



# THE GILWELL GAZETTE



Issue 2

S3-577-12

April 21, 2012

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>)

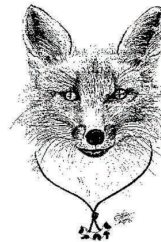


## INTRODUCING THE PATROLS



### Beaver Patrol

Jessica Gonzalez  
David Rivera  
Burton Breaux  
Gabriel Oliva  
David Gibson



### Fox Patrol

James Bangert  
Hidalgo Salas Jr  
John Ramos  
Eduardo Gomez-Vasquez  
Helena Edgley  
Steven Webb



### Bobwhite Patrol

John Cargile  
Manuel Tamez III  
Terry Bru  
Shelly Larson  
Jerry Lowder  
Michael Moore



### Owl Patrol

Scotty Orr  
Frank Newell  
Aaron Holthouser  
Steven Wright  
Carla Rackley



### Eagle Patrol

John Smith  
Tom Haas  
Wendy Ramos  
Benjamin Fund  
Luis De La Garza  
Ady Acosta



### Bear Patrol

Joseph Gore  
Jesus Jasso  
Lisa Rose  
Rudi Weinmuller  
Alvin Montgomery

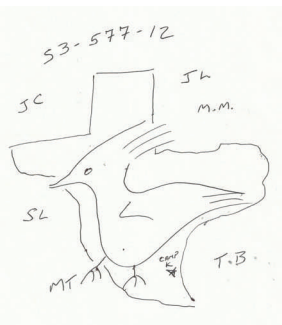
## CRITTER TALES

### BLAZING BEAVERS ON PATROL

As you know, Beavers are builders and the new Blazing Beaver Patrol is no exception. They're busy building new friendships and new foundations for a fulfilling Wood Badge experience. The Blazing Beavers are Jessica Gonzalez (Patrol Leader), Gabriel Oliva (Assistant Patrol Leader), Burton Breaux (Patrol Chaplain Aide), David Gibson (Patrol Member) and David Rivera (Patrol Scribe).

### BOBWHITE PATROL

After enjoying their Cub Scout experience Friday morning, John Cargile, Jerry Lowder, Terry Bru, Michael Moore, Manuel Tamez and Shelly Larson were excited to be promoted to Troop 1's Bobwhite Patrol. Their faithful Troop Guides, Rhonda Camp and Joe Garcia are proud that the experience of the patrol includes a Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Pack Committee Members, Pack Chairman, Tiger, Wolf and Webelos Den Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Scoutmasters, Unit Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, District Committee Members, Advancement Chairs, Merit Badge Counselors, a Day Camp Director and OA Chapter Adviser. Joe Garcia encourages each person to successfully complete Wood Badge and have fun doing it!!



Bobwhite Cheer—"We are the Bobwhites! We're alright!

### EAGLE PATROL

The mighty Eagles were flying solo until they saw the puzzle. As if hunting for prey, they quickly put it together and even had extra pieces—soon everything came together. Aby created our totem, Tom came up with



the tune, all added the lyrics and, just like that, we had a cheer. Watch out everyone, they Eagles are soaring high!!

Patrol members:

Benjamin Fund, Laredo—"Locked, cocked a & ready to rock". Aby Acosta, Laredo—"Creative & easy going".

Luis DeLaGarza, Port Lavaca—"Sure of himself without

hesitation". Tom Haas, Corpus Christi—"Impatiently waiting patiently". John Smith, Aransas Pass—"Amazingly Awesome". Wendy Ramos, Laredo—"Last minute Wendy".

Famous Quotes:

"Just wait. It will all make sense soon"

"If you feel confused, it's ok. You're supposed to feel confused"

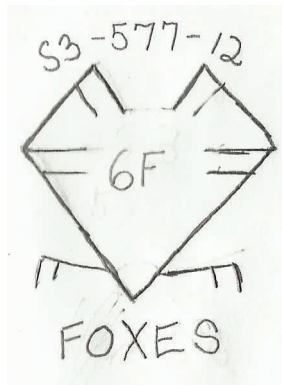
"Where's your buddy?"

"If you are doing the woggle and it seems easy, you are doing it wrong."

"Turn around, ok, we've rotated."

### FOX PATROL

The first day at Wood Badge and Mama & Papa Fox were busy keeping their kits in line. Furry, Friendly, Faithful, Fearless, Famished and the always troublesome Frisky. Each kit had a name that was exactly like his or her personality. Furry is an easy going kit with a great attitude. Friendly was the kit with an easy smile and a kind word for all. Faithful was a quiet leader and fine friend. Fearless was the biggest lovable furball with a great sense of humor. Famished was very thin, smart and hungry. Then of course there's the problem child, Frisky; the happy-go-lucky kit who had a problem with his hearing, or should we say listening.



Why would a family of foxes be at Wood Badge you may ask. Well, Mama & Papa Fox want their kits to grow into exceptional scout leaders. The six kits of the Fox family are very excited about this opportunity and have enjoyed it thus far. This is a short list of what has happened so far. First the Foxes crossed over. Furry & Famished are now Patrol Leader & Assistant Patrol Leader. Friendly is Chaplain's Aide and Frisky somehow landed the role of Scribe. Fearless and Faithful will soon have their turn at leading the Family.

This is what we learned today. Furry learned that if he goes to the bathroom, he gets elected. Friendly learned what the smart test is. Famished learned how the troop works. Faithful learned that we are the best patrol ever!! Fearless learned how to come up with a mission statement. Frisky learned that he could be on a cruise and that Willie Nelson has no beard and carries a big yellow ticket.

More to come tomorrow.....



## DEN 3 - OWL PATROL

Den 3, a highly intelligent group of South Texas Scouters, met the requirements for advancement and crossed over to Troop 1 in a very emotional ceremony at the Blue & Gold Banquet.

The Owl Patrol was formed and elected Aaron Holthouser as their Patrol Leader. Steven Wright is Assistant Patrol Leader, Carla Rackley is Patrol Chaplain Aide, Scotty Orr is Patrol Scribe. Frank Newell, the remaining member of Owl Patrol and the architect of the ever popular den cheer "Den 3! It's not about Me, It's all about Weeee!!!"

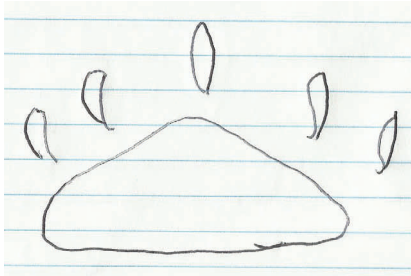
What everyone is going to learn is that the Owl Patrol truly does give more than a Hoot, we give our All!! A challenge we give to every participant of Wood Badge S3-577-12.



What kind of puzzle is this?

## BEAR PATROL

We got to camp and settled in, formed our team and participated in various activities. We got our patrol after crossing over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts during the Blue & Gold Banquet. We are the Bears! We had our first troop meeting after lunch.



We are going to have lots of fun this weekend on our Wood Badge Quest. Our patrol includes Lisa Rose, Alvin Montgomery, Jesse Jasso, Rudi Weinmuller and Joe Gore. Our Troop Guide is Carlton Dollery.



Where are the instructions?



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



It's early, they are still paying attention.