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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' is 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 bidding time.

Article taken from:
<http://home.earthlink.net/~scouters/quotes.html#anchor161351>

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.

On Conservation

Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.

~Gifford Pinchot

God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light.

~Lord Baden-Powell

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.

Today's Schedule

MORNING	
7:00	Breakfast and Assessments
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly
8:15	Break to Change Clothes
8:30	Conservation Project (Troop Activity)
10:15	Clean up from Project
10:45	Coaching and Mentoring (Troop Presentation)
11:35	Self-Assessment (Troop Presentation)
Noon	Lunch and Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
AFTERNOON	
1:00	Project Setup and Break
1:30	Project 1
2:45	Project Setup and Break
3:15	Project 2
4:30	Ticket Review and Staff Departure
5:30	Patrol Dinner
7:00	Patrol Meeting/ Patrol Project Self-Assessment
8:00	Patrol Campfires and Cracker Barrels

On Mentoring

To the world, you may just be somebody. But to somebody, you may just be the world.

~ Unknown

Dennis The Menace



"IF YOU WERE AN EAGLE SCOUT WHEN YOU WERE A KID, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE A BALD EAGLE NOW?"

Blast from the Past



Name this staff member. First Patrol to guess correctly gets a treat. Check with the scribes.

CRITTER TALES



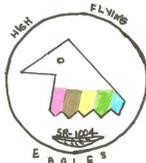
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working great as a team and are definitely in the performing stage. The results showed in the problem solving round robin. We were able to succeed in solving all the games by working well as a team. We were even challenged by our venturers when we accomplished a game quickly. The Trolley game was achieved with the tune of "Blue Jay," and we beat the challenge of Brownsea Island even with one person not touching the ground. We are anticipating many more challenges to come our way. The Bionic Beavers are ready for anything.



Bionic Beaver News

The beavers are excited to start the second weekend of Badge. We are



High Flying Eagle News

The High Flying Eagles started their flight early this morning at 5:30 but were slowed by windy conditions.

After flying through fog, we finally landed at Gilwell Field. We invite our fellow patrols to visit our camp entrance. We had a great time exercising our minds and bodies in the round robin.

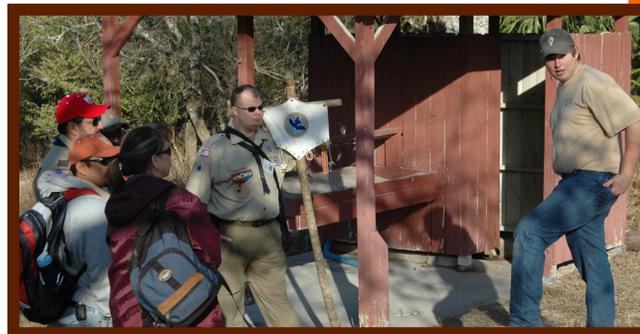
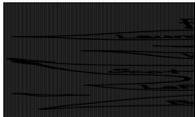


Fire Fox News

Things are heating up in the Fire Fox Patrol as they progress to the performing stage. They are styling and profiling custom shirts and are ready to experience another fun-filled weekend!

We would like to thank the staff for honoring our request for good weather. Thanks for putting the order in early!

Lead, follow, or get out of the way!



Word Puzzler Answer
Aigle de haut vol means "high flying eagle" approximately in French.
 Other patrol names are~~~~

- Bionique Castor
- Embraser Renard
- Hululement Des Hiboux Grands Yeux
- Tonitruantes De Buffle
- Ascendant Antilopes
- Beuglements De Vache
- (Roughly translated from the following Website: <http://www.french-linguistics.co.uk/translate/>)

- Bionic Beaver
- Fire Fox
- Big Eyed Hoot Owl
- Thundering Buffalo
- Ascending Antelopes
- Bellowing Bovine



Big Eyed Hoot Owl News

The Big Eyed Hoot Owls spent their break working on the big project. Everyone brought something to the table, and it was great watching it all come together.

We're off to a great start this weekend. Team work and communication were in high demand, but there was still fun to be had. The afternoon activities were a HOOT!

We look forward to a great campfire tonight (with or without a flame).



What do you call an owl with a sore throat and an attitude?
A bird who doesn't give a HOOT.



Thundering Buffalo News

(Rejoining the herd in its trek to the North---and now westerly).

The journey seemed never ending. The wind never hesitated and the elements only grudgingly gave way. The five leaders never slowed their steady pace. When one would tire another would step forward taking the point.

The herd took strength from the leaders' dogged perseverance. Very few of these winter sojourners had been lost. Even the lean, snarling wolves that trailed sensed the resolve of the herd and kept their distance.

Finally, as in the beginning, the sun peered over the horizon behind them suggesting a glorious day. As night's shadows reluctantly fled before a cautious sun, there appeared in the distance great billowing clouds of steam. The herd could now sense the warmth of whatever lay ahead. Even the increasingly pungent odor of sulfur seemed to beckon.

Following the five leaders, the herd descended into a valley warmed by turmoil deep within the earth. The yearlings danced as the herd assembled around the leaders---a silent reflection of gratitude. Others now knew the trail and could lead next winter.



Ascending Antelopes

Throughout this course, Antelopes have been stating that "something is missing"...yes, we have our patrol patch now, but unfortunately, we are without our brother antelope, Kevin Stone. He had to drop the course to stay home and care for his family. Kevin's wife had a chemotherapy treatment on Monday, and she is still ill. To make matters worse, their son has been battling a fever all week.

During this scouting weekend, Kevin is living the scout law by being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, brave, and obedient to his family.

Prayer Request—As you read this, we ask that you stop and say a prayer for Kevin, his wife Carla and their sons Jacob and Jonah Stone. We would also like to ask that you add their family to any prayer chain you may know. Thank you.





Belling Bovine-Staff News



L-R: Isaac Villarreal, Michael Leary, Mason Alex, Gilbert Soliz, Heather Hoffa, Austin Bourland, Josh Wagner.

Our Youth Staff

Isaac Villarreal—From Troop 20 in Portland, an Eagle and lifetime member of the NRA, has been on a Philmont Trek and to Northern Tier, staffed NYLT.

Michael Leary—From Troop 20 in Portland, NRA all the way, has been to Philmont, staffed NYLT.

Mason Alex—From Troop 242 in Victoria, loves NASCAR racing.

Heather Hoffa—Venturing Crew 39 and was Program Director at Camp K summer camp 2008.

Austin Bourland—From Troop 101 and Venturing Crew 182 in Inez, has been on two Philmont Treks.

Josh Wagner—From Troop 101 and Venturing Crew 182 in Inez, has been on three Philmont Treks, crew leader on one trek.

A Bovine Tale

On a lonely hill far, far away, stood a lowly bovine, swaying in the dusty wind. Still dark, the lowly bovine made a wailing moo. There was no answer. Chewing its cud, it finally bellowed out Amoo, Amoo. Still no answer. Then it boviciously bellowed Amoo, Amoo, Amoo moo moo. Still no answer.

With hopes of seeing the rest of the herd, she bellowed again, Amoo, Amoo, Amoo moo moo. Far away a coyote yelped a haunting, howling reply, awoo, awoo.

In time the lowly bovine spotted a brilliant sunrise. Attempting one last bellow, she with all her heart moored AMOO, AMOO, AMOO MOO MOO! From behind came the long awaited answer, AMOO, AMOO, AMOO MOO MOO.

We fell enthusiastic! H-A-P-P-Y! We love Wood Badge!



HOW I OBTAINED THE NECKLACE OF DENIZULUAS TOLD BY THE CHIEF SCOUT



In 1879 the British under Lord Wolseley broke up the Zulu kingdom, under Cetchwayo, 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 Cetchwayo.

'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 are in The Scout Association's Archives, typed on Baden-Powell's head notepaper and addressed Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire.)

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>)

Sudoku

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