



# 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
8:30	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.

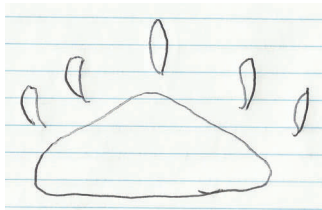
Venturing, like other Scouting programs, uses fun activities to aid in the character development of the young people in the program. The Venturing award program implements a step-by-step process to personal growth and development through service to others.

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

### BEAR PATROL

We had a great evening last night playing games on trust and learned some psychological questions/games as well. Ice cream cracker barrel rocks!!



Hopefully we will be able to finally perform our song today before we forget it. Yes we did. We are a hit. We are by far the best patrol and have the best group leader, Carlton.

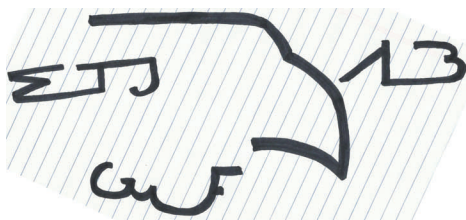
Today we are working up and preparing for our departure, emptying our gear from our tents.

Another beautiful day in paradise! We are learning some really great teaching skills that are going to be quite beneficial in the future.

I think we are going to be very busy before this next weekend. Our patrol is going to be very busy but I hope we all have time to reflect on what, and how, much we have learned in such a short time. So much info, so little time!!!

### EAGLE PATROL

After sweeping off the competition in the "Wood Badge Game Show", the Eagles showed off their best traits at the "Win All You Can" game and had a great time playing. Way to go EAGLES!



I could hear a snoring eagle from my nest but could not guess which one it was...I guess we'll find out when we get our own campsite. Day three brought a lot of new information and activities for the eagles. We began preparing for our migration and look forward to coming back to claim the campsite as our own and learn many new things. Well, I got to fly folks but we will see you again pretty soon. Have a safe trip home everyone!

What the Eagle wish they had brought:

Ben—a mattress  
Luis—my pillow  
John—more enthusiasm  
Aby—more energy  
Tom—a bigger cot

### FOX PATROL

Well, the Fox patrol is H-A-P-P-Y. We love Wood Badge! But how do we feel about the editors of the Gazette, we love them too! A great big thanks from the Fox patrol for printing Frisky's stories. This will be our last story for a while so let's recap what we have learned.

1. Frisky is a good lookin' fox.
2. Friendly is going to be the best trainer ever!
3. Furry has a great attitude.
4. Faithful is a perfectionist & we need that.
5. Famished can build quite a rocket.
6. Fearless is a very kind & intelligent snorer.

Now our accomplishment recap - Set the height record with our Viagra sponsored blue rocket. Set the new record score for Jeopardy at -2000 points and best of all, trusted our troop and won the game of life.

Today we will pack and go home to apply the huge amount of knowledge we have been given by our excellent Hedgehog staff. On behalf of the Fox patrol, I say thank you for all you have done. A special thanks to Mama & Papa Fox. You have made this special for us all.

Now to my Fox patrol—We have come together and worked as a unit. I wish I worked with people like you everyday. The bonds we have formed will last and I can't wait to start part 2 and be with you all again. May God bless and keep you all safe & happy, my friends, my awesome Fox family. Oh! Fox patrol is the greatest ever!

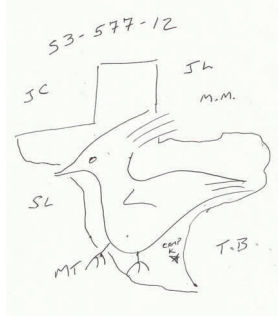
### BEAVER PATROL

The Blazing Beaver Patrol had their best day yet. We had a great rocket launch and even had a great landing. Beavers by nature are industrious and we are busy planning our patrol presentation project. Each of us have great talents and gifts that we are using to develop an even greater team. Hope everyone has a productive break and stays safe. Best wishes from the Blazing Beavers. God Bless.



## BOBWHITE PATROL

The Bobwhite Patrol would like thank the fellow patrols who allowed us to borrow members in order to complete the flag raising ceremony this first weekend. We feel it was a successful raising and ceremony, and acknowledge that we could not have done so without your help. We hereby grant you "Temporary Honorary Bobwhite Status!". We are sure you will enjoy this title, since it grants privilege of the Best of the Best! We hope every one is looking forward to the second weekend, as much as the Boisterous Bobwhites. We have many surprises in store for you. As for the activities of the day have worn us thin, we are looking towards our time away from Gilwell to recoup and prepare for our Billowing Bobwhite Weekend. Take care and see you soon!



Cheerfully Yours,  
The Bobwhites



*We could not have made it without these folks!*



*Wood Badge Staff in Training!*



*Rocket scientists at work!*



*The judges' decision is in!*



*Wood Badgers at Gilwell Field*