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MORNING		LOCATION
7:30	Check-in	Camp Office
8:30	Team Formation,	Trading Post
	Gathering Activities,	
	Orientation, and	
	Staff Exhibit	
9:30	Gilwell Field Assembly	
9:45	Break	
10:00	Course Overview	Council Ring
	(Troop Presentation)	
10:30	Listening to Learn	Patrol areas
	(Patrol Presentation)	
11:20	Break	
11:30	Blue & Gold Banquet—	Dining Hall
	Opening Luncheon	
AFTERNOON AND EVENING		LOCATION
12:45	Break	
1:00	Troop Meeting	Dining Hall
2:50	Break	
3:00	Patrol Leaders' Council	Dining Hall
	Meeting	
4:00	Values, Mission, and	Dining Hall
	Vision	
	(Troop Presentation)	
5:00	Ticket Process	Dining Hall
	(Troop Presentation)	
5:30	Retrieve Colors	
5:45	Dinner	Dining Hall
6:45	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Areas
	(Patrol Activity)	
7:45	Who Me Game	Patrol Areas
	(Patrol Activity)	
8:30	Instructional Campfire Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
9:50		

"The boy is not governed by don't, but is led by do." --Robert Baden-Powell 1857-1941

A Message from your Scoutmaster

I, along with all the staff, welcome you to Camp Karankawa and Wood Badge Course SR-1074. We have spent much time and effort preparing this course for you. Thanks for being here!

I appreciate your dedication to learning and growing in Scouting by taking the time to participate in Wood Badge. Its content provides a great challenge for all participants.

I invite you to participate whole heartedly and with an open mind, so you may receive the most that this course has to offer. Wood Badge can truly be a life-enhancing experience.

Scouting has been called a "game with a purpose". SR-1074 also has a purpose. Play this "game with a purpose," and "be prepared" to take the fantastic things you learn back to your units and other aspects of your life.

Your staff is ready to assist you in any way that you desire. Please do not hesitate to call on us at any time.

Yours in Scouting,

Evelyn Williams

SR-1074 Scoutmaster/Course Director

Wood Badge Ticket Tradition

The ticket is one of the great Wood Badge traditions. In Baden-Powell's day, military men at the end of their service were expected to pay their own way back to England. To economize, officers nearing completion of their duties sought assignments at posts closer to home – a process known as "working your ticket".

During the Wood Badge course, we ask each participant to develop a ticket – a list of goals that will allow you to use your new leadership skills in ways that will strengthen Scouting in your home units, districts, and councils.

Troop 1—Roles and Responsibilities

Patrol Leader:

- Take a leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Represent the patrol as a member of the patrol leaders' council (PLC).
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Practice using the leadership and team skills being presented during Wood Badge presentations.
- Ensure that daily patrol self-assessments are carried out in a timely, effective manner.
- Provide patrol members with all the resources and information they need to succeed.
- Empower the patrol to become the best it can be.
- See that the patrol is prepared for all course presentations and activities.

Assistant Patrol Leader:

- Assume the responsibilities of the patrol leader whenever the patrol leader is unable to do so.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Assist the patrol leader in empowering the patrol to become the best it can be.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Chaplain Aide:

- In concert with the chaplain aides of the other patrols and with the Staffer assigned to coordinate their efforts, the patrol chaplain aide will:
- Learn what resources are available that can be used for religious observances during the course and make that information available to the rest of the patrol.
- Develop and help present the participant's interfaith worship service.
- Assist in conducting any other religious observances that may arise during the Wood Badge course.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Scribe:

- Provide interesting and timely material about the patrol to the publisher of *The Gilwell Gazette* – the daily newsletter of the course. (The publisher of the *Gazette* may hand out guidelines to help scribes fulfill their duties or may briefly meet with all the patrol scribes to discuss how best they can assist in making the *Gazette* a worthwhile publication.)
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Member:

For a patrol to succeed as a team, each of its members must:

- Fully participate in the Wood Badge course and achieve all he or she can.
- Practice using the team development skills introduced during Wood Badge presentations.
- Help his or her patrol meet its obligations to fulfill assignments, including the development and presentation of the patrol project.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Have fun!

The Gilwell Gazette

The Troop Scribes publish The *Gilwell Gazette* (the Troop's newsletter) daily during the course. The *Gazette* provides the day's schedule, interesting information and articles about your Patrol. You may pick up your *Gilwell Gazette* each morning from your Patrol mailbox.

