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Is Anyone Listening?

America has better means of communication than any nation on earth. We are constantly developing splendid new techniques for the dissemination of sound, pictures and print. The only problem is that on the most basic level of communication—person-to-person, live, mouth-to-ear, low-frequency conversation – we're still in the dark ages; for everyone sends well enough, but very few of us are receiving.

Last week in the elevator of my mother's apartment house, a man asked her, "How are you?"

Since Mother had just spent three hours with a tax collector, she smiled graciously and said, "Lousy, thank you."

The man returned the smile and said, "That's nice."

Mother suspected that he either had misunderstood her or was simply a sadist. However, later the same day, she passed a woman who said, "How are you?"

"Suicidally distraught," said Mother.

"Fine," said the woman. "Hope the family's well too."

This second exchange gave Mother the kind of revelation that only scientists have known when discovering great truths. Because that man and woman weren't people who would have wanted to see Mother out of the way (neither is in her will), she reached a profound conclusion: If you are well enough to be talking, people consider your condition superb, even if you colorfully describe an internal hemorrhage.

Mother's pioneering experimentation in the amenities has so inspired me that I have dedicated myself to continuing her work. Yesterday, I made real progress.

"How are you?" asked a man in front of my house.

"I'll be dead in a week." I said.

"Glad to hear it. Take care now."

There is no known way to shake the composure of the man who makes a perfunctory inquiry about your health; he loves his lines so well that the grimmest truth can't make him revise them. Never is human

You know you're a Scouter if—

You raise your hand in the scout sign at a heated business meeting.

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Today's Schedule

MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment	Dining Hall
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	
8:30	Interfaith Worship Service (Instructional)	Chapel Area or Dining Hall
9:20	Break	
9:30	Troop Meeting	Dining Hall
10:50	Break	
11:00	<i>The Leading Edge™/The Teaching Edge™</i> (Troop Presentation)	Dining Hall
11:50	Break	
Noon	Lunch	Dining Hall
AFTERNOON		LOCATION
1:00	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting Patrol Chaplain Aides Meeting	Dining Hall Dining Hall
1:30	<i>Conservation Project Planning</i> (Troop Presentation Activity)	Dining Hall
2:20	Break	
2:30	<i>October Sky</i> (Troop Activity)	Training Center
4:30	Closing Gilwell Field Assembly	Dining Hall
5:00	Patrol Meeting and Departure	

Plan your work-work your plan.

~~Lord Baden-Powell
The Wolf Cub's Handbook

BSA Founders

Robert S. S. Baden-Powell

As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for his military regiment. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a non-military nature skill book and called it *Scouting for Boys*. To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell brought Scouting to youth the world over.



Ernest Thompson Seton

Born in Scotland, Ernest Thompson Seton immigrated to America as a youth in the 1880s. His fascination with the wilderness led him to become a naturalist, an artist and an author. Through his works he influenced both youth and adults. Seton established a youth organization called the Woodcraft Indians. His background of outdoor skills and interest in youth made him a logical choice for the position of first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910. His many volumes of Scoutcraft became an integral part of Scouting, and his intelligence and enthusiasm helped turn an idea into reality.

William D. Boyce – In 1909, Chicago publisher, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and after guiding the man refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a Good Turn. This gesture by an unknown Scout inspired a meeting with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. As a result, William Boyce

incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. He also created the Lone Scouts, which merged with the Boy Scouts of America in 1924.

Bill Hillcourt

In 1936, William "Bill" Hillcourt participated in the first Wood Badge course held in the United States (which was run by the British). He earned his Wood Badge beads in 1939. Hillcourt became the Scoutmaster of the first two BSA Wood Badge courses, which were held at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1948. As National Director of Training, he was the only American ever to earn the right to wear five Wood Badge beads.



Hillcourt & Baden-Powell

Hillcourt also authored numerous Boy Scout manuals. After the abysmal failure of the *New Improved Scouting* of the 1970s, Hillcourt came out of retirement to revamp the program with a new *Boy Scout Handbook*, returning the focus of the program to the outdoors.

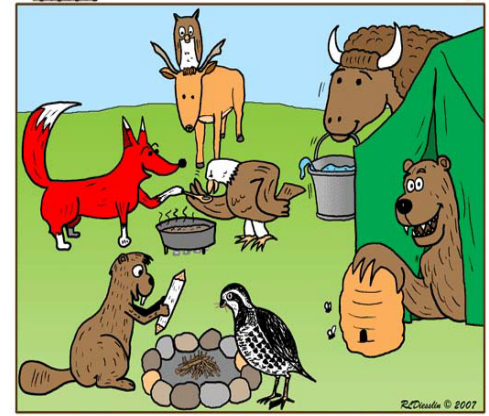
(Hillcourt information taken from *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_%22Gr een_Bar_Bill%22_Hillcourt)

James E. West – James E. West was appointed the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. Although orphaned and physically handicapped, he had the perseverance to graduate from law school and become a successful attorney. This same determination provided the impetus to help build Scouting into the largest and most effective youth organization in the world. When he retired in 1943, Dr. West was recognized throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America.



