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The Wood Badge Beads of Dinizulu

Early in the history of the Scout Movement, the founder, Robert Baden-Powell, ran the first residential adult leader training course for Scouters. At the completion of the course, the participants asked him if he could give them some token to indicate that they had been trained. He had not given this any thought, but on receiving the request he improvised by taking two little beads from a string of such beads he had; he threaded them on a bootlace, and hung them around the neck of each Scouter.

Ever since, each Scouter who has successfully completed the advanced training course receives two similar beads on a leather thong. Known as the Wood Badge beads, they are proudly worn by Scouters to indicate that they are continuing in a tradition handed down from Baden-Powell.

The conferring of wooden beads as a sign of recognition, however, is an old Zulu tradition. We read of them first in the story of Charles Rawden Maclean, also known as John Ross, shipwrecked off the Zululand coast in 1825. He was one of the first white persons to meet the great Zulu king Shaka. In his description of the Festival of the First Fruits, he wrote, "They now commenced ornamenting and decorating their persons with beads and brass ornaments. The most curious part of these decorations consisted of several rows of small pieces of wood... strung together and made into necklaces and bracelets. ... On enquiry we found that the Zulu warriors set great value on these apparently useless trifles, and that they were orders of merit conferred by Shaka. Each row was the distinguishing mark of some great heroic deed, and the wearer had received them from Shaka's own hand. Later, when Maclean met the royal party, he observed that Dingane, Shaka's half-brother, was "dressed in the same manner as the king, but without so large a display of beads."



Robert Baden-Powell came across these beads 63 years later in 1888, when the British had defeated the Zulu nation at war and annexed

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Today's Schedule

MORNING	
7:00	Gilwell Field Assembly
7:30	Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment
8:30	Troop Meeting <i>Front-End Alignment Game</i>
10:15	Break
10:30	<i>Inclusiveness</i> (Troop Presentation)
11:00	<i>Stages of Team Development</i> (Troop Presentation)
11:50	Break
Noon	Lunch
AFTERNOON AND EVENING	
1:00	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting Patrol Chaplain Aides Meeting
1:30	<i>Communication</i> (Patrol Presentation)
2:20	Break
2:30	Project Planning (Troop Presentation)
3:20	Break
3:30	<i>Inter-patrol Rocket Competition</i> (Patrol and Troop Activity)
4:50	Break
5:00	Patrol Meeting
6:00	Dinner
7:00	<i>Wood Badge Game Show</i> (Troop Activity)
7:50	Break
8:00	<i>Win All You Can Game</i> (Troop Activity)
8:50	Break
9:00	Cracker Barrel



Dinizulu's Beads

Zululand as a part of the British colonies. Dinizulu, the grand-nephew of Shaka, refused to accept the annexation and led the uSuthu tribe of the Zulus in rebellion.

B-P later wrote about the campaign to subdue and capture Dinizulu, "Eventually Dinizulu took refuge in his stronghold. I had been sent forward on a Scouting expedition into his stronghold. He nipped out as we got in. In his haste he left his necklace behind - a very long chain of little wooden beads. These beads now form the Wood Badge which Scouters win who go through the Training Course at Gilwell."

There can be no doubt that the beads of Dinizulu were identical to those beads that Maclean saw Shaka wearing. It is quite extraordinary that Baden-Powell should have chosen those beads as an award, to be "conferred by his own hand," without knowing that Shaka had used them in the same way.

Today thousands of Zulu boys are Scouts. In 1987, Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi of KwaZulu was the guest of honor at a huge Scout rally. Chief Buthelezi's mother-in-law, Princess Mahoho, was a daughter of Dinizulu. At the rally, the Chief Scout of South Africa, Garnet de la Hunt, took from around his neck a thong on which four Wood Badge beads were hung, and handed it to Chief Buthelezi, in a symbolic act of returning the beads to their rightful heir.

(Source: <http://www.scouting.org.za/seeds/woodbadge.html>)

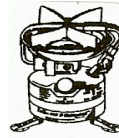
Weather Prognostication

Today, the weather is probably storming.

How to Use Lightweight Stoves

A camp stove gives you a fast, easy way to do your cooking. It produces heat just right for warming a small cup of soup or cooking a big pot of pasta. A stove won't blacken rocks and cooking gear or scorch the soil. With a stove, you can camp where there is no firewood or where camp fires are not allowed. Stoves work equally well in deserts, high mountains and deep forests, and are ideal for use in storms and on snow.

Many camping stoves burn commercial stove fuel or kerosene. Store these fuels in special metal on tightly. Choose bright with colorful tape so there them for water bottles. burn gas from small cans cartridges and fuel bottles your pack where gas fumes can't get near your food.



bottles with lids that screw red bottles or mark them is no chance of mistaking Butane and propane stoves called *cartridges*. Carry in the outside pockets of

When you are ready to cook, place your stove on a level surface free of leaves, sticks and other burnable materials. A patch of bare ground or a flat rock is all you need. During winter campouts, put your stove on a piece of plywood about eight inches square. The plywood will hold your stove on top of the snow or ground and prevent the cold from chilling the stove. Different kinds of stoves burn different fuels and operate in different ways. Read your stove's instructions carefully and follow them exactly.

Bear Abby's Advice Column

Bear Abby,
I'm sleeping in a dormitory for a Boy Scout training weekend. I am enjoying myself, but there are a lot of snorers in the dormitory, and I'm loosing a lot of sleep. I want to tell them to stifle it; however, that isn't very Scout-like. What should I do?
Sleepless in Camp Zephyr

Dear Sleepless,
Earplugs might work, or you could just bear with it.

Bear Abby,
How do you get rid of pesky raccoons? They seem to be everywhere and are sticking their noses into everything. Plus, they're eating everything in sight. What can I do?

At my wit's end on Lake Corpus Christi

Dear Wits,
Raccoons do provide a great challenge! But it looks like you will just have to bear with them.

Troop 1 Expands

Cub Scouts from Gilwell Pack 1 crossed the bridge into Boy Scouting yesterday at the Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet.

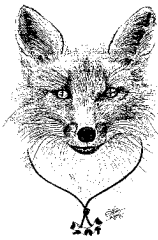
The eager new Scouts quickly formed into patrols with experienced Troop Guides to help them along the Scouting Trail.

Troop 1 now consists of new **Beaver, Bobwhite, Bear, etc.** Patrols, who are embracing the wonderful Wood Badge experience.

Raccoon—Facts

1. The name "raccoon" is derived from the Algonquin Indians and translates to "he scratches with his hands."
2. Raccoons have a highly developed sense of touch.
3. Raccoons are considered to be superior to other non-primate mammals.
4. Raccoons can easily unlock doors and get into trash cans and other mischief.
5. Raccoons are excellent climbers and are one of the few mammals that can descend vertical tree trunks head first.

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