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# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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## Today's Schedule

MORNING	
7:30	Check-in
8:30	Team Formation, Gathering Activities, Orientation, & Staff Exhibit
9:30	Gilwell Field Assembly
9:45	Break
10:00	Course Overview
10:30	<i>Listening to Learn</i> (Patrol Presentation)
11:20	Break
11:30	Blue & Gold Banquet—Opening Luncheon
AFTERNOON AND EVENING	
12:45	Break
1:00	Troop Meeting
2:50	Break
3:00	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
4:00	<i>Values, Mission, and Vision</i> (Troop Presentation)
5:00	Patrol Meeting
6:00	Dinner
7:00	Who Me Game (Patrol Activity)
8:00	Instructional Campfire
9:00	Cracker Barrel

## A Message from your Scoutmaster

Welcome to Wood Badge Course SR-827! Your staff has spent a lot of time and effort preparing this course for you.

By being here, you have shown your dedication to learning and growing in Scouting. SR-827 is designed for you, and its content provides a great challenge for all participants!

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

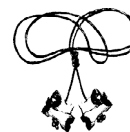
Scouting has been called a "game with a purpose". SR-827 also has a purpose. Play this "game with a purpose," and "be prepared" to take what you learn back to your units.

Your staff is knowledgeable and ready to assist you with any help that you may desire. Please call on us at any time.

Thank you for being here!

Yours in Scouting,

Janet Hallmark  
SR-827 Scoutmaster



## 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.

**"The boy is not governed by  
don't, but is led by do."**

--Robert Baden-Powell 1857-1941

# Troop One 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 Assistant Scoutmaster 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 7 p.m. each evening to be published the next day. The newsletter's content and success depend on each Patrol's daily contribution.

## Suggestions for Patrol Articles

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

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

- A brief biographical introduction of each Patrol member
- What your Patrol has accomplished.
- 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 your Patrol mailbox by 7 p.m. each day.

5. Please place a copy of your approved Patrol totem in your Patrol mailbox for the Scribes.

## 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 are the following words: charm, coat of arms, crest, emblem, ensign, hallmark, insignia, logo, mark, mascot, seal, sign, symbol, talisman, token, trademark.

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 may 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

Weather Prognostication: The weather today is forming.

## MEET YOUR STAFF



### **Janet Hallmark—Course Director/Scoutmaster**

Janet teaches at Bloomington ISD and lives in Nursery. She is married to K.B. Hallmark, and their son, K.B., IV, is an Eagle Scout, and their grandson, K.B., V, is a Cub Scout Wolf. Janet currently serves as a District Committee Member. She has received the James E. West Fellowship, Silver Beaver, Scouter's Key, Scouter's Training Award, Episcopal St. George Award, District Award of Merit and is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. Janet participated in SC-317, and she has served on four Wood Badge Courses: SR-416, SR-581, SR-632, and SR-734. For relaxation, she enjoys quilting, gardening, and camping.

### **Ronnie Williams—Assistant Scoutmaster**

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 Scoutmaster and District Committee Member. In the past, he has served as Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, Pack Committee Member, OA Chapter Advisor, District Commissioner 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, 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, and SR-734. 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."



**Dan Lindley—Assistant Scoutmaster**

Dan, a self-employed rancher, and his wife, Charlet, live in Portland and have a son, Sean, who is an Eagle Scout. Dan serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 20. During his 15 years of Scouting, Dan has also served as a Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster. He has earned the Webelos Leader Award, District Award of Merit, and James E. West Fellowship. Dan participated in SR-13 and has served on staff for courses SR-581, SR-632 and SR-734. While not working or Scouting, Dan spends his time with various outside activities and community volunteerism.



**K. B. Hallmark, III—Senior Patrol Leader**

K.B. has served on the staff of seven 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 38 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 Training Chair. 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 Commissioner, District Committee Member, Distinguished 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 Masters Degree in astronomy, which he teaches at the Community College level. K.B. and Janet have been married for 39 years and have a son, K.B. IV who is an Eagle Scout and a grandson, K.B., V, who is a Cub Scout Wolf. 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.

