



THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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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.



Today's Schedule

MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Breakfast and Assessments	
8:00	Begin Camp Breakdown	
9:30	Ticket Review / Clean-up / Load Vehicles	
10:30	Gilwell Field Assembly	
10:50	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	
11:10	Coaching and Mentoring (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
Noon	Closing Luncheon (Troop Activity)	Training Center
AFTERNOON		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	Training Center
3:45	Closing Gilwell Assembly	
4:15	Adjourn	





The Bridge Builder

An old man traveling a long highway

Came at the evening cold and gray

To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,

The sullen stream held no fears for him,

But he turned when safe on the other side,

And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,

"You're wasting you time building here,"

"Your journey will end with the closing day,

You never again will pass this way."

"You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,

Why build you this bridge at evenings tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he
said,

"There followeth after me today,

A Youth whose feet must pass this way"

"This stream which has been naught to me,

To that youth may a pitfall be."

"He too, must cross in the twilight dim."

"Good friend, I am building this bridge for
him."

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*We hope that you too, in the Spirit of Wood  
Badge, will become the builder of a bridge.*

## **Critter Tales**

### **Beaver News**

As Beavers we would like to leave ya'll with a few short words: scoutly, ecological, brown, energetic, salsa and carpe diem.

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### **Focus on a Fox**

First, Thank you Richard for our "Foxy" totems.

Foxy Roxy began her scouting career so many years ago no one remembers. She has been fox-napped so many times, local officials no longer take action when reported missing. She spends most of her life locked away in a cabinet (for her own protection) but when she makes an appearance – WATCH OUT- THE SWIPER FOXES WERE HERE.....

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### **Owl News**

The Owl Patrol started the day with Cactus' fabulous Blackberry Pancakes!! ☺ Then it was off to the flag ceremony where we were awarded the Armadillo Award of Excellence for Round Robin Spirit!! We celebrated with our happy dance. After the interfaith Sunday Service, we swooped down on the overgrown brush to enhance the beauty and safety at Camp Karankawa. Our presentation was well received but our Owl cookies stoke the show. Go Owls! Go Owls!

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### **Bear News**

Yesterday the Bears were having too much fun during the problem solving round-robin. We've accomplished every task in record time. The Bear then went to dinner with the Fox. After dinner all patrols went to the hand camp fire for songs and skits, and as any good Bear would do, had way too much fun with their skits. Even though it was apparently approved by someone, we still don't know who???

The Eagles had a flag retirement ceremony that honored veterans. That all of the Bears felt was an awesome display of respect to veterans, and the Bears say thank you!!! From the bottom of our furry hearts!!!!

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### **Eagle Patrol Daily Dropping**

The Eagles flew high last night as they hosted the evening's campfire. The whole event was a true testament of teamwork and a reflection of what a good leader and his staff can do when they are working in sync with a common goal. Sunday morning started with a beautiful worship service, that was followed with a very productive execution of the days scheduled conservation project events. No letting up on Day 5 for anyone, Woodbadge training steams ahead with positive training We are such a good herd. In the afternoon, the buffalo presented a talk to the troop about the outdoor activities of the Boy Scouts of America.

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### **Bobwhite News**

\*Peck Peck Scratch Scratch Peck \* Bobwhite!

\* Rustle Rustle Rustle \* Bobwhite! Bobwhite!

\* Peck, Scratch \*

I don't wanna Banana! I don't! I don't! I don't wanna banana! Onomatopoeia and a Sacajawea Goolaby, Gallaby! Gee, I'm really glad to be a Bobwhite! A Bobwhite!

A group that's real tight!

-Word

\* Peck Peck Rustle \*

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### **Staff News**

The Boy Scouts of America have always sought to conserve and preserve our natural resources and our projects today certainly fell-in-line with those ideals.

Not only did we fulfill our project objectives and adhere to the principals of the Outdoor Code, we also had a chance to use some leadership and team-building skills. We worked together with a great group of Scouters and

provided much-appreciated service to our fantastic camp. Thanks to you, we beautified Gilwell Field; removed some really invasive plant-life; made our camp roads safer to drive on; provided firewood to

#### **Note from the Scoutmaster...**

Participants of S3-577-14 Woodbadge Course. I wanted to give you all one more message of luck and best wish's as you begin the new adventure of completing your tickets. I also want you to know what an absolute pleasure it has been for me to serve as your Scoutmaster and Course Director. This now connects us as friends and part of a wonderful Scout family. Know that I am here to help in the future if there is anything within my ability to do for you.

Yours in Scouting,

Ruth Luna

Scouts and made it much easier for our brother Armadillo to root root root for their food. Great job Wood Badgers!

The afternoon brought six amazing patrol projects about topics such as Scout Conservation Awards, the history of our Scout uniforms; proper uniforming; Scouting in your Community; Scout training and the Outdoor Program. Excellent presentations by all of our patrols! These stand-alone projects are a resource in themselves and definitely represent Scouting in a positive light. Great job Wood Badgers!