KNOTS

Wood Badge



CRITTERS TO WATCH FOR IN THE WOODS

Listening continued—

communication so defeated as when someone asks casually about your condition.

Some day, perhaps, when I'm under a bus getting the last rites, I expect such a man to throw me a breezy, "How are you?"

"As well as can be expected," I'll say.

"Good and the kids?"

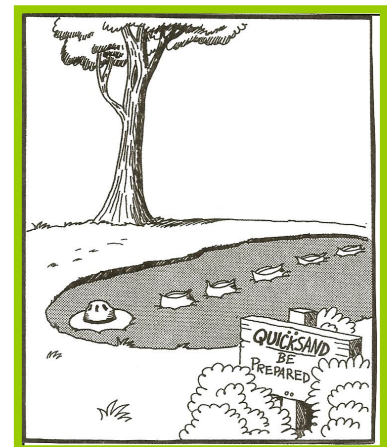
"The older one goes to the chair tomorrow. The little one was lost on a Scout hike."

"Swell. The wife okay?"

"She just ran off with the milkman."

"Glad to hear it. You'll have to bring the whole family over one night soon."

~~~Ralph Schoenstein  
*Time Lurches On*



From *The Far Side* by Gary Larson; 1982.

# CRITTER TALES



## Beaver News

The Beaver Patrol started with the Zulu Toss Game. This taught us how to work together as a team. We did a self assessment of our fears, and we were afraid we were average with the rest of the nation. Our second game of Font-End Alignment taught us that there are different leadership styles. Mark Jones came up with our patrol song and patrol yell.

The **Beaver Patrol Yell** goes like this, "We are the Beavers, and we are eager to be Super-A-chievers!"

Brian Chassells decided to attend Troop 3 meetings to see a good troop in ACTION!



## Fox News

The morning started off with much excitement when we spied that the candy fairy was on his way. He once again blessed our table with his gifts.

The Feisty Foxes excelled in the tennis ball (Zulu Toss) game this morning and quite enjoyed the challenge. Between our four foxes, we proved feisty enough to keep six balls going at once.

We appreciated the walk to the Training Center as it gave us a chance to stretch our legs. Upon entering the hallowed halls of the Training Center, the foxes were humbled and honored to get a glance at the history of Wood Badge at Camp Karankawa.

The Totems on display gave us much food for thought on developing our own totem.

We are anxiously waiting to see what the rest of the day brings. We anticipate that we will still be yipping by nightfall.



## Owl News

Owls continue to fly high. Cactus has taken the lead as our Patrol Leader today. Free Bird is the Asst. Patrol Leader. While playing the "Who Me Game," we bonded together well as a family; we learned a lot. Working on our woggles was a challenge, but we had a "hoot" of a time.

Our patrol has the honor of being in charge of service. We placed our mark. We continue to learn more about ourselves, our abilities and the scouting family. Owls give a Hoot. Who are we? Owls, Owls Rule!!!



## Bear News

**Bear Yell...** Be Eager And Resourceful!!! BEARS, BEARS, BEARS!!! GROOOOWWWLLLLLLLL!!!!!!

**Bear Song...** There's a Bear, There's a Bear. Over there, so beware! The Bears are coming!!! You should be running!!!! And not just sitting in your CHAIR!!!! GGRRRRROOOOWWWLLLLLLLL!!!!!!

Saturday "Da" Bears kicked off the morning leading the way with the first patrol yell and a precious piece of patrol prose. "Da" Bears bearily made it to the Training Center due to the weight of all the tokens (the little dangly things hanging off the flag) on their flag. "Da" bears were a-mazed that they didn't set off any bear traps in the maze. "Da" bears soared through the rocket competition bearing it all. "Da" bears have gone from four individuals to a well-oiled machine in less than 24 hours and are charting their bearings toward the completion of their tickets.

Signed: Brother Billy Bear





## Buffalo News

The buffalo herd began its day with an absolutely great breakfast from our wonderful food crew! At flag ceremony we heard Today's Motto: "The only stranger that you meet is the one you refuse to meet." Our fantastic Troop Guide showed us how to use the new propane stove.

The buffalo herd then grazed over to the Training Center to learn more instructions about diversity. Lunch was delightful sandwiches. Papadilla told us to eat or it would be supper. The herd worked on the song, yell, and other patrol business. We communicated, and then moved to demonstration of a rocket ship, demonstrating the S.M.A.R.T. method.



## Antelope News

**Antelope Yell** ... Camp K Where the Antelope play...  
Catch us if you can!!!

Answers to yesterday's "Who are we?"

1. James Rangel
2. Rhonda Camp
3. Bo Lankford
4. Chalan Derry

We would like to share our song of the day with you:

### **Ain't Gonna Rain No More**

Skeeter he fly high; Skeeter he fly low; if that skeeter lands on me, he ain't gonna fly no mo!

