



THE GILWELL GAZETTE



Issue 5

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Day 5 Schedule		
	MORNING	LOCATION
7:00	Breakfast and Assessments	Training Center
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field
8:30	Interfaith Worship Service	Training Center
9:00	Break	
9:15	Conservation Project (Troop Activity)	Training Center Back Porch
11:30	Self-Assessment (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
12:00	Lunch and Patrol Leader's Council Meeting	Training Center
AFTERNOON & EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	Patrol Project Session 1 Setup Bears, Foxes, Beavers	Training Center
1:30	Session 1 Presentation	Training Center
2:45	Patrol Project Session 2 Setup Owls, Eagles, Bobwhites	Training Center
3:15	Session 2 Presentation	Training Center
4:30	Ticket Review and Staff Departure	Training Center
5:30	Patrol Dinner	Patrol Sites
7:00	Patrol Meeting/ Patrol Project Self-Assessment	Patrol Sites
8:00	Patrol Campfires and Cracker Barrel	Patrol Sites



The World Scout Emblem



The World Scout Emblem, worn by an estimated 250 million Scouts since the Movement was founded, is still used today by 16 million Scouts in 150 countries and territories and is one of the world's best known symbols. However, Scouts and members of the public often ask how the emblem originated.

Lord Baden-Powell himself gave the answer, "Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps for orienteering them with North." Lady Baden-Powell said later, "It shows the true way to go."

So, the emblem helps to remind Scouts to be as true and as reliable as a compass in keeping to their Scouting ideals and showing others the way.

In Scouting, we take the three tips of the emblem to represent the three main points of the Scout Promise. The two decorative five-pointed stars are taken in some countries to stand for truth and knowledge.

In the World Scout Emblem, the basic motif is encircled by a rope tied with a reef or square knot, symbolizing the unity and brotherhood of the Movement throughout the world. Even as one cannot undo a reef knot no matter how hard one pulls on it, so the Movement remains united. The color of the World Scout Badge is white on a royal purple background. These colors are also symbolic. In heraldry, white represents purity and royal purple denotes leadership and helping other people.

Quotes from Baden-Powell

A boy is supremely confident of his own power, and dislikes being treated as a child.

Teach Scouts not how to get a living, but how to live.

It's the spirit within, not the veneer without that makes a man.

It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it.

An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.

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John Wayne: What the Scout Law means to me



A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer, and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp.

At this dinner, Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual, he said that the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words." "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it." Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at the dinner; much like he would have for his grandson.

TRUSTWORTHY

The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

LOYAL

The very word is life itself, for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

HELPFUL

Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves, not to mention mankind. Be always full of help -- the dying man's last words.

FRIENDLY

Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood

COURTEOUS

Allow each person his human dignity which means a lot more than saying, "yes ma'am" and "thank you sir". It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more... earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

KIND

This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, its just no good unless you get out and use it.

OBEDIENT

Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

CHEERFUL

Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

THRIFTY

Means a lot more than putting pennies away, and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

BRAVE

You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work and living the best life they know how against the law of odds.

CLEAN

Soap and waters help a lot on the outside. But it's the inside that counts and don't ever forget it

REVERENT

Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

How I Obtained the Necklace of Dinizulu

As told by the Chief Scout

In 1879 the British under Lord Wolseley broke up the Zulu kingdom, under Cetshwayo, which had been a constant menace with its raids on both Boer and British territory, and divided the nation into eight tribes, each under a separate Chief. One of these tribes was under Dinizulu, the son of Cetshwayo.

'In 1888 Dinizulu raised a rebellion among the tribes against the British. Two of the tribes however elected to side with us. General Sir Henry Smyth took out a force against Dinizulu. I acted as Military Secretary and Intelligence Officer.

'Dinizulu after a few small engagements took refuge in a mountain stronghold called the Ceza Bush, just on the border of the Transvaal. I reconnoitered the place with a few Scouts and our forces were brought into position to take it from three sides. Just before attacking I went into position with my Scouts at early dawn and found that the enemy had just hurriedly evacuated it, leaving most of their food and kit behind, and had crossed the border into the Transvaal, where of course we could not follow them.

'In the hut which had been put up for Dinizulu to live in, I found among other things his necklace of wooden beads. I had in my possession a photograph of him taken a few months beforehand in which he was shown wearing this necklace round his neck and one shoulder.

