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John Wayne: What the Scout Law means to me



A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer, and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp. At this dinner, Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual, he said that the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words." "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it." Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at the dinner; much like he would have for his grandson.

TRUSTWORTHY—The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

LOYAL—The Very word is life itself, for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

HELPFUL—Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves, not to mention mankind. Be always full of help -- the dying man's last words.

FRIENDLY—Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood.

COURTEOUS Allow each person his human dignity which means a lot more than saying, "yes ma'am" and "thank you sir". It reflects an

attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more... earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

KIND This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, its just no good unless you get out and use it.

OBEDIENT Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

CHEERFUL Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

THRIFTY Means a lot more than putting pennies away, and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense

covers it just about as well as anything.

BRAVE You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work and living the best life they know how against the law of odds.

CLEAN Soap and waters help a lot on the outside. But it' is the inside that counts and don't ever forget it

REVERENT Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

Article taken from:
<http://home.earthlink.net/~scouters/quotes.html#anchor161351>

The World Scout Emblem

The World Scout Emblem, worn by an estimated 250 million Scouts since the Movement was founded, is still used today by 16 million Scouts in 150 countries and territories and is one of the world's best known symbols. However, Scouts and members of the public often ask how the emblem originated.

Lord Baden-Powell himself gave the answer, "Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps for orienteering them with North."



Lady Baden-Powell said later, "It shows the true way to go."

So, the emblem helps to remind Scouts to be as true and as reliable as a compass in keeping to their Scouting ideals and showing others the way.

In Scouting, we take the three tips of the emblem to represent the three main points of the Scout Promise. The two decorative five-pointed stars are taken in some countries to stand for truth and knowledge.

In the World Scout Emblem, the basic motif is encircled by a rope tied with a reef or square knot, symbolizing the unity and brotherhood of the Movement throughout the world. Even as one cannot undo a reef knot no matter how hard one pulls on it, so the Movement remains united.

On Conservation

Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of men.

~Gifford Pinchot

God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders and He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light.

~Lord Baden-Powell

Quotes from Baden-Powell

A boy is supremely confident of his own power, and dislikes being treated as a child.

Teach Scouts not how to get a living, but how to live.

It's the spirit within, not the veneer without that makes a man.

It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it.

An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.

Emblem continued The color of the World Scout Badge is white on a royal purple background. These colors are also symbolic. In heraldry, white represents purity and royal purple denotes leadership and helping other people.

Today's Schedule

MORNING	
7:00	Breakfast and Assessments
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly
8:15	Break to Change Clothes
8:30	Conservation Project (Troop Activity)
10:15	Clean up from Project
10:45	Coaching and Mentoring (Troop Presentation)
11:35	Self-Assessment (Troop Presentation)
Noon	Lunch and Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
AFTERNOON	
1:00	Project Setup and Break
1:30	Project 1
2:45	Project Setup and Break
3:15	Project 2
4:30	Ticket Review and Staff Departure
5:30	Patrol Dinner
7:00	Patrol Meeting/ Patrol Project Self-Assessment
8:00	Patrol Campfires and Cracker Barrels

On Mentoring

To the world, you may just be somebody. But to somebody, you may just be the world.

~ Unknown



Your Might Be a Wood Badger If

If your son hides his copy of Boy's Life from you (get your own) ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it on home video ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If the high point of your social season is the Wood Badge Reunion ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If a trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If the sales operators at the BSA distribution center's 800 number recognize your voice ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you were disappointed when Boys Life didn't win the Pulitzer Prize last year ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your Coat of Arms features a Kudu ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your idea of a trip to the Holy Land means Gilwell Park in England ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you've gone to a Hooters restaurant and didn't realize there were girls there ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you bought that '89 Chevy Caprice for the fleur-de-lis hood ornament ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

PATROL NEWS



Bobwhite News

Amazingly we all rendezvoused at the same place and same time this morning before Day #4 – bright minds think alike. We have worked on totems – tickets – projects – obstacle course, and we have become a high-performing team – Bobwhites are Bad! (in a good way). Hopefully one of us is able to cook without burning our food. We are teamed up with the Foxes in Campsite #3, so we should have a great overnighner.
By: David Durden



Eagle News

We are back and "Scre-e-aming" – to our surprise – we missed the Wood Badge experience.

Quickly announcing how busy our schedules have been and all the effort that took place to arrive at Camp Karankawa, may I report, "What an arrival!" It was the Gilwell Ceremony that fired up the spirit of being a Scout with a patrol, known as the Eagle Patrol, belonging to Troop 1. Hooray! Hooray! for the BSA way.

What is a "cat hole"? If you know the answer, report to the Eagle Patrol. First patrol that answers correctly gets a prize.

Special thanks, and an Eagle Scream, to our former Troop Guide, Gary Ford. An Eagle's feather . . .

Be our guest, be our guest –

Last night we had the pleasure of serving Evelyn and Ronnie Williams. During their 42 years of marriage, it has been the BSA way. It was a pleasure to see what changes have occurred during a career in scouting.

As our weekend progresses, what will change? Stay tuned for tomorrow's Screamin' Eagle Report –

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hodgkinson, Eagle Scribe

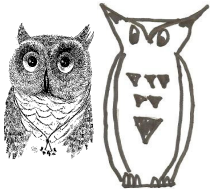


Fox News

10/19/07

Since departing from beautiful Camp Zephyr, the Arctic Fox Patrol has been very busy with our project. Our patrol decided to develop a project that would encourage the preservation of our natural world as well as inform leaders about Scouting opportunities. The Arctic Foxes decided to create a poster that would illustrate the requirements for the World Conservation Award, Leave No

Trace Award, and the Hornaday Award. We are very proud of our project and look forward to sharing it with our fellow "Wood Badgers" and hope it will be displayed at the Council office for all to see.



