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# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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## 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

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## 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)*

**Diversity**—continued 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.)

### 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

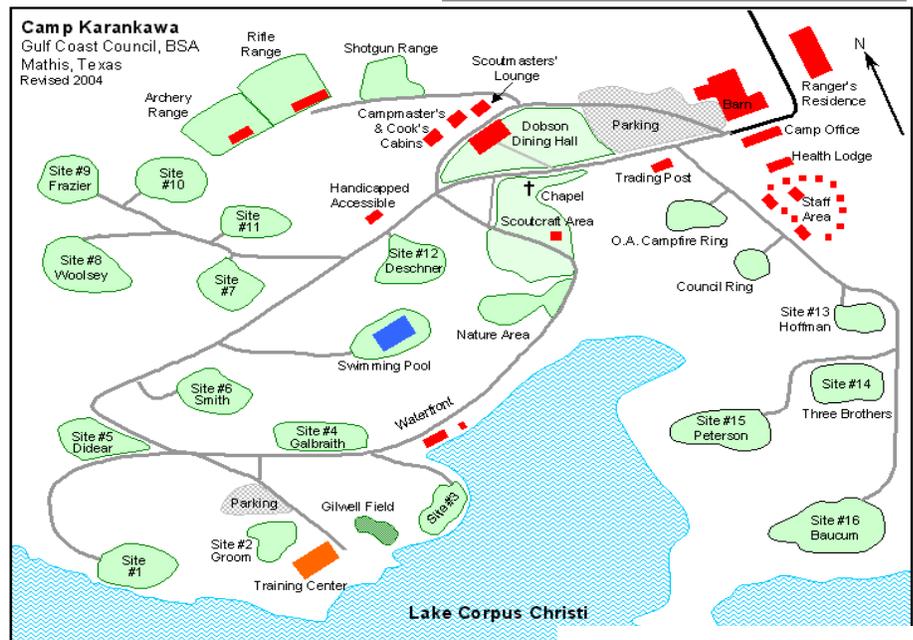
#### On the Outdoors & Camping

*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



## Today's Schedule

MORNING	
7:00	Participants Arrive
7:45	Gilwell Field Assembly / Venturing Crew Introduction
8:15	Course Pictures
8:45	Travel to Overnight
9:00	Outdoor Experience Assembly, Leave No Trace Model Campsite, and Patrol Camp Setup
10:30	Leading Change (Troop Presentation)
11:20	Break
11:30	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
Noon	Lunch
AFTERNOON AND EVENING	
1:00	Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity (Troop Presentation)
2:00	Break
2:15	Problem Solving and Decision Making (Troop Presentation)
2:45	Problem Solving Round-Robin (Patrol & Troop Activity)
4:00	Managing Conflict (Patrol Presentation)
5:00	Patrol Meeting
5:50	Retrieve Colors
6:00	Dinner
7:00	The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)
8:30	Participant Campfire (Patrol Program)
9:30	Patrol Cracker Barrel



Map taken from www.stxbsa.org

## What is Venturing?

Boy Scout 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.

### The Venturing Oath

*As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America; To help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.*

## 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.

## CRITTER TALES

### Bionic Beaver News

### Beaver Bulletin



The Beaver's can't believe that the first weekend is over! We are busily brainstorming our tickets. As everyone knows, Beavers are brilliant builders so we believe that we Bionic Beavers will have top-notch tickets. During our break we have also been busily working on our project in at least 3 meetings.

We would like to thank all of our Wood Badge staff for the Beaverrific time this weekend! We are looking forward to the second weekend!!!



Joke: "What did the Beaver say to the tree?"  
"It's been nice gnawing you!"



### High Flying Eagle News

The High Flying Eagles have been busy over the break. Long distance meetings, and project work has been a challenge, but it has worked well. The Eagles are coming

out together as a team on their project and are excelling individually on their ticket. We are all looking forward to the camping weekend ahead. Good Luck to everyone.



### Fire Fox News

Wood Badge SR-1004 has proven to be very beneficial and rewarding to each member of our group. We have learned a lot about each other this past weekend and have become a cohesive group.

We are looking forward to the next weekend of training. Taking in the instruction and training has brought an excitement to us to want to get more involved to better our Pack / Troop and at the same time "work our ticket back home."

We hope this has been as exciting for the other patrols as it has for us—and remember, "Ask not what your Scouting organization can do for you, but what you can for your Scouting organization!"



Fire Fox



### Big-Eyed Hoot Owl News

No news—stay tuned.



Big Eyed Hoot Owls



### Thundering Buffalo News

(Picking up from last Wood Badge weekend) We find the five buffalo still standing on the rise—resolute in their leadership. The graying herd continues to search for any source of sustenance.



