



# 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<br>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.



## CRITTER TALES

### BEAVER PATROL

The Blazing Beavers would like to thank John Smith, our honorary beaver. John kindly stepped in to replace Burton in our Leave No Trace presentation.

Meanwhile, back at the beaver lair...

The beavers are finalizing the details for their tickets with the help of our Troop Guide Cliff Rose. Also, Burton is doing better.

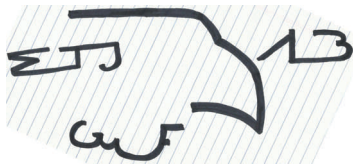


### EAGLE PATROL

After a restful night, the Eagles woke up to fresh, hot coffee and scrambled eggs & sausage tacos. YUM! We flew over to the conservation project. We were so pleased to work beside the rest of the patrols.

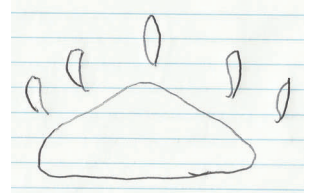
After all project presentations, we were off to steak & taters and pineapple & blackberry drop cake.

This time tonight, we are ready for the Wood Badge staff parade. Last night, the last flat went by just before midnight.



### BEAR PATROL

Back to Gilwell, happy land! After a hearty taquito breakfast, we are off to interfaith worship. Afterward was our conservation project. Boy, did we move some trees, or what?! It was a good workout for some of us but some of us overdid it a little. I sure hope everyone is well and all found it well worth it, as I did.



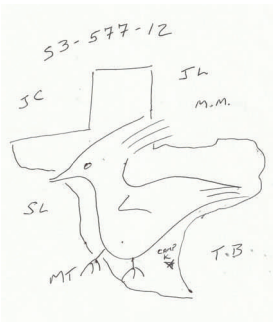
Our presentation on uniforms went well as a result of lots of extra effort by Rudi and Alvin. I am so glad our patrol works so well together. We all have our strong points and public speaking appears to be Alvin's and Rudi's. We have one more exciting day but still have more of this one left. I am sure it will be productive. We are planning a feast for dinner tonight!! I will tell you about it another time!



*We worked really hard to clear this area!*

## BOBWHITE PATROL

The Bobwhites had a great day! Our brave fellow creatures, thank you for your hard work on our conservation project. We enjoyed your presentation and can't wait to see you all earn your beads. Looking forward to our last day on Gilwell so we can work our tickets.

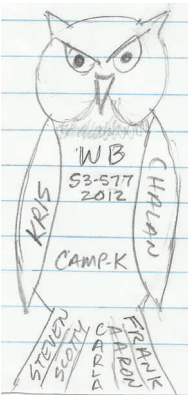


## OWL PATROL

The Owl Patrol participated in the big campfire reunion with their skit about the "heavy" airplane and was received with thunderous applause.

Sunday morning the Owls came down from their roost to work on the conservation project. At lunch, they dine on gourmet hamburgers.

At the afternoon group presentation, they once again exceeded their Troop Instructor's expectations and then they were showered with awards. As a kind gesture to the other patrols, we distributed owl pellets from the Great Owl in the sky.

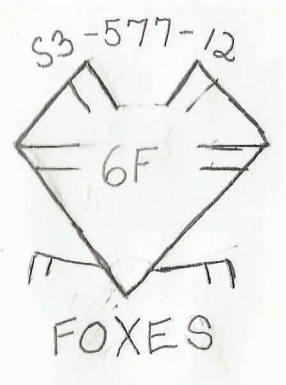


All of the Owls have presented their tickets and gotten approval (after many, many revisions).



## FOX PATROL

Wow! What a day! The Fox Patrol finished day one in foxy fashion. We worked at problem solving. The Fox Patrol completed every task in record time. On a personal note, the Blue Lagoon tarp flip was a real bonding time for us. We were so tightly grouped that we couldn't have dropped the soap if we tried. Then while Faithful Fox was saying "I got it. Hold me" we all felt the earth move under our feet. Then it was on to conflict resolution and diversity. We learned that the answer to "What do you want?" is diversity. Then com edinner where Fearless Fox gave his crew some great burgers. Now we are doing campfire and still learning. Famished knows that Bears do skit in the woods. Frisky was sad to find the Hooters Patrol doesn't wear tight orange shorts and white t-shirts.



Friendly Fox now knows how to handout awards and Furry won't throw a grenade out of a plane. Thanks to everyone at Wood Badge. You made campfire a huge success. I might change my name from Frisky to M.C. Frisky. I'll have to think about that one.

Now it's day two and we are still awesome. Ate a good breakfast and then we kicked some bamboo booty. Great job everybody. Faithful hurt his hand so that was our only SNAFU of the day. We ate hot dogs for lunch and then gave a really long presentation. El Zorro really loves to talk. Tonight we have a fajita feast without margaritas because the Quartermaster, who shall remain nameless (Richard), said no extension cord for the blender. So from Fearless, Furry, Famished, Friendly, Faithful and, of course, Frisky "Beaver, it's what's for dinner."





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