

# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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### 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

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MORNING							
7:15	Gilwell Field Assembly						
	Breakfast and						
8:00	Patrol Self-Assessment						
	Troop Meeting						
8:30	Front-End Alignment Game						
10:15	Break						
	Inclusiveness						
10:30	(Troop Presentation)						
	Stages of Team Development						
11:00	(Troop Presentation)						
11:50	Break						
Noon	Lunch						
AF	TERNOON AND EVENING						
	Patrol Leaders' Council						
1:00	Meeting						
	Patrol Chaplain Aides Meeting						
	Communication						
1:30	(Patrol Presentation)						
2:20	Break						
	Project Planning						
2:30	(Troop Presentation)						
3.20	Break						
	Inter-patrol Rocket						
3:30	Competition						
	(Patrol and Troop Activity)						
4:50	Break						
5:00	Patrol Meeting (part 1)						
5:20	Retrieve Colors						
5:30	Dinner						
6:30	Patrol Meeting (part 2)						
	Wood Badge Game Show						
7:00	(Troop Activity)						
7:50	Break						
	Win All You Can Game						
8:00	(Troop Activity)						
8.50	Break						
9.00	Cracker Barrel						



#### **Dinizulu's Beads continued**

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 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 quest of honor at a huge Scout rally. Chief Buthelezi's mother-inlaw, 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 )



#### How to Use Lightweight Stoves

A camp stove gives you a fast easy way to do your cooking. It produces heat just right for warming a small cup of soup or cooking a big pot of pasta. A stove won't blacken rocks or cooking gear or scorch the soil. With a stove you can camp where there is no firewood or where camp fires are prohibited. Stoves work equally well in deserts, high mountains and deep forests and are ideal for use in storms and on snow.

Many camp stoves burn commercial stove fuel or kerosene. Store these fuels in special metal bottles with lids that screw on tightly. Choose bright red bottles or mark them with colorful tape so there is no chance of mistaking them for water bottles. Butane and propane stoves burn gas from small cans called cartridges. Carry cartridges and fuel bottles in the outside pockets of your pack where gas fumes can't get near your food.

When you are ready to cook, place your stove on a level surface free of leaves, sticks and other burnable materials. A patch of bare ground or a flat rock is all you need. During winter campouts, put your stove on a piece of plywood about eight inches square. The plywood will hold your stove on top of the snow or ground and prevent the cold from chilling the stove. Different kinds of stoves burn different fuels and operate in different ways. Read your stove's instructions carefully and follow them exactly.



Who is the staff member / insect hunter pictured above?

First Patrol to report the answer to the Scribe gets a prize.





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## INTRODUCING THE PATROLS



David Sievers Douglas Duran Thomas Gwosdz

Cindy Shilinga Cory Shilinga Jeremy Lemke



Eagle Frank Hinojosa Joseph Dickerson Jose Malacara Rick Castillon Dennis McCrea

Beaver

Owl							
Carlton Dollery	Clifton Rose						
Jennifer Molina							
Rudy Garza	Adam Beard						









Fox Laura Cazalas Victor Adame Bernardino Velez Jr LaRoy Hanson Scott Allen Antelope Brian Chassells Kevin Stone Raul Elizondo Bill Schmidt Veronica Adams





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## CRITTER TALES



#### **Bionic Beaver News**

The Bionic Beavers (BB) are off to a great start becoming the great leaders that they see themselves becoming. The Beaver family, all representing the Deleon District, is led by Donnie Tegeler. Its members include BB#1, Thomas Gwosdz (pronounced: Gush), a former teacher turned to Amy and is the father of five. Themas is the Securit Master of Trace 264, shortcared by