The very presence of the five seems to call in silence—FOLLOW US! The herd ever so slowly begins to face toward the five leaders. Gradually, these behemoths of the prairie begin to move in the direction of the leaders.

Sensing acceptance by the herd, the five leaders turn deliberately to the north and plod into the wind. The cold is now bone chilling, but the five are led by their keen sense of smell.

What lies to the north? (To be continued---)

## Ascending Antelope News

Antelope Brother Joe



Did you notice that at times an Antelope stood on a chair when singing the *Back to Gilwell* song? We did so to salute and honor our Brother Antelope Joe Galbraith. If you didn't know Joe, he was born on February 23, 1913. He joined a Scout Troop at the age of 12 and spent more than 70 years in Scouting. Joe began his service as a Professional Scouter at the age of 22 in 1935 and retired 42 years later in 1978. The next day he was hired as a consultant, and he continued in that role until 2002. He worked for the BSA under every Chief Scout Executive from James E. West to Roy L. Williams. Joe's 45<sup>th</sup> National Training School was visited by British founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell during a visit to the USA.



Joe was a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and a Wood Badger—as a member of the Antelope Patrol. He was a graduate of the 45<sup>th</sup> National Training School in New Jersey. He was honored to receive the BSA's James E. West Fellowship Award, and a campsite is named in his honor at Camp Karankawa.



Joe was a song leader since he was a Scout. He led the Pledge of Allegiance at United Way luncheons and at Chamber of Commerce breakfast meetings for many years. He was also well known for his song leading (while standing on a chair) of God Bless America. He never fought in a war but taught thousands of South Texas boys to live patriotic values.

Joe passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. He was 94-years-young. God bless you, Joe.



## Bellowing Bovine—Staff News

The bovine population is herding up for a GREAT Wood Badge weekend!



### Note from the Scoutmaster...

Welcome to Camp Karankawa and our second Wood Badge weekend! Your staff knows how hectic, busy and challenging the last training session was, and is fully sympathetic. Whew! This weekend is our "outdoor event" time; the time in a troop to display our newly learned skills and our accomplishments and to have fun and fellowship with our fellow troop members. We do, of course, have more training material to cover but we also have the opportunity to see each others' patrol projects, and experience the growth of our patrol and troop spirit. I also hope that your work on the Wood Badge ticket has brought home to you the power for effective change that this course presents. Your staff joins with me in wishing for you a great weekend of learning, leading, laughter and inspiration! **Yours in Scouting, Dan Lindley**

### Word Puzzler

What does "**aigle de haut vol**" mean?

If you know the answer, report to the Scribes. First Patrol to answer correctly gets a treat!

~~ Okay to be fair to everyone—please—don't use those electronic devices.

Q: Why do cows wear cow bells?

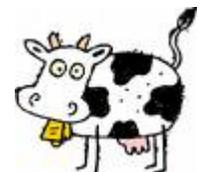
A: Because their horns don't work.

Q: How does a farmer count a herd of cows?

A: With a Cowculator

Remember!

eat More  
Chicken!!!





**Robert  
Baden-  
Powell,**

**Founder of  
the World  
Scout  
Movement,  
Chief Scout  
of the  
World**

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*The portrait of Baden-Powell at the top of this page is from the 1929 painting by David Jagger. It was presented to B-P on August 6, 1929 at the III World Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, England. This was known as the "Coming of Age Jamboree" as it marked the 21st anniversary of Scouting. The portrait was Baden-Powell's favorite. The original is at Baden-Powell House in London and a copy is displayed in the conference room at World Headquarters (WOSM) in Geneva, Switzerland.*

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### **The Motto**

The Slogan of the Scout is "Be Prepared." This was adopted, with much of the uniform, from the South African Constabulary. The men of the Force chose that motto for themselves partly because it spoke to their readiness to take on any kind of duty at any time, and also because it brought in my initials.

### **The Fleur-de-lys**

The fleur-de-lys has come to be the sign of the Scouts in almost every country in the world. In order to distinguish one nationality from the other the country's own emblem is "superimposed," that is, placed on the front of the fleur-de-lys.



You see this in the United States where the eagle and the national arms of America stand in front, backed by the fleur-de-lys of the world-wide Scout Brotherhood. And long may it so stand!

### **The Knot**

Beneath the fleur-de-lys and Motto a little cord depends with a knot tied in it. This knot, like the knot you tie in your handkerchief on occasion, is to remind the boy daily that he has to do a good turn to someone.

(Source of this page—*Lessons from the Varsity Life* by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell)

