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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

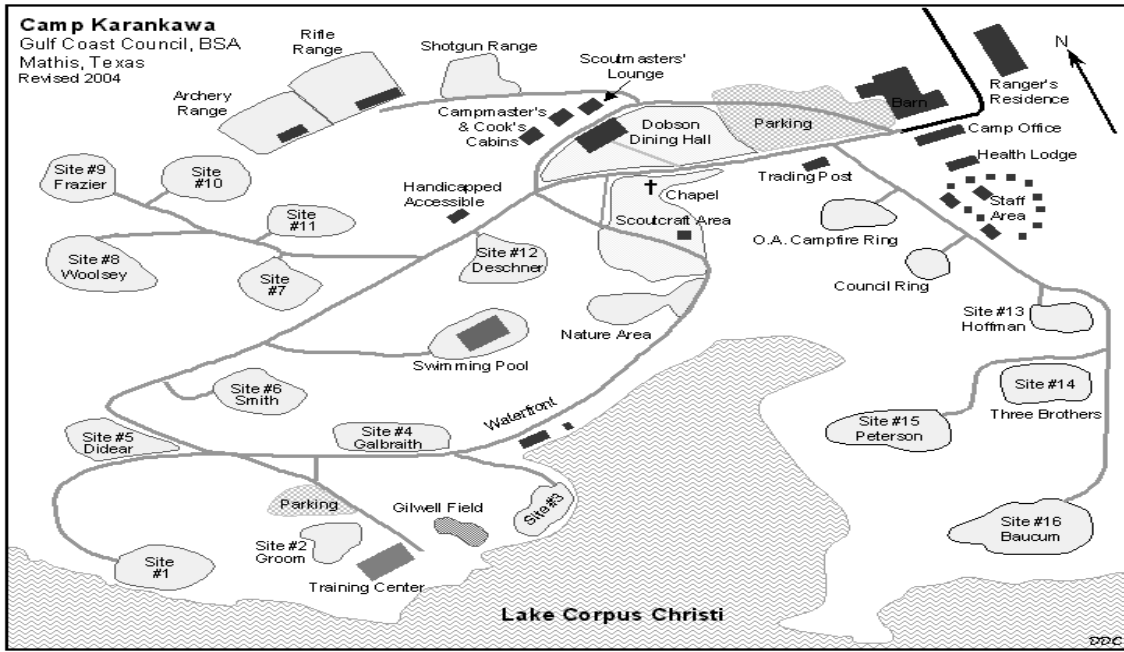
Living out in God's open air, among the hills and the trees, and the birds and the beasts, and the sea and the rivers -that is living with nature, having your own little canvas home, its gadgets, doing your own cooking and exploration - all this brings health and happiness such as you can never get among the bricks and smoke of the town.
~Lord Baden-Powell



Today's Schedule

MORNING		LOCATION
7:00	Participants Arrive	Training Center
7:45	Gilwell Field Assembly/ Venturing Crew Introduction	Training Center
8:15	Course Pictures	
8:45	Travel to Overnight	
9:00	Outdoor Experience Assembly, Leave No Trace Model Campsite, and Patrol Camp Setup	Campsite #12
10:30	Leading Change (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
11:20	Break	
11:30	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	Training Center
Noon	Lunch	
AFTERNOON AND EVENING		LOCATION
1:00	Generations in Scouting (Troop Presentation)	
2:00	Break	

2:15	Problem Solving and Decision Making (Troop Presentation)	Training Center
2:45	Problem Solving Round-Robin (Patrol & Troop Activity)	
4:00	Managing Conflict (Patrol Presentation)	Patrol areas
5:00	Patrol Meeting	
5:50	Retrieve Colors	
6:00	Dinner	
7:00	The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)	Patrol areas
8:30	Participant Campfire (Patrol Program)	Helicopter Pad Caliche Pit
9:30	Patrol Cracker Barrel	



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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.