lawyer, is married to Amy and is the father of five. Thomas is the Scout Master of Troop 364, chartered by Victory Cathedral of Victoria. BB#2, Douglas Duran has been married to Kay for 26 years and a father of three sons and one daughter. Two of his boys are Eagle Scouts and the other is a Life Scout. Doug has been a Cub Master, Webelos Leader, Deleon District Pinewood Derby Chairman and is currently the Chartered Organization Representative for Martin Luther Lutheran Church's Troop 110 of Victoria. BB#3, Jeremy Lemke, is a Cubmaster and Webelos leader for Pack 62 in Victoria and committee member for Troop 110. He and his wife of 13 years have four boys, ranging in age from 11 years to 19 months. He's going to be involved in Scouting for a long long time. BB#4, David Sievers serves the Deleon District as a Unit Commissioner. He's also a Bear Den Leader for Pack 62. He has two daughters and two sons... both of whom are Scouts... one working toward his Eagle Rank and the other is a Bear, who can't wait to join his older brother. David has served on Camp K staff and has recently completed his Bachelors of Commissioners Science Degree. David has enjoyed two high adventure treks to Opile in Ely, Minnesota and the Florida Sea Base. BB#5, Cory

Shilinga, is a Wolf Den Leader for Pack 101 of Inez. He started his Scouting experience last year for his son, Spencer who loves the outdoors. Cory has been married to the BB#6, Cindy, for 10 years. They have an energetic 3 year old girl. Cindy is the Pack 101 Committee Chair, and neither of them would never have imagined being neck-deep in Scouting. They tell us that they enjoy it and wouldn't change a thing.

#### **High Flying Eagle News**

High Flying Eagles Weather Report: currently cold and colder. Forecast: more of the same.

The High Flying Eagles are: Rick Castillon, Laredo physician, Frank Hinojosa, Alice entrepreneur, Jose Malacara, Laredo UPS, Dennis McCrea, Laredo entrepreneur, and yours truly, J.M. Dickerson, Esq. Laredo attorney.

Today we advanced from cub scouts to boy scouts. We had some woggle woes, but we got through them.

Thanks to our patrol guide, John Beauregard, South Texas Council, Scout Executive & CEO.

#### **Fire Fox News**

The Fire Fox Patrol is hot and on the Wood Badge trail. The members of this patrol are as follows: Victor Adame from Sandia serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 32. Scott Allen from Calallen serves as an Assistant Council Commissioner, LaRov Hanson from Corpus Christi serves as an Assistant

Den Leader for Den 3, Pack 162 at St. Patrick Church. Bernie Velez, Jr. from Robstown serves as the Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 10. Laura Cazalas from Corpus Christi serves as a Tiger Den Leader and as an Assistant Webelos Den Leader for Pack 296. Tracy Williams, our Troop Guide, is from George West and serves as a Venturing Advisor.

We are excited to be here! GO FIRE FOX!

#### **Big-Eyed Hoot Owl News**

The Big-Eyed Hoot Owls of SR-1004 are happy to report that we are soaring through the first day of Wood Badge. The nest includes Jennifer Molina, Rudy Garza and Adam Beard from Troop 361 in Port Lavaca, Carlton Dollery from Pack 422 in Mission Valley and Clifton Rose from Troop 105 in Lolita. Our Troop Guide is the ever-wise owl, Roy Griffin from Inez. We all look forward to his wealth of knowledge before we leave the nest.



#### **Thundering Buffalo News**

Huddling together to block a chilly wind, newly formed Den 5 members quickly became acquainted. Den Chief (and now Troop Guide), Janice Maley, has worked hard to create a cohesive den/patrol.

Introducing the Buffalo Patrol; Don Bourgue was a Cub Master for 5 years and now serves as an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 3. Ruth Luna has been involved in Scouting for SR-1004 eight years, serving as Cub Master for Pack 232 and now as a Committee Member for Troop 87. Kelly White is probably the newest to Scouting serving as the Den 14 Wolf Leader in Pack 296. Molly Reynolds has extensive experience in Cub Scouting and now serves as a Committee Member of Corpus Christi Troop 87. Martin Chuimanatto has spent the past several years as the Venado District Chairman. He currently serves as the South Texas Council Vice President of the Learning for Life program.