'He was at that time a splendid type of young savage and full of resources, energy and pluck. He eventually surrendered to us, was kept a prisoner for some time and was then returned to his tribe on condition that he behaved himself.

'But later on he broke out again and involved us in a further campaign which resulted in our finally taking over Zululand and annexing it.'

(Copy of notes dictated by B-P in 1925 authenticating the story of Chief Dinizulu's necklace. Original notes in The Scout Association's Archives, typed on Baden-Powell's head notepaper and addressed Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire.)



Attentive Wood Badgers!

The Leather Thong

The other important part of the Wood Badge, apart from the beads, is the leather thong itself. Baden-Powell was originally given one during the course of the Siege of Mafeking in 1899/1900, when things were not going well. An elderly man met him and asked him about his unusually depressed appearance. The man took the leather thong that he had been wearing from around his neck and placed it in B-P's hand. 'Wear this,' he said. 'My mother gave it to me for luck. Now it will bring you luck.'

So from these two souvenirs of his military career in Africa, the leather thong from an old man at Mafeking and the necklace from Dinizulu, B-P fashioned what is now known as the Wood Badge.

(Taken from <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs145001.pdf>)



Thank you Charles Elliott, Ethan Cuellar and Morgan Molina (l to r) from Crew 361 in Port Lavaca for sharing your knowledge of the outdoors with us today.



What were the instructions again!

CRITTER TALES

BEAVER PATROL

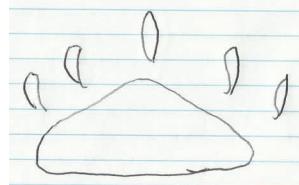
The Blazing Beavers are back and we can't wait to take another bite out of Wood Badge. We hope everyone had a productive break and are ready to get back to work.



BEAR PATROL

Bears are rocking!!! We are camping!! We are cooking out and we are cool!! Yes, another beautiful day in paradise here at Camp Gilwell.

It's good to see everyone again and it appears the team spirit is still alive and thriving!! Can't wait for the next event and chance to learn more and have fun with all our patrol & Camp Gilwell!



EAGLE PATROL

The mighty Eagles are happy to be back. We worked together during our break to get our presentation ready and to coordinate the supplies we would need for our second weekend at Gilwell.

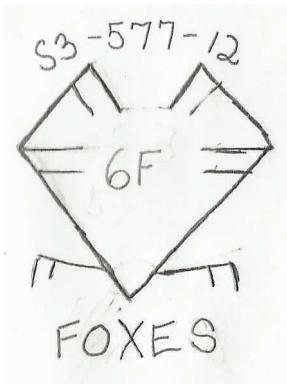


As we began setting up our camp site, our handy Eagles were setting up our kitchen while the crafty Eagles worked on our project and the rest got the stuff ready for lunch.

We work very well together. We were the first to finish the problem solving games and successfully completed all of them. Each member brings something special to the group and I'm very blessed to be a part of this patrol....oops! Crew.

FOX PATROL

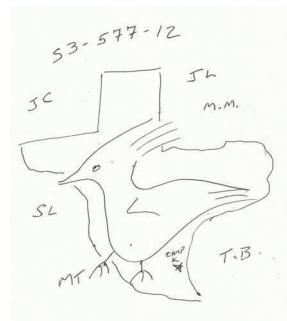
Hi everybody! We are back at Wood Badge and ready to go! We started the day by closing a lovely flag ceremony. We did a fine job if I do say so myself but the flags were mixed up and a new saying was coined. SNAFU means Situation Normal All Foxed Up. We are voting on whether or not to make this our cheer.



Camp is set up and we had a great lunch. We ate beaver sandwiches with bobwhite chips. Now we are sitting in class and learning all we can. Tonight is campfire and it will rock just like we do! More tomorrow.....

BOBWHITE PATROL

Bobwhites have taken it to a new level with their campsite. Complete with a Scoutmaster's tent. We intend to lead our youth by example. We encourage all patrols to visit campsite 5 and see. Not only did we erect our own flag pole, but we are camping in baker tents and pitched our own dining fly to set the pace that won't be beat. We are taking our wood badge experience to the fullest.



Say it with me now!
BOBWHITES!

OWL PATROL

The Owls are glad to be back roosting our way to be great leaders. We come to day four and we worked our nest as a family. Owls had a great time working together on team building.