Sudoku solution

(from GilGaz Day 2)

Numbrix: 09/22/10 Solution (from GilGaz Day 2)

7	6	21	22	23	24	25	30	31
8	5	20	19	18	17	26	29	32
9	4	3	2	1	16	27	28	33
10	11	12	13	14	15	36	35	34
53	52	51	50	45	44	37	38	39
54	55	56	49	46	43	42	41	40
59	58	57	48	47	72	73	78	79
60	63	64	67	68	71	74	77	80
61	62	65	66	69	70	75	76	81

4	3	7	5	8	6	9	2	1
8	5	2	7	1	9	4	6	3
9	1	6	3	4	2	8	7	5
5	6	9	4	7	8	3	1	2
3	7	4	2	9	1	5	8	6
2	8	1	6	5	3	7	4	9
1	4	5	9	2	7	6	3	8
7	2	3	8	6	5	1	9	4
6	9	8	1	3	4	2	5	7

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,

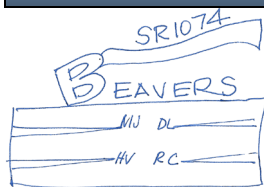
and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership."

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



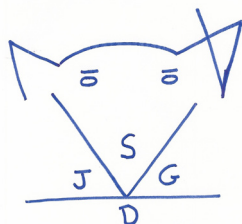
Beaver News

When we last visited the busy Beaver Patrol on day 3 of Wood Badge (just the name sounds delicious :) = , the Beavers (Randy Crone, David Lopez, Hilda Vela, and Mark Jones) had been working on their team building skills & challenging leadership exercises. We had wowed the crowd Saturday night with our singing of our patrol song, complete with guitar accompaniment (no . . . *America's Got Talent* hasn't

called), and by the end of the day on Sunday we were ready to get home.

During the break between sessions the busy Beaver Patrol has been doing lots of storming, forming, norming, and about to do some top notch (that's beaver lingo you know) "Performing". We've been busy Beavers working on our patrol project, and anxious to sink our teeth into Session #2. (Beaver lingo again :) = Looking forward to seeing everyone again at Wood Badge Troop 1 and SR1074.

Fox Den News



Here we are on our last day of the first session of Wood Badge, and we already planning and looking ahead to the next.

We have finally locked down our

Fox Yell: Feisty! Bandits!
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Yip, Yip, Yip
Foxy

Our Fox Patrol Leader would like to give the Kitchen Staff a warm "Thank You" for introducing him to King Ranch Chicken. It will become a welcome addition to his usual kibble.

A big "yip, yip" for another successful weekend.

Hello to all our fellow Woodbadgers, we are looking forward to seeing you all once again.

The Foxes are planning on meeting twice during our break before next Wood Badge. We will be planning and working on our project and gathering our wits back together for Wood Badge round two.

We are disappointed that we did not get to perform our yell and song for you and are looking forward to getting it done in the next round.

During our break we have learned of some other Foxes in the area, and their willingness to help is amazing. It is true that packs stick together, and we are thankful.

Until next time . . . adieu.

Gilwell's Guardians, the Owls



The Owls' day began with another stirring opening ceremony, and more inspiring words from the Scoutmaster.

This was immediately followed by some trickery performed by the Feisty Foxes. Now, the Owls already knew to be wary of the Feisty Foxes, after the questionable scoring in the

games. However, nothing we knew about those Feisty Foxes prepared us for what was to come next while the beads indicating the Program Patrol were clearly given to the Foxes, openly and before the entire trip, though some clever deals conducted behind closed doors and in secret, those Feisty Foxes managed to convince our Senior Patrol Leader to assign the beads to the Owls.

We were preparing for our day in the dining hall, when we heard the dull thud of the beads dropped on our table by a Feisty Fox. Before we could even raise an objection, why, those Feisty Foxes had scurried away, and there was the Senior Patrol leader confirming what we feared the most.