Your Patrol Scribe should submit your Patrol article for the Gazette by 5 p.m. each evening to be published the next day. The newsletter's content and success depend on each Patrol's daily contribution.

Gazette Patrol Article Suggestions:

1. Each daily Patrol article provides the Troop information about your Patrol.

2. Your Patrol Scribe may include <u>but is not limited to</u> the following suggestions for your Patrol article:

- A brief biographical introduction of each Patrol member.
- What your Patrol has accomplished. Please no repeats of the course content.
- Funny and/or serious occurrences that happen during the day.
- Goals or challenges for your Patrol.
- Appropriate challenges for other Patrols.

3. Please assist your Patrol Scribe with the ideas and information that he or she may need.

4. Please place your Patrol article in the Troop Scribe's mailbox by 5 p.m. each day.

5. Please design your Patrol totem and submit a copy of it to the Scribes via the Troop Scribe's mailbox.

Wood Badge Totems

Sometimes the little things in life are the big things.

What is a totem? The dictionary says it is an animal, plant or natural object that is associated with a clan or smaller group of a tribe, regarded by the members of the group as a protector or sacred ancestor. The name of the group is often derived from the totem. The word "totem" originated from the Ojibwa word—ototeman—meaning "his relation."

Although that description describes much of what a Wood Badge patrol totem is, it does not capture the whole meaning that a totem encompasses. Among the synonyms—we can think of the following words: charm, coat of arms, crest, emblem, ensign, hallmark, insignia, logo, mark, mascot, seal, sign, symbol, talisman, token, trademark.

MEET YOUR STAFF

Evelyn Williams—Scoutmaster

Evelyn has been married to Ronnie for 47 years, and they live in Lolita. Their sons, Wesley and Buck, are both Eagle Scouts. As a retired teacher, she takes pleasure in swimming, walking, church activities, family gatherings (especially 3 granddaughters, and 2 great-grandsons), and going on cruises. Evelyn currently serves as the Indianola District Training Chair, Den

Leader for Pack 105, and Committee Member for Troop 105. She has worked on three National Jamboree Staffs — in

2001, 2005 and 2010. Also, Evelyn worked as a Cubmaster, Troop Committee Member, Scoutmaster, Indianola Day Camp Director, Council Day Camp Coordinator, and Summer Camp Commissioner. Evelyn participated in Cub Trainer Wood Badge SCR-58 in Viola, Arkansas, and in Walking Wood Badge SR-18 at Philmont. She has staffed five previous courses: SR-581, SR-632, SR-734, SR-827 and SR-1004. Evelyn has trained at the Philmont Training Center six times and has served as an advisor on four Philmont Treks. Also, she has served on National Day Camp Staff for three years and has been a Scouter for 30 plus years. Evelyn has earned the Den Leader Award, Tiger Leader Award, Cubmaster Award, District Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship, Scouter Training Award, Silver Beaver Award, Cross and Flame Religious Award, God and Service Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner's Key and Den Leader Coach Award.

The Boy Scouts obviously borrowed the term from the North American native culture, who gave "totem" a mystical or metaphysical meaning. In Wood Badge, we give our totems sentimental, nostalgic and imaginary meaning. Wood Badge participants often use their totems to mark correspondence and notes.

A well executed totem should include but is not limited to the following elements:

- The patrol animal
- The course date
- The course number
- The Wood Badge course location
- Quickly or easily drawn by hand
- Simplicity
- A unifying symbol of all patrol members
- Some indication of individual patrol member





Ron Molina—Assistant Scoutmaster-Program/Back-up Course Director

Ron currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 361; Committee Chairman for Pack 392; Adviser for Venturing Crew 361; Indianola District Committee member; Order of the Arrow Sequoia Chapter Adviser; Karankawa Lodge Ceremonies Advisor and Karankawa Lodge Associate Advisor. As a youth, he was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout for five years and attained the First Class rank. He joined the Scouting movement as an adult three years ago and has received the Spirit of LaSalle Award and the District Award of Merit from the

Indianola District. Ron first experienced Wood Badge as a participant in SR-734, and has served as a staff member on courses SR-827 and SR-1004. Besides Scouting, he coaches youth athletics and enjoys shooting sports ... at which he is proficient ... and playing golf ... at which he's enthusiastic. He has worked as a police officer, narcotics investigator and SWAT team leader; currently, Ron is a research analyst in the private sector.



