

INSIGHTS ON THE BOBWHITE PATROL

DIVERSITY BUILDS TEAM

The Wood Badge Day 4 experience puts patrols in situations that test their ability to handle conflict as a team. The different stations test the patrols ability to understand a situation and then take the appropriate actions in solving the dilemma. Some patrols had completed the actual challenge better than other patrols, but resolution was not the essence of the activities, the purpose was how the team interacted in the situation.

The Bobwhite Patrol found the activities fun and challenging. Throughout the stations different leaders emerged and then engaged the patrol with the proper solution for the task at hand. I was curious as to how their patrol formed from day one, although the question to wasn't how did you patrol become a team, Lamont Barnes gave me the following insight into the Bobwhites.

I asked Lamont if the Bobwhite Patrol had made plans to dine with the other patrols tomorrow evening, his response to the question was enlightening. Lamont answered, "we didn't discuss that", he went on to say that he thought they were planning to eat as a patrol on Day 5. I then told him how patrols will sometimes share a "pot luck" meal with other patrols in the Troop, Barnes replied "we designed the menu to continue building the bonds that we started. We met three times over the break, and each time the



bonding continued, and we stayed in communication daily. I mean I never jelled or had this type of collaboration with a group of people that I had never met before. We came from different walks, different professions, and even though some come from similar professions, they do different things within there professions, these different professions have all coming together with different minds, but I think we appreciate one another, our differences and creativity. You know when you first walk in here (Gilwell Hall), and you introduce yourself, you know the vibes, we were cordial to each other because as adults that's what you do, but as we began going through the Wood Badge experience, we realized that although we all come from different walks, do different things, we have similarities; we are all family oriented, we are here for opportunity, we all have significant others. So really the conversation easy... so this became an extended family." Barnes told me that they had their storming stage of team development

early because of the lack of sleep. He explained their storming moment was caused by snoring moments. "Things started to not go well, because we all needed our sleep, but we made fun with it...and we learned how to handle the situation, the snorer offered to sleep outside of the fort in a tent, some of the other guys using ear plugs." So as a patrol they have adjusted and adapted to situations very early on and have performed well. Barnes says "we don't take anything personally because we are comfortable with who we are and what we offer to the patrol. We don't have a lot of conflict where we are not sure, asking why would you do your thing, we never questioned the trust we put into each other, if that person has that type of experience, we trust that they can get it done." Wood Badge has obviously shown the Bobwhites how diversities can build a strong team and with communication can overcome the differences.



Creativity Used With Patrol Flags

Saturday morning's opening ceremony at Gilwell Field marked not only the official beginning of the second session of S7-602-12-1, it was also the day for Patrol Flag inspections.

Examples of patrol flags from previous courses had been hung on display during the course. Now it was time for the patrols of S7-602-12-1 to add their mark to the Wood Badge legacy. Once again, they did not disappoint. Each patrol delivered an exceptional example that reflected their unique personality. Creativity was the order of the day. Flag materials included cloth, leather, woodlore, and in some cases digital graphics (just to name a few). Symbolism and imagery were abundant.

Buffalo patrol member John Schoeb tells of the creativity used in developing their patrol flag. "Dave Miller made the wooded frame and got the leather to us (Wayne White & John), Wayne and I sat down and said 'let's not make it a round or an even shape,' so we just started drawing on the back of the leather making it look like a natural pulled leather, we then

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Practice Helps Us Use Skills in Many Scenarios

After winning several archery contests, a young and rather boastful champion challenged a Zen master who was renowned for his skill as an archer. The young man demonstrated remarkable technical proficiency when he hit a distant bull's eye on his first try, and then split that arrow with his second shot. "There," he said to the old man, "see if you can match that!" Undisturbed, the master did not draw his bow, but rather motioned for the young archer to follow him up the mountain.

Curious about the old fellow's intentions, the champion followed him high into the mountain until they reached a deep chasm spanned by a rather flimsy and shaky log. Calmly stepping out onto the middle of the unsteady and certainly perilous bridge, the old master picked a far away tree as a target, drew his bow, and fired a clean, direct

hit. "Now it is your turn," he said as he gracefully stepped back onto the safe ground. Staring with terror into the seemingly bottomless and beckoning abyss, the young man could not force himself to step out onto the log, no less shoot at a target.

"You have much skill with your bow," the master said, sensing his challenger's predicament, "but you have little skill with the mind that lets loose the shot."

Learning is most powerful when your knowledge is tested under many different circumstances. The young archer was skilled under very specific conditions, but he was unable to apply that skill in an unfamiliar environment. What we have learned here at Wood Badge will be lost in the next few months if we do not challenge ourselves.

Dear Editor:

How do we get our S7-602-12-1 patrol flag hanging in Gilwell Hall?

Sincerely,
Proud Critter

Dear Proud Critter:

The first step to get your flag flying in Gilwell Hall is to present the flag to the course staff at your patrol's last beading ceremony. The staff will present the flag to council and eventually it will end up in the Wood Badge closet.

Getting your flag flying in Gilwell is a matter of who is on staff and how many particular critters are represented on that staff. For example, you may have noticed that S7-602-12-1 is loaded with Antelopes, so that hurts their changes of all the Antelope Staff flags hanging in Gilwell because we attempt to get an equal representation of critter flags flying in Gilwell Hall.

We would love to have your flag if you patrol is willing to part with it.