**Evelyn Williams—Assistant Senior Patrol Leader**

Evelyn has been married to Ronnie for 42 years, and they live in Lolita. Their sons, Wesley and Buck, are both Eagle Scouts. As a retired teacher, Evelyn enjoys spending time with her grand-daughters and great-grandsons. She also takes pleasure from swimming, walking, church activities, family gatherings and going on cruises. Evelyn currently serves as the Indianola District Training Chair, Cubmaster for Pack 105, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 105 and Council Day Camp Coordinator. She has worked on two National Jamboree Staffs—one in 2001 and the other in 2005. Also, Evelyn worked as a Den Leader, Troop Committee Member, Scoutmaster and Day Camp Director. Evelyn participated in Cub Trainer Wood Badge SCR-58 in Viola, Arkansas and in Walking Wood Badge SR-18 at Philmont. She has staffed three previous courses; SR-581, SR-632, and SR-734. Evelyn has trained at the Philmont Training Center six times and has served as an advisor on four Philmont Treks. As a Scouter of 32 years, Evelyn has earned the Den Leader Award, Tiger Leader Award, District Award of Merit, James E. West Fellowship, Scouter Training Award, Silver Beaver Award, Cross and Flame Religious Award, Scouter's Key, Commissioner's Key and Den Leader Coach Award.



**Tracy Williams—Quartermaster**

Tracy teaches at George West ISD. She has worked in Scouting for 10 years, and her son, Joshua, is an Eagle Scout. Tracy, a Vigil member of the O.A., serves as the Advisor for Venturing Crew 39 and as Round Table Commissioner. 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. Tracy participated in SR-416 and served on staff as a Troop Guide for courses SR-632 and SR-734. Tracy works with her church youth group and also enjoys Native American dancing, sewing, beadwork and reading.

**Dennis R. McCannon—Assistant Quartermaster**



Dennis and his wife, Pam, have been married 39 years. They have three children: Kevin and Daryl, both Eagle Scouts and Vigil members in the O.A.; and daughter, Lori. Dennis and Pam also have ten grandchildren, four boys and six girls. Dennis retired from the Xerox Corporation, where he worked for 34 years. Dennis, who was in Scouting for 10 years as a youth, has served 31 years as an adult Scouter. During his youth years, because his dad was in the Air Force and moved around a lot, Dennis finally attained the rank of Star. His past Scouting positions include Scoutmaster, O.A. Lodge Advisor and executive board member. Dennis, a Vigil member in the O.A., has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award, Scoutmaster Knot, James E. West Fellowship, Scouter's Key, Scoutmaster Training Award and Founders' Award. He has also completed the National Leaders Advisor Training Course. Dennis participated in Wood Badge course SC-266 and has served on the staff of courses SC-392, SC-434, SR-82, SR-194, SR-297, SR-416 and SR-734. He currently officiates as Scoutmaster for Troop 220.

**Glenda Griffin—Scribe**



Glenda and her husband, Roy, live in Inez and have been married for 35 years. Glenda currently serves as Venturing Crew Advisor for Crew 182, District Committee Member, and Venturing Commissioner 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, and she has served as an advisor on six Philmont treks. She staffed as Assistant Scribe for SR-734 in 2006. When not scouting, Glenda enjoys writing, sewing, rappelling, canoeing, backpacking, camping, traveling, gardening and bicycling.

**Charlet Lindley—Troop Guide**



Charlet teaches Chemistry for Corpus Christi ISD. She and her husband, Dan, live in Portland and have a son, Sean, who is an Eagle Scout. Charlet has been involved in Scouting for over 18 years. She serves as a Committee Member for Troop 20 and as Committee Chair for Pack 20. Charlet participated in SR-82 and served on staff as a Troop Guide during SR-632 and as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader during SR-734. She has served the scouting community on many levels, working a number of district and council events. Outside of scouting, Charlet enjoys science, education and cool experiments.

**Ron Molina—Troop Guide**



Ron currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 361 and as Webelos Leader for Pack 392. As a youth, he was in Scouts for five years and attained the First Class rank. He joined the Scouting movement as an adult two years ago and has received the Spirit of LaSalle Award from the Indianola District. Ron first experienced Wood Badge as a participant in our council's last course, SR-734, and is serving as a staff member for the first time in the current course. Besides Scouting, he coaches youth athletics and is skilled with firearms and archery. Ron also enthusiastically plays golf. He has worked as a police officer, narcotics investigator and swat team leader; currently, Ron is a technician analyst in the private sector.



