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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

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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.

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Weather Prognostication

The weather today is fairly normal.

Plan your work-work your plan.

~Lord Baden-Powell The Wolf Cub's Handbook

Founders continued—

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.

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 also authored numerous

Boy Hillcourt & Baden-Powell 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,

(Hillcourt information taken from Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_%22Green B ar Bill%22 Hillcourt)

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to— Be clean in my outdoor manners, Be careful with fire. Be considerate in the outdoors, and Be conservation-minded.

returning the focus of the program to the outdoors.

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.

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.

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?"

Today's Schedule

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

Teamwork—The power of the combined efforts of individuals working together.

"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

PATROL NEWS



Bobwhite News

Our Patrol was in charge of Program for today. The Program had to be adjusted to Plan B because of rain.

Patrol Leader, David Durden, carried the U.S. flag. Chaplain Aide, Toni Lee, requested everybody to sing the Edelweiss Grace.

Our Patrol Leader found a "secret" place for our Patrol, which was invaded by another Patrol. Thereafter they started using it.

We learned to use lightweight stoves and played an outside game, tossing beads into a can. The Patrol completed the "Scout History Word Search Puzzle" during breaks—finished by 10 a.m.



Eagle News

This patrol member has brought his enthusiasm, creativity and skill as a Boy Scout to our patrol. He quickly made note of the number of tasks that needed to be completed, prioritized and encouraged our patrol to begin processing methods to accomplish these tasks in a timely basis. The END result— FUN—while learning.

He is the middle child of three siblings, played the French horn in his high school band in Lake Jackson. He is an accomplished Eagle Scout, now practicing as a successful eye surgeon. He is the father of five children and proud to be the husband of Debbie for the past 18 years.

We, the Eagle Patrol, are proud to recognize George Boozalis as our 2007 Wood Badge Team Development Award recipient. A special thanks to his son, Theodore, for giving his Dad another opportunity to experience Boy Scouting through his eyes.

Stay tuned for tomorrow's "Screamin' Eagle Report".



Artic Fox News

Day Two

NEWSFLASH! Kurt Adams was sworn in as new patrol leader!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Decided on a patrol yell: "Yip, Yip, Yip, Grrr" and name-added "Artic" Fox Patrol. We worked on a song and decided on a patrol motto: "No Faux Paws"

We traded notes with our Troop Guide, Charlet Lindley (the best one in camp) on the use of camping stoves and renewed friendship with Mr. Towers whose feelings we really hurt with our rude comment about his eating style. We express our deepest, sincere apology.

Our rocket was successful in finished in the Top 6 overall!

Funniest Thing: We became quite proficient in the tossing game—great laughs—also communicated the need for cooperation to be successful.

Challenges – As we get to know one another better, the freedom to express ideas emerges and may cause conflicts that are important to share.

For some in the patrol, reality is setting in "How are we ever going to have time to do all this?" Only time will tell \dots



Owl News

The owls are hoping everyone is having a <u>hoot-tastic</u> time so far! Day Two's line up was as follows: **Larry Weaver**, Patrol Leader, is from Corpus Christi. He has been married to Robin for 20 years, and they have two children. Their daughter, Maggie, is 14 years old; their son, Jackson, is nine

years old. Larry is self-employed in the air conditioning and heating business. He has been the Cubmaster for Pack 5 for three months. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, camping and scuba diving.

Susan Lutenbacher, Assistant Patrol Leader, has been active in shepherding her two sons through Scouting. She started in 1996 when her son, Morgan, became a Tiger Cub. After he bridged to a troop, she became a Day Camp Program Director for one year. In 2004, she moved to Ricardo (Kingsville) and became a Cub Den Leader for her son, Jace, who will bridge over to Troop 186 in March. She has become very active on the district level, with training and Day Camp. Her oldest son, Morgan, is working on his Eagle Project. **Forrest Salsberry**, Chaplain Aide, is a single father of 13-year-old Forrest, Jr., who is a Life Scout. He has been an adulted in scouting for four years. He is presently Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 220. Forrest