*Flying High,
Wood Badge S7-602-12-1
Scribes*

Editorial Observer / MARK LARSON

Fellowship at the End of the Journey

Though the training component of Wood Badge lasts only two long weekends, that time can be pretty intense. There is a lot of material put in front of everyone with games and activities that are designed to reinforce that material. By simulating an entire month of a scout program, the Wood Badge course also speeds up the process of team-building. This allows the patrols to experience the 4 stages of team development during the relatively short time they are together.

Everything is new and exciting on the first day. You meet a few staffers who shuttle you from one activity to another. Your small group starts to learn a bit about each other through patrol activities. At some point however, personalities start to clash and different

methods of communication and leadership come out.

There are many presentations on subjects you didn't know scouts thought about like vision, leveraging diversity, and inclusion. You learned some details about how team formation and methods for teaching others. You learned the basics about listening and communication.

As the patrol works together on a patrol project and flag they start to understand more about each other and what their unique skills can bring to the group. Discussions about tickets allow each to learn about the

others' scouting experiences back home. By Weekend Two, the patrol is usually working pretty well together and is starting to enjoy each other's company. The staff member assigned to the group is able to pull away as the patrol is able to lead itself.

The patrol takes on the cooking duties and is now hosting guests for dinner. They are more able to communicate and work together. They take pride in their patrol and enjoy the spirited rivalry with other patrols. Perhaps they are even starting to step out of their patrol setting to meet other members of the



troop.

On the evening of Day 5, the tickets will be finished and the staff departs - leaving the Troop on its own. After all, the Troop has made great progress in a very short time. This final dinner and evening campfire(s) are opportunity for reflection and celebration. You might even find patrols joining together with others in Troop 1.

The shared experience a patrol goes through during Wood Badge usually creates many lasting friendships. Though very different people, everyone has the common bond of scouting. During these last two days, take time to enjoy your final hours in this special situation. Meet as many of your fellow scouters as you can for you will never come across a better group of people anywhere.

Patrol Reports

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BEAVER PATROL



We had a great day today! Camp setup went smoothly.

Our grubmaster provided an impressive camp kitchen and used it to provide a wonderful pot of chicken soup for lunch.

As diverse as we are, our supply of tents was equally diverse, from small two-man tents to the 8-man Taj Mahal. Our experience with camping is noticeably less diverse... most of us have equipment to provide for patrol gear.

The team activities in the afternoon were a true exercise in teamwork. We found that our

team worked well together, communicated, and had a mutual level of trust, respect, and interest.

Our night ahead promises to be another culinary delight as well as full of restful sleep.

We are looking forward to the activities ahead of us over the next two days!

Chomp! Chomp!
Timmmbbbeeerrr!! [smack]

EAGLE PATROL



Eagles have flown into Wood Badge for day 4. Several made it with minimum or no sleep. Patrol flag was present to the Troop and Yes it is a Gilwell Square and it does measure up, because Eagles Soar High. We have some totems to spare for lost and found and misplaced and wandering personal items. So far today 5 items found. The Generations discussion explained how different generations work, think and relate to the world around them. The Eagle Patrol seemed to come together well, with lots of listening, talking and willingness to move away from a non-workable to better solutions. The Round Robin games were lots of fun and gave us many opportunities to storm through the obsta-

cles and sometimes even soar on to victory. We were able to talk our way around the different options and adjust to make it work better. For dinner we prepared jambalaya with chicken, spicey sausage and shrimp. Three Eagle Staff members joined us, Smitty was unable to join us for dinner. (The other three were sure to tell him what he missed out on). The rains came down just as we started our Mexican fiesta dinner, with paper lanterns and decorations. It got wet out there, but our feathers were not ruffled. Smitty did make it in for dessert of pound cake with Peach cooked in a Dutch oven with a hot cup of coffee. The Eagles played the diversity game and enjoyed the discussions triggered by those questions.

BOBWHITE PATROL



The Bobwhites are no longer bobbing along; we have left the eggery and we re-

turned preening our feathers! Setting up our nesting site was a total flock effort; however, Bobwhite Pete stood in the vanguard. His quick feathering and smooth bobbing transformed our site to the Taj Mahal of all nesting sites. The Bobwhites egged everyone's patrol flag at Gilwell Field. As the temperature rose, our eggs almost cracked under pressure. We were able to escape the heat by retiring to Gilwell Hall and avoided cracking under pressure. Hutch & Smitty echoed the "The Change" message that we underwent during the recess and our return to Gilwell Nest. Our nesting partner, Bob-

white Heather (aka Chef-Girl-R-Dee) took control of the lunch meal. The heat didn't ruffle her feathers as she brought Philly to Virginia. The mouth-watering cheese steak subs sent an aroma throughout the camp that lured a Beaver (Bill Eggleston), an Eagle (Smitty), an Antelope (Robbie) and two Venturers (Amy & Brittany). The rain came down but it did not weigh down the Bobwhite's feathers. Bobwhite John's Poor Man's Jambalaya even had Mother Nature's mouth salivating! The meal was topped off with a heavenly strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and topped with fresh blueberries; our dinner guests did not leave disappointed. The Bobwhites have no doubt about which patrol will win the Golden Spoon!

FOX PATROL



The Foxes trotted back in from our sabatical and into camp life. After setting

camp, we learned about the inevitability of change, understanding generational differences, and worked through some team challenges.

We want to thank the Venture crews for helping all day, from leave no trace, through spending time in camp, to leading the team challenges – Great Job Guys & Girls. While we are thanking the Venture scouts, we want to recognize the effort put in by the whole staff – what a great job you are doing!

Wood Badge training is what you make it,
But to be honest,

Life isn't always fair.