Janet Hallmark—Assistant Scoutmaster-Troop Guides/Food Crew

Janet is a retired teacher who lives in Nursery. She is married to K.B. Hallmark. Their son, K.B. IV, is an Eagle Scout, and their grandson, K.B. V, is a Webelos. Janet currently serves as a District Committee Member. She is a Member of the Order of the Arrow. Janet has attended several Philmont conferences and participated in Wood Badge during SC-317 in Sam Houston Area Council. She has served on staff for five Wood Badge Courses: SR-416, SR-581, SR-632, SR-734, and SR-1004 and was Course Director of SR-827.

For relaxation, she enjoys quilting, gardening, genealogy, and camping.



John Beauregard-Assistant Scoutmaster-Facilities

John and his wife Christie have been married for 22 years, and they have two sons. He currently serves in Scouting as the Scout Executive & CEO of the South Texas Council, is an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 3, is on the National BSA 2010 Celebration Steering Committee and is the 2010 National Scout Jamboree Sub-Camp 16 Vice-Chief of Administration. John is an Eagle Scout from Orlando, FL, and an Ad Alteri Dei Award Recipient. He is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. He has worked on 22 summer camp staffs, 39 day camp staffs and five Cub Scout/Webelos Scout

Resident Camp Staffs, two National Scout Jamboree staffs and has directed nine National Camp Schools training adults on how to provide a quality program at a Boy Scout Camp. John has also served as a Cubmaster, Den Leader, Explorer Advisor, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Webelos Den Leader and Unit Commissioner. His "Scouting Profession" has allowed him to serve as a District Executive, Senior District Executive, Finance Director, Field Director and Scout Executive now in two councils. John completed Wood Badge in 1987 as a Bear.

Donnie Tegeler-Senior Patrol Leader



Donnie lives in Ganado, Texas, and is a member of the St. James Lutheran Church. He presently serves on the church council and is responsible for educational and youth activities. His family includes his parents, two brothers and their families. Donnie serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 135, in Ganado. During his tenure in Scouting, he has served as advisor for 12 High Adventure Treks to Sommers Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota, seven treks to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, two trips to Washington D.C, and a trip to the Four Corners area. He has helped on many

Indianola District Day Camps, providing experiences in pioneering and orienteering. Donnie served as Camp Director for Camp Karankawa in 1991. He retired as a Speech Therapist after serving the Industrial ISD for 35 years. He is also a member of the Ganado ISD Board of Trustees and has served as secretary, vice-president, and president. Donnie has received the Indianola District Award of Merit, the Gulf Coast Council Silver Beaver, the Catholic Committee on Scouting Bronze Pelican, the St. George Award, the James E. West Fellowship, Scouter Training Award, Scouter's Key, and Scoutmaster Award. He was recognized by his community with a Donnie Tegeler Day in 1979. The Ganado Rotary Club presented him as Citizen of the Year, and Jackson County honored him with the Jackson County Citizen of the Year. Donnie participated in Wood Badge SR-138 and earned his first Wood Badge Beads as a Saber Tooth Beaver. He attended SR-827 and earned his second set of beads as a Mighty Growling Bear. He served the Bionic Beavers as a Troop Guide during the SR-1004 training. Donnie is serving as the Senior Patrol Leader for the SR-1074 training. All of these experiences were made possible by family, friends, Scouters and with God's continued help and grace.

Janice Ard Maley—Scribe

Janice is in her 11th year of scouting with her son, Tyler Ard, who is a Life Scout. She is a Troop Committee Member with Troop 16. When possible for over five years, Janice volunteered at the Scout office by entering Advancements, designing and/or running off fliers, reconciling events, and doing any other activities where her assistance was needed. Janice has earned the Extra Miler Award. During April 2009, she became the part-time Council Registrar. Janice was a participant in Wood Badge SR-581 and served as Scribe during SR-632, as Assistant Scribe during SR-734 and

SR-834 and as was Troop Guide during SR-1004. Janice enjoys spending time with family and friends during her spare time. She relaxes by working on cross-stitch crafts, reading, baking, and dancing.



