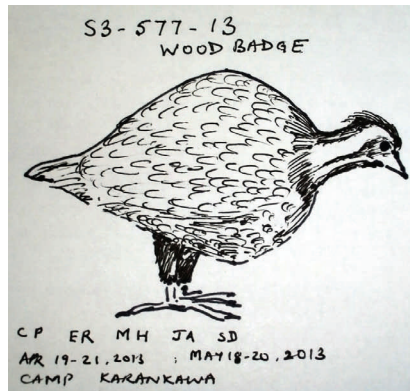
Gilwell Field Flag Raising!



CRITTER TALES

BOBWHITE PATROL

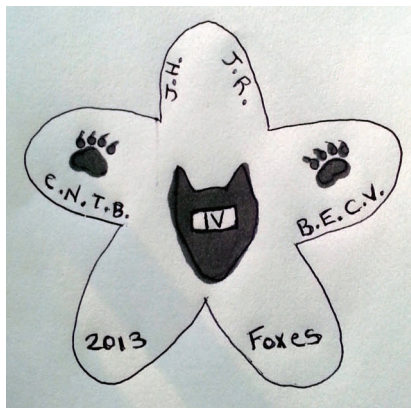
Hope everyone is enjoying their Wood Badge experience. We are learning so much. The staff has done a great job bringing these presentations to us. It was also nice to give back and work on our conservation projects.



The afternoon promises to be quite interesting. We can't wait to hear the presentations from all the other patrols. Our time here is getting shorter, but still I ask, "Are we prepared?" Tomorrow, our last day at Wood Badge, we will know the answer!

FOX PATROL

Today was off to a good start. It was a bit windy overnight, but I'm sure none of us were blown away. We had a visitor last night at campsite #5, which James so brilliantly figured out by using his tracking skill and the tracks left behind. And the chewed bread! It was a KANGAROO MOUSE!



On the other hand, everyone did a great job working hard on our conservation projects and the presentations. Tomorrow is our last day. Work them tickets ...

BEAVER PATROL

The Beaver patrol gnawed our way through the bush of Camp Karankawa this morning as part of our conservation project. However, when we returned to "Palmetto Bend" to fetch the lumber for our dam that we planned to build, we discovered that our timber had been thrown back into the bush to make a better habitat for the Bobwhites, Eagles, Owls, Foxes, and Bears. Although we were disappointed at the lost of our future habitat, we were happy to sacrifice our materials for the sake of our fellow critters.



Our Beaver patrol decided to cut our losses and focus on our Disabilities Awareness project. We have all learned that we must focus on the abilities of our scouts, not their disabilities.

We would also like to extend a Beaver "thank you" to all of the other patrols for the information you provided in the patrol presentation segment of our Wood Badge training. We feel confident that the knowledge we've gained will help us become better leaders.

Finally, we would also like to thank all of the Wood Badge staff who dined with us this weekend. Your fellowship has been greatly appreciated, and will cherish the new bonds that have been formed throughout our Wood Badge experiences.



OWL PATROL

Gooooood Morning
Woooood Badge.....!
Boy what a good day it is too! We were still talking and laughing about the fun, successful "campfire night," the night before. Anybody not like pancakes and breakfast sausage? Boy! After an energizing breakfast, we Owls were read; for the Wood Badge conservation project. We swooped into the project like an owl on a field mouse.



We found out as a patrol that our own Stephen Montgomery is a "human lawnmower." We had to drag him away from the area we had cleared. We so enjoyed our break and the time to honor our Creator. And an impressive service, it was. Oh, by the way, Kenny Gonzales said thank you for those of you that sang "Happy Birthday" to him this morning on his 50th birthday.

After lunch was a very informing and impressive time to learn from our fellow Wood Badgers with all of their presentations. Such a plethora of knowledge packed in that Training Center! The Owl's presentation was delivered better than we even imagined and with owl-like precision. It helps to have the "wisdom" of an owl. We had a heavy presentation board and Minh got a little light headed, and Kenny bumped his head, while bringing it into the Training Center. In the process of the injuries their personalities switched bodies. Kenny is now Minh and vice versa. The other owls are working on how to switch them back. We were wondering if this has happened with anyone else here at Wood Badge? Away we go for the night on our own!

BEAR PATROL

There are an abundance of butterflies in campsite #1 today. We have had a visit from a rabbit and another creature that tried to escape with a small cooler. What an amazing time we are having. Looking forward to a great campfire tonight.



EAGLE PATROL

All the presentations were awesome and we learned a lot. We are soaring to the finish and working on completing our tickets. We've enjoyed our time together as a patrol and with our fellow Wood Badge patrols (aka troop) and staff. Thank you for all your hard work, patience, guidance, and friendship. From a Texan who lives in Kansas, thank you for your hospitality.



New Patrol Leaders and Assistants!



Conservation Projects

We worked really hard to clear this area!

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