**Gary Ford—Troop Guide**

Gary currently serves as Cubmaster for Pack 62 and as an active DeLeon District Committee Member. He has been in Scouting for four years and has worked in as Assistant Cubmaster and as Pack treasurer. Gary participated in SR-734 here in the South Texas Council and has also completed Baloo, Webelo Outdoor Leader Training and the Trainer Development course. Our current course provides Gary with his first opportunity to serve on a Wood Badge staff. His favorite pass times include gardening, many outdoor activities and his grandson.



**Roy Griffin—Troop Guide**

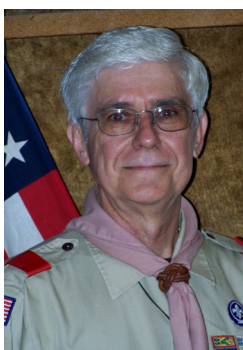
Roy and his wife, Glenda, live in Inez; he is employed by Jackson Electric Cooperative in Edna. He earned the Life Rank as a youth and has worked as an adult Scouter since 1973—just after graduating from college. Roy currently serves as Scoutmaster for Troop 101, Committee Chairman for Venturing Crew 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 and Committee Member in Victoria. Roy has trained at the Philmont Training Center several times, has advised seven Philmont Treks and was also honored to take 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 and SR-581; he served as Course Director of SR-581. Roy enjoys coin and stamp 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.

**Meredith Jordan—Troop Guide**

Meredith has been in scouting for 16 years. He has served as the Venado District Commissioner for the last three years and has held the position of District Training Chairman. He has worked as a troop committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, and Scoutmaster of Troops 144 and 168 in Corpus Christi. He has earned the Scouter’s Key Award and Extra Miler Award, twice. Meredith has attended national jamborees and in 1997 was the Assistant Range Manager for trap shoot. In 2001 he was the second Assistant Scoutmaster at Fort AP Hill, Va. He also attended his first NOAC convention in 2002 and attended NOAC again in 2004. He has served on several Cub Adventure weekends, seven winter camps at Camp Karankawa as a staff member and merit badge counselor. Meredith served on the Trainer Development Conference in 2003. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. Meredith completed his Wood Badge training in SR-297 and has served on two previous Wood Badge Staffs. Meredith’s children are Tiffany, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and James, a Life Scout, who is a United States Marine. Meredith is a cancer survivor, and gives all the glory to God. “Always Allow The Lord To Bless You.”

**Sara Lou Wilkerson—Troop Guide**

Sara Lou works for Corpus Christi ISD as a Counselor. She has one son, Gordon, who is an Eagle Scout. Sara Lou has been married to Steve for five years. She serves Scouting, an Associate Advisor for Venturing Crew 232 and has also worked as a Committee Member. Sara Lou has earned awards for her service as a Cub Leader, Webelos Leader, Boy Scout Leader and Venturing Leader. She completed Powderhorn Training in fall of 2004 and went through Wood Badge as a participant in SR-416. Sara Lou served on the SR-734 Staff in 2006. In spare time, Sara Lou enjoys working on crafts, walking, hiking, camping (in her trailer) and cooking and baking.



**Lloyd W. Towers—Mentor**

Lloyd has been married to Kathy for 32 years. They have two daughters—Emily and Hillery—one son—Lloyd, III, also known as “Trey.” Both Emily and Hillery earned the Gold Award in Girl Scouts and Trey earned the Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts. Lloyd works as an independent Geologist in the oil and gas industry. 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 19 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. After participating in SR-194, Lloyd continued working in Wood Badge by staffing on courses SR-416, SR-581, SR-632 and serving as Course Director for SR-734.

**David G. Longnecker—Course Professional**

David began Scouting as a youth in Erie, Pennsylvania, where he attained the First Class rank. As an adult, he spent eight years in the Air Force—then worked 20 years with Western Air and another seven years with Delta Airlines. He retired from the airlines in 1994. David and his wife, Elvia, have three children, David, Robert and Michelle—all in college. David also has four children from a previous marriage; Judith, Carolyn and Gerry, who live in California, and B.J., who lives in New York. David is also the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren. He participated in Wood Badge Course SR-581 and has served on staff for courses SR-632 and SR-734. Since 1991, David has worked as a Webelos Leader, Unit Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner with the Gulf Breeze District, and he is a Brotherhood member of Order of the Arrow. Currently, David is employed as a paraprofessional with the South Texas Council and is the District Manager for the Tancahua District. David enjoys camping, golfing and boating.