Ruth Luna—Assistant Scribe/Food Crew

Ruth has been in scouting for 10 years. Starting out as a den parent and taking on the Den Leader role in her son's third year of Cub Scouts. After her son moved on to Boy Scouts, she took the role of Cubmaster for Pack 232 for the next 2 years. She finally followed her son and husband into Boy Scouts as a Troop Committee member of Troop 87 and later became an Assistant Scoutmaster. She is currently the District Committee Training Chair for Gulf Breeze District. She is a 3-bead Wood Badger from the SR-1004 course. She was on staff of the last NYLT Course in 2010.

Ruth recently completed Ordeal in Order of the Arrow.

Ronnie Williams-Quartermaster-Food

Ronnie and his wife, Evelyn, live in Lolita. Their sons, Wesley and Buck, are Eagle Scouts. They have two grand-daughters and two great-grandsons (future Scouts). Ronnie currently serves as a Webelos Den Leader and Indianola District Commissioner. In the past, he has served as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, Pack Committee Member, OA Chapter Advisor and Day Camp Visitor. He has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, James E. West Fellowship, Cross and Flame Religious Award, God and Service Award, Cub Scouter Award,

Webelos Den Leader Award, Scoutmaster Training Award and the Commissioner Award. Ronnie participated in Walking Wood Badge SR-18 at Philmont and Cub Trainer Wood Badge SCR-58 in Viola, Arkansas. He has also served as a staff member on courses SR-581, SR-632, SR-734, SR-827 and SR-1004. Ronnie has participated in 10 Philmont treks and five training sessions at the Philmont Training Center. When he is not busy with Scouting, Ronnie likes making walking sticks, taking walks, swimming and going on cruises. He lists his favorite hobby as "Scouting."



Tracy Williams—Assistant Quartermaster - Food

Tracy teaches at George West ISD. She has worked in Scouting for 13 years, and her son, Joshua, is an Eagle Scout. Joshua is currently attending college in Wyoming. Tracy, a Vigil member of the O.A., serves as a Committee Member for Troop 349 in Portland. She recently has served as Advisor for Venturing Crew 39 and as Cubmaster for Pack 277 in George West. In the past she has served as a Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Advisor and Cub Round Table Commissioner. She has earned the Webelos Leader Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, Scout Training

Award, Scoutmaster's Key, and she has received the District Award of Merit in both the Whooping Crane and Mesquite districts as well as the Silver Beaver Award. Tracy participated in SR-416 and served on staff as a Troop Guide for courses SR-632, SR-734 and SR-1004, and as Quartermaster for SR-827. Tracy enjoys Native American dancing, sewing, beadwork and reading.



Gary Ford-Quartermaster-Equipment

Gary currently serves as South Texas Council Commissioner. He has been in Scouting for eight years and has worked as Cubmaster and as Pack Treasurer for Pack 62 and is on the Troop 110 committee in Victoria. Gary participated in SR-734 here in the South Texas Council and has also completed Baloo, Webelos Outdoor Leader Training and the Trainer Development course. Our current course provides Gary with his third opportunity to serve on a Wood Badge staff. His favorite pastimes include gardening, many outdoor activities and his grandson.



Richard Luna–Assistant Quartermaster-Equipment

Richard became involved in scouting as a Tiger Adult Parent in 2001 and became an Assistant Bear Den Leader of Pack 232, his son's Pack. Richard crossed over into Boy Scouts in 2006 where he became a Committee Member and after one year was elected the third Scoutmaster for Troop 87. He currently serves on the Gulf Breeze District Committee as Marketing Chairman and on the

Council Marketing team. Richard has been awarded the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster's Key and Trainer's Key. He also serves on the Gulf Breeze Training team and is a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. Richard has served as staff member for NYLT and this is his first time to serve as a staff member for Wood Badge. Most recently he was 1st Asst. Scoutmaster for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

Bill Camp — Troop Guide



Bill has been an active member of scouting for 13 years. He has been the Cubmaster of Pack 217 and currently is in a district committee position, mainly dealing with the Cub Scouts and the growth of that membership. For the past five years he has been the Program Director for the Cub Family Campouts along with another Scouter, "[his] right hand man" James Bangert. This will be their last year, and they will be moving on to bigger and better venues. Bill volunteered for Wood Badge to give a little back to a program that he thinks is a must for all adult leaders. Bill is

looking forward to being a Troop Guide for SR1074.