been an adult leader in scouting for four years. He is presently Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 220. Forrest is an Auto Technician at Sames-Crow Ford in Corpus Christi. His hobbies are working with wood and Nascar. **Reagan Nelson**, Scribe, is a college art major at Coastal Bend College in Beeville. She has been involved in Scouting for the last seven years, beginning when she joined Venture Crew 72 at the age of 15. She works for an oil field dispatch-answering service. Her hobbies are most definitely camping and also tap dancing. **Bill Nugent** from Victoria volunteers as a Webelos Den Leader. He is the proud father of two children: son, Kile is ten, and daughter, Holly, is eight. He has a B.S. in Psychology and Speech Communications and has been employed by Regional Steel in outside sales for 16 years. Bill's goal is to see his son and other Boy Scouts make the rank of Eagle. Hobbies include saltwater fishing and Corvettes.



Bear News

Mighty Growling Bear Patrol

Early in the morning the growling Bears learned about the stupid camper brand—NEVER—grab a hot top! Throughout the morning or as the morning progressed, we helped each other learn how to work as a team. As a "Team B," we managed to work as a team with a great patrol leader. Oh! Don't drop the ball!

By the afternoon, raccoons were breaking into ice chests—leading us to wonder what to expect next. Low and behold to our surprise, we sent "Stitch" to the moon. Many of you may disagree, but the Bears flew high into the sky.

Bear's accomplishments today are as follows: Patrol Leader Charlene and Assistant Patrol Leader Joshua led us through a wonderful day of getting ready for the next October outing.



Buffalo News

The first day of buffaloing was a busy one; a fun-filled board game to get to know each other; a woggle-tying challenge; a special project, a totem design and campfire activities. Wow! A mind boggling load of information; however, we all survived.

Elected officials for the day were: Patrol Leader – Richard Luna; Assistant Patrol Leader – Richard Hinojosa; Chaplain Aide – Steve Edwards; Scribe – Samuel Rivera

We have the honor of having Ron Molina as our patrol guide.

The buffalos assumed duties of Service Patrol. We have also received approval of our totem by the Senior Patrol Leader, Mr. K.B. Hallmark.

Current projects:

- 1. draft of the service project is in the workings;
- 2. patrol yell still in the workings;
- 3. patrol song still in the workings.

We are at the Norming Stage of Team Development, working toward a high performance patrol. Way to go – Buffalos!



Raccoon — Staff News

Camp Zephyr — The Wood Badge police were summoned to the training center in reference to a woman being assaulted by a man, throwing a slobber-covered tennis ball. Witnesses report hearing the distinctively moist-sounding "thwaap" as the young woman fell to the ground when struck on or about the face. The victim, who requested to remain anonymous, stated that she only remembered that her assailant threw like a girl and that he looked like John Thurston's little brother. This incident is still under investigation.

The Regional Wood Badge Coordinator, **Lee McSpadden**, visited our course yesterday. Scoutmaster Hallmark escorted McSpadden around and said that he was especially impressed with our rocket competition. He was taken with the safety aspect of the goggles and hard hats.

The **Wood Badge Staff** was impressed by the teamwork and enthusiasm put into the preparation for the rocket competition by the Patrols.

A message from your Scoutmaster

The staff and I appreciate the enthusiasm, cooperation and understanding of everyone who played the *Game of Life*. We hope that you all catch the idea that the *Game of Life* truly is a "game with the purpose."



Sports News

| Callallen | 51 | | |
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| | 12 | Flour Bluff | 35 |
| Gregory Portland | 12 | Moody | 0 |
| Southwest | 27 | | |
| Ray | 15 | Kingsville | 33 |
| | | Miller | 0 |
| Carroll | 35 | | |
| King | 21 | Mathis | 33 |
| | | San Diego | 0 |
| Refugio | 49 | | |
| Taft | 6 | | |

Texas A&M 34 Kansas State 41 Baylor 10 Texas 21

Not all scores were available to us; we apologize if your school is missing.

Rocket Results



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