*Chorus:*

*It ain't gonna rain no more, no more; It ain't gonna rain no more; how in the heck can I wash my neck, if it ain't gonna rain no more?*

Frog sittin' on a lily pad; lookin' in the sky; lily pad broke, frog fell in, got water in his eye! (*Chorus*)

Rick girl uses cold cream; poor girl uses lard; my girl uses axel grease and rubs it twice as hard! (*Chorus*)

Peanut sittin' on a railroad track; heart was all a'flutter; along the track came the 5:15, choo choo peanut butter! (*Chorus*)

Rich man drives a Cadillac; poor man drives a Ford; my dad drives an ol' grey mule, and beats it with a board! (*Chorus*)



## Staff News

By Walter Campright, WBI (Wood Badge International)  
(Dateline: Camp Karankawa, Texas)

Donnie Tegeler, Senior Patrol Leader for Wood Badge course #SR-1074, is daily becoming more and more excited by the enthusiasm and energy being demonstrated by the students of this Wood Badge course. "Yeah, I am so encouraged by the effort being experienced by the students and yeah, all the effort we put in to prepare was well worth all that I seeing so far!"

Gary Ford, Quartermaster for the same course, couldn't agree more. "The enthusiasm I am seeing is both heartwarming and even infectious. There are members who are serving on this staff who have been preparing for months, even a year or more and when one sees so many adult leaders realizing their true potential as leaders in Scouting, well it makes all of the preparation and even sacrificing well worth it."

But probably the most revealing statement was shared by Evelyn Williams, Course Scoutmaster/Course Director. Late last night she received word that there was the possibility that a planned presenter for one of today's training modules might not be able to make it to the course today, due to circumstances beyond his control. She approached Lloyd Towers, course Dishwasher, about the possibility of his filling in and doing this presentation at such late notice. She reports that "Lloyd, without hesitating, said 'yes' to the invitation to teach the module." Evelyn continued by saying that "this is what makes the Wood Badge experience so fulfilling, that I have such a supportive staff whose only desire is to help make the course successful! And, I have an entire staff whose demeanor is such as Lloyd's. I simply want to say 'Thank you' to all of the staff for all of their combined support."

Speaking of enthusiasm, the staff rocket shot skyward at yesterday's competition amid flames and clouds of smoke. It was fairly obvious that the Armadillo staff had exceeded basic rocket design with its attempt of carrying out the theme of "A burning ring of fire." Roy Griffin, contest judge, stated, "The flaming rocket went far past all expectations of its performance in the achievement of engaging the audience."



"Ring of Fire"



Hard at work?

OR . . .

caught in the kitchen without proper head gear  
. . . again?

You decide!!!



### Flag-Raising Ceremony





## King Ranch Chicken

### Ingredients:

- 1 whole Chicken, boiled, deboned, and chopped
- 1 pkg. Corn Tortillas, cut into quarters
- 1 can Rotel® Tomatoes
- 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup
- 2 c. Chicken Broth (can use chicken boiling water, plus one bouillon cube)
- 3 c. shredded Cheddar Cheese

1. Mix Rotel®, soups, and broth in a bowl.
2. In an oiled 13x9" pan, place a layer of quartered corn tortillas.
3. Pour 1/3 of soup mixture over tortillas.
4. Sprinkle 1/3 of chopped chicken and 1 cup of cheese over the soup mixture.
5. Put another layer of tortillas and repeat with soup, chicken, and cheese mixture two more times for a total of three layers, being sure to end with cheese.
6. Bake at 350°F for about 30 minutes.

## Fire Crackers

### Ingredients:

- 4 tubes (1 box) Saltine crackers
- 1 pkg. Ranch Dressing dry mix
- 1½ c. Canola Oil
- 2 Tbls. Red Pepper Flakes (adjust according to taste)

1. In a large container with a lid or a 2½ gallon (jumbo) zip bag, pour oil, dressing mix and pepper flakes.
2. Mix well.
3. Drop crackers into bag.
4. Allow to soak with mixture, flipping bag about every 15 minutes for about an hour (can be longer).
5. Layer soaked crackers onto a sheet pan and bake at 350°F for about 15 minutes, watching carefully so they don't brown too much.
6. Store in an airtight container.



## Wood Badge Game Show!



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