Brian Chassells – Troop Guide

Brian Chassells has been in scouting for most of his life. As a child, Brian went to round-ups with his dad, a professional scouter, until Brian was old enough to be in scouts himself. He is an Eagle Scout, having earned the award in 1987, while in Louisiana.

Brian has been married to his wife, Karen, for 20 years. They have one son, David, who is a Life scout. Brian is the Scoutmaster for Troop 255 in Corpus Christi. He has served in that capacity for three-and-a-half years. Prior to taking the position of Scoutmaster,

Brian served as an Asst. SM for Troop 255, as well as Committee Chairman, Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, and Den Leader for Pack 296, and Webelos Den Leader for both Pack 296 and Pack 255.

Brian recently served as Scoutmaster for Jamboree Troop 1619 while leading a group of Scouts from all over South Texas to the National Scout Jamboree in Ft. A.P. Hill, VA.

In his limited free time, Brian enjoys golfing, spending time with his family, and watching LSU Tiger football.



Carlton Dollery – Troop Guide

Carlton has been married to Debbie for 21 years, and they have three son, ages: 24, 20, and 12. Carlton was involved in Scouts as a youth where he started as a Wolf Cub and ended as a First Class Scout before joining a Military Exploring Post for two years. As an adult, Carlton has been involved in Scouting for seven years, including as Den Leader, as Cubmaster of Pack 422 for three years and currently as a Committee Member of Troop 108.

In his free time that doesn't involve Scouting, Carlton likes to fish, hunt and travel. He also enjoys attending car shows and tinkering with his car.

Glenda Griffin – Troop Guide

Glenda and her husband, Roy, live in Inez and have been married for 38 years. Glenda currently serves as a Venturing Crew Advisor for Crew 182, District Committee Member, and Venturing Training Chair for DeLeon District. She has been active in Scouting since 1986. Glenda has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, Advisor's Key, Explorer Training Award and the James E. West Fellowship. Glenda participated in Walking Wood Badge Course SC-437 at Philmont Scout Ranch, and she has served as an advisor on seven Philmont treks. She staffed as Assistant Scribe for

SR-734 in 2006 and as Scribe for SR-827 in 2007 and SR-1004 in 2009. Serving on Jamboree staff this summer was a highlight in her Scouting service. When not scouting, Glenda enjoys writing, sewing, dancing, rappelling, canoeing, backpacking, camping, traveling, gardening and bicycling.



Dennis McCrea — Troop Guide

Dennis has been happily married to Kimberly for over 25 years. He is the father of two children: Mariah, 18, and Mitchell, 16. Dennis has been in Scouting for over nine years. In his spare time, Dennis enjoys serving in his church and community, sports of all kinds, and reading of any nature. He currently serves on the Aztec District Training Committee.



Perry Winkler – Troop Guide

Perry began his scouting career as a Cub Scout in 1950 and became a Wolf, Bear and Lion. After getting his WeBeLoS patch, he joined Boy Scouts in 1954. He obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, became a Vigil member of the O.A. and earned the youth religious award at the Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. He started as an adult Scouter in Corpus Christi as Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 180 in 1962. Since then he has served as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, District Committee-Training Chairman and was Camp Ranger at Mauritz

Scout Reservation for 37 yrs. (1971-2009).

Perry has earned the Cub Scouter's Award, Scouter's Training Award, District Award of Merit, St George Award, Distinguished Commissioner Award, Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts) - with NESA Life Membership, Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science, James E. West Award, and Silver Beaver Award.

He attended Wood Badge at Philmont 407 (Zastro) in 1972 (was 'beaded' in 1974). Perry completed his Cub Scout Wood Badge Trainer's training in SR-CS-O8 (was 'beaded' in 1997). This is his second service on a Wood Badge Staff. (The first was in 2003 as Course Scribe during SR-581).

Perry is married to Grace, and they have 3 children and 10 grandkids. Grace also has 2 great-grandkids (Perry's not old enough for that).