Owl News

10/19/07

Welcome back everyone! The Owls are super excited about being back for another hoot-tastic weekend. The Owls had a great patrol meeting during break and were able to almost completely finish our project. We would like to thank our Troop Guide, Meredith Jordan, for providing us with our flag to fly in our campsite. The flag is a flag that was flown in Iraq. So thank you and hoot-hoot! We hope the weather stays nice throughout the weekend so we can have a wonderful hoot-tastic time. Also, to our campsite buddies the Mighty Growling Bears, let's do a good job and work together on the Leave No Trace!



Bear News

The Bears want to welcome everybody back to Gilwell and our happy land. It was an exhausting morning, but we have beared through it.

Especially knowing that we would dive right into challenges, Diversity can always be a challenge unless handled correctly to build a successful group. Remember our song:

We are the Mighty Bears
The Mighty, Mighty Growling Bears
We are so big, brave and strong.
Give us challenges, and we will
dig our claws right in.
'Cause we are the MIGHTY GROWLING BEARS!



Buffalo News

The second session of Wood Badge is finally here. The weather is cool and calm—the wind that is—at Camp K. We started the day with the usual flag ceremony, then—a smile ☺ troop and patrol photos were taken at Gilwell Field, documenting this historic event.

The Buffalos were assigned to Campsite #5. (Just for the record—we were set up within 20 minutes, tents and all.)

Topics presented today were: Change—Diversity and Managing Conflicts—WOW—change what, diversity who and conflicts—to why? Confused?? Don't worry—it will all fall into place.

Fun time came along, with the spider web challenge, the rails game and carpet task, flip over the island and the message abroad.

This evening we will be having a campfire with songs.

Newsflash!!!

The Buffalos solved the word puzzle in the *Gazette* – Way to Go Buffs! "Procyonolotorophobia" means fear of raccoons.



Raccoon-Staff News

The Staff says thanks to the Owls for the chocolate cake—we're scratching through it—and thanks to the Bears for the pretzel trash—we're digging through it. Both are dee-licious. We are excited that the tickets are coming along so well and are also delighted with what we've heard about patrol projects! And everyone should know that we're NOT GUILTY!!!!





Observing



Crafting



Rocketing



Teaching



Receiving



Directing



Lifting



Caking



Listening?

HOW I OBTAINED THE NECKLACE OF DENIZULU AS TOLD BY THE CHIEF SCOUT



In 1879 the British under Lord Wolseley broke up the Zulu kingdom, under Cetchwayo, which had been a constant menace with its raids on both Boer and British territory, and divided the nation into eight tribes, each under a separate Chief. One of these tribes was under Dinizulu, the son of Cetchwayo.

'In 1888 Dinizulu raised a rebellion among the tribes against the British. Two of the tribes however elected to side with us. General Sir Henry Smyth took out a force against Dinizulu. I acted as Military Secretary and Intelligence Officer.

'Dinizulu after a few small engagements took refuge in a mountain stronghold called the Ceza Bush, just on the border of the Transvaal. I reconnoitered the place with a few Scouts and our forces were brought into position to take it from three sides. Just before attacking I went into position with my Scouts at early dawn and found that the enemy had just hurriedly evacuated it, leaving most of their food and kit behind, and had crossed the border into the Transvaal, where of course we could not follow them.

'In the hut which had been put up for Dinizulu to live in, I found among other things his

necklace of wooden beads. I had in my possession a photograph of him taken a few months beforehand in which he was shown wearing this necklace round his neck and one shoulder.

'He was at that time a splendid type of young savage and full of resources, energy and pluck. He eventually surrendered to us, was kept a prisoner for some time and was then returned to his tribe on condition that he behaved himself.

'But later on he broke out again and involved us in a further campaign which resulted in our finally taking over Zululand and annexing it.'

(Copy of notes dictated by B-P in 1925 authenticating the story of Chief Dinizulu's necklace. Original notes are in The Scout Association's Archives, typed on Baden-Powell's head notepaper and addressed Pax Hill, Bentley, Hampshire.)

THE LEATHER THONG

The other important part of the Wood Badge, apart from the beads, is the leather thong itself. Baden-Powell was originally given one during the course of the Siege of Mafeking in 1899/1900, when things were not going well. An elderly man met him and asked him about his unusually depressed appearance. The man took the leather thong that he had been wearing from around his neck and placed it in B-P's hand. 'Wear this,' he said. 'My mother gave it to me for luck. Now it will bring you luck.' So from these two souvenirs of his military career in Africa, the leather thong

from an old man at Mafeking and the necklace from Dinizulu, B-P fashioned what is now known as the Wood Badge.

(Taken from <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/pdfs/fs145001.pdf>)

Our Spiritual Compass

For Scouts on a hike or canoe trip, a compass is an important tool. Because it gives you a stable reference point (magnetic north), you can set a course and follow it. As long as your compass is accurate and you don't damage it, it will serve you faithfully. If you trust it. Our faith or spirituality is something like that. We have a point of reference that does not change, God. And we have a compass, so to speak, in our relationship with God. It's something we have learned and continue to learn about, just as we learn to use a compass properly. We use our spirituality and faith to get us through this grand journey we call life. If we are prepared to trust the things we have learned about God and creative living, our spirituality can guide us through the joys and temptations of life. We can use it to show us what service we may give and what potential dangers to stay away from. We can use it to guide us in our friendships, in our work, in what we say to people and about people, and in how we treat our natural world.

Scouter Rob Brown, N. Saskatchewan Region