Having children in the Scouting program has led each member of the newly formed Buffalo Patrol to share a love for Scouting. Welcome to Wood Badge Thundering Buffs!!!









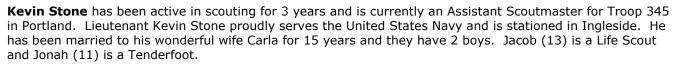


#### Ascending Antelope News

#### Meet the Ascending Antelopes

**Brain Chassells** has been active in scouting for 31 years both as a youth and as an adult leader. He earned his Eagle Scout in 1987. Brian is currently the

Scoutmaster for Troop 255 in Corpus Christi. Brian is an Instrument and Electrical Designer for Onyx Engineering. He has been married to his lovely wife Karen for 19 years. They have one son David (13) which is a Life Scout and the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 255.



**Raul Elizondo** has been active in scouting for 6 years. He is currently the Scoutmaster for Troop 10 in Robstown. Raul is the Pastor for New Life Baptist Church for 11 years. He and his lovely wife Irma have been married for 22 years and they have 4 children James (24), Genesis (20), Christian (18) and Bethany (15). His son James has 2 boys Tyler (3) and Caleb (3 months). Raul is looking forward to the day that his grandsons become Tiger Cubs.

**Veronica Adams** has been active in scouting for 4 years. She is currently a Webelos Den Leader for Pack 296 in Corpus Christi and a Troop 87 Committee Member. Veronica is a Control Systems Engineer for Valero Refining. She has been married to her wonderful husband Kurt for 13 years and they have 3 children. Kurt "KC"(12) is a Life Scout with Troop 87 and the Webelos Den Chief, Hunter (10) is a Webelos 1, and their daughter Christen (6) is a Daisy Girl Scout.

**Will Schmidt** has been active in scouting for 5 years. He is currently the Adult Chaplain for Troop 3 in Corpus Christi. He is an Independent General Contractor and serves as a Mentor at the Juvenile Justice Center in Corpus Christi. Will and his lovely wife Connie have been married for 31 years and they have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. His daughter Brianna (28) has 2 children Luke (4) and Grace (12 months). His daughter Jennifer (25) has 2 boys, Andrue (7) and Ryan (2). Their daughter Kathryn (21) is a nursing student at UTSA and their "seed" William III "Trey" is currently a Life Scout at Troop 3 and God willing will earn his Eagle this year.



Bellowing Bovine—Staff News

Amazing Cow Facts or "I heard it through the bovine"





The oldest cow ever recorded was a Dremon named "Big Bertha" that died 3 months shy of her 49th birthday on New Years Eve, 1993.

Big Bertha also holds the record for lifetime offspring as she produced 39 calves.

The highest milk yield for a single day is an unbelievable 241 lbs by a cow named Urbe Blanca

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cattle Dairy cows can produce 125 lbs of saliva a day? Dairy cows can produce up to 200 lbs of flatus a day! Source: http://www.coopsjokes.com/amz/amzcow.htm

Staff Yell: I said Amoo, Amoo, Amoo, Moo, Moo I said, eat more chicken!!!
Staff Song: Lt. Dan had a farm E-I-E-I-O And on the farm he had a bovine E-I-E-I-O With a MOO MOO here and a MOO MOO there Here a MOO, there a MOO, there a MOO, everywhere a MOO MOO Lt. Dan had a farm, E-I-E-I-O. About Bulls Q: What do you call a sleeping bull? A: A bull-dozer. Source http://cowabashcowpalace.com/cowjokes/cowjok es1.html

Famous Cow Philosophy

Nietzsche: To moo is to be.Sartre:To be is to moo.Sinatra:Moo be moo be moo.

The members of the Bellowing Bovine Staff wish all of you the best of Wood Badge!!!