Well, the Owls were up to the challenge. Our Patrol Leader, Freebird (Lee) organized the patrol and planned a crisp, impressive ceremony. There is no challenge, no matter how great or how unexpected, that is any match for Gilwell's Guardians, the Hootin' Tootin' Owls!

Through the guidance of our Troop Guide, Dennis McCrea, we learned more than just the basics of the Wood Badge program. We were reintroduced to the fundamentals of the Scout Law – to reverence through Cactus' prayers; to being helpful breaking down our camp; to the cheerfulness of the comradeship of the Owls!

Go Owls! ¡Que riven los tecos del sur!

Bear News



The Bear Patrol had a beary busy day raising flags, playing games, and pitching tents. Bears, being a highly mischievous bunch, left their tracks on the Armadillo board. Armadillos, a moody pouting creature, highly objected. To be continued next month . . .

Da Bear Poem
By Jay Bear

No compunction,
Just Reaction,
No Regrets,
No Retraction.

One with my Bears
Each by my side,
Showing the way
Carlton our Guide.

Purpose of game
In Scouting we bind.
Search the "True Way"
And the way you shall find.

Buffalo News



The buffalos were herded together by our Patrol Leader, Larry Thompson, early Sunday morning to finalize our patrol yell and song and the final versions are as follows:

Yell: When you are on the range with your brotherhood, who you gonna call "BUFFALOS"

Song: Sung to the tune of "The Beverly Hillbillies"

You can't roller skate in a Buffalo herd
You can't roller skate in a Buffalo herd
Oh you can't roller skate in a Buffalo herd
You make your ticket if you have a mind
Do Wacka, Do Licka Buffalo Do.

Following this mind drain, the Buffalos stampeded over to the inspiring interfaith worship service and then proceeded to win first place in the tent set up and the Kim game by identifying 25 objects (the 25th was the blanket the items were placed on). We then wandered over to the dining hall to learn about forming, storming, norming and performing and how to apply EDGE principles. Since Buffalos must graze to keep their energy sufficient to avoid being part of the food chain, we were sent to the pasture to enjoy a different diet of chicken and tuna salad, not as good as alfalfa, but it proved to be quite sufficient. The afternoon was spent in conservation project planning followed by an enjoyable movie, October Sky. Escaping the bonds of the corral, the Buffalos returned to the safety of their favorite pasture, promising to gather once again in several weeks. We all left remembering the wise thought of the day given by our Scoutmaster, Evelyn Williams... "Our world is shaped tomorrow, by what we teach today." Happy grazing, Buffalo Art

Antelope News



Accomplishments

- Created our totem
- Decorated the Troop Service Shovel
- We all seem to be bonding well
- Woggles are complete
- Rocket flew to the moon and asked for "Re-entry"
- We have had a great time with our games over the last few days
 - Project has been written and approved

YELL: Camp K – where the Antelope play;
Catch us if you can!

SONG:

A is for Affable
 N is for we're Not the other guys, and we're OKAY
 T is for Tasteful
 E is for Energetic
 L is for Lovable
 O is for Outstanding
 P is for Prancy
 E is for Excellent

What does that spell? Antelope! Antelope! Antelope!
 Thanks to the Bears for their assistance in the Flag Ceremony

Staff News

The NYLT Youth Staff cleaned and set up the Training Center for our use and also cleaned Campsite 2 for our future activities. Thank you NYLT Youth!!! {{{BIG HUGS}}} Cleaning efforts were continued when staff arrived by Perry cleaning the fans.

The Armadillo Patrol feasted on Potato Soup and Shrimp/Sausage Gumbo. The Armadillo Patrol then practiced their Patrol Song and Yell. Plans were made to meet Patrols and lead to their campsites to begin the second weekend of Wood Badge. Let's light the fire and show that Patrol spirit!



Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of the World Scout Movement, Chief Scout of the World

The portrait of Baden-Powell 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.

The Motto

The Motto 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.
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