Roy Griffin – Food Crew Presenter

Roy and his wife, Glenda, live in Inez; he is employed by Jackson Electric Cooperative in Edna. He earned the Life Rank as a youth and has worked as an adult Scouter since 1973—just after graduating from college. Roy currently serves as a Committee Chairman for Venturing Crew 182, District Committee member and Council Executive Board member. In the past, he has functioned as a Scoutmaster in Abilene, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Ballenger, an Explorer Advisor, Associate Advisor, District Committee Chairman, a Scoutmaster and Committee Member in Victoria. Roy

has trained at the Philmont Training Center several times, and first participated in a Philmont Trek in 1967 as a youth. He has received the Bronze Pelican, Cub Scouter Award, Scouters Key, Explorer Key, Training Keys for Scouting and Exploring, District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, and James E. West Fellowship. Roy participated in SC-346 and served on the staffs of SR-297, SR-416, SR-581, SR-827 and SR-1004; he served as Course Director of SR-581. Roy enjoys coin collecting, family gatherings, backpacking, camping and building construction. He extends his community service beyond Scouting as a member and past president of the Lions Club, Jackson County Industrial Foundation, and Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Lloyd Towers — Food Crew Presenter



Lloyd has been married to Kathy for 36 years. They have two daughters—Emily and Hillary—one son-Lloyd, III, also known as "Trey." Both Emily and Hillary earned the Gold Award in Girl Scouts, and Trey earned the Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts. Emily is married with 4 children. Her oldest, Andy, joined Cub Pack 15 in Arlington, Texas, this fall. Emily and her husband are both signed up as adult leaders for the pack. Hillary has a daughter and is expecting in the spring. Trey is going to graduate school in Kansas. Lloyd works as a Geologist in the oil and gas industry. Kathy is an

art teacher at Incarnate Word Academy in Corpus Christi. In his spare time, Lloyd enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, backpacking, photography and spending time with his children and grandchildren. As a youth, Lloyd earned the Arrow of Light, the God and Country Award and the Life rank. During his 22 years of Scouting, he has received the Cubmaster Award, Cub Scouter Award, Scouter Training Award, District Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship and Silver Beaver Award. Past jobs in Scouting for Lloyd include Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner and District Commissioner; he currently serves as Committee Chair for Troop 232 and Council Training Chair. After participating in SR-194, Lloyd continued working in Wood Badge by staffing on courses SR-416, SR-581, SR-632, SR-827, SR-1004 and serving as Course Director for SR-734.



K. B. Hallmark, III — Chaplain/Medic/Tech-Person/Course Photographer

K.B. has served on the staff of nine previous Wood Badge courses, including one in which he was the course director. K.B. was active in Scouting for 13 years as a youth, Cub Scouts through Explorers and has been active as an adult since 1981 for a total of 42 years. K.B. served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant Webelos Leader, Pack Committee Chairman, Post Committee Chairman, Scoutmaster and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff member in the Sam Houston Area Council. Since moving to Victoria in 1987, K.B. has served as Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, District Commissioner, Troop Committee Chairman, Troop Committee Member, Explorer Post Advisor and OA Chapter Advisor. In both councils, he served as a member of the District Committee. K.B. currently works as our Council Vice President for Risk Management. He is a Vigil Honor Member of the OA and has received the Cub Scout Training Award, Boy Scout Training Award, Commissioner Training Award and Explorer Training Award. He has received the Training Key for Scoutmaster, Roundtable Member, Distinguished Commissioner, District Committee Commissioner Award, Episcopal St. George Religious Award, Catholic Bronze Pelican Award, Scoutmaster's Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. K.B. wears the James E. West Fellowship in honor of his father. As a youth K.B. earned the Arrow of Light, and the Lifesaving Award. K.B. retired from his job as a Department of Public Safety communications supervisor in Victoria and has earned a Master's Degree in Astronomy, which he teaches at the Community College level. K.B and Janet have been married for 42 years and have a son, K.B. IV who is an Eagle Scout and a grandson, K.B. V, who is a Cub Scout Webelos. The Hallmarks have attended numerous training conferences at Philmont Scout Ranch, and K.B. has served on staff at the Philmont Training Center. As a youth, K.B. participated in a Philmont Trek in 1963.



Alex Call – Guest Presenter

Alex is a fifteen-year-old Life Scout from Troop 232 in Corpus Christi. He is the Immediate Past OA Lodge Chief of Karankawa Lodge, a two-time Summer Camp Staffer, and served as a Troop Guide for the 2010 NYLT Course (Wood Badge equivalent for Youth). When he is not at camp, he serves as one of the council webmasters for our website and Facebook Page. He is a sophomore at Flour Bluff High School, where he works on the school newspaper staff as a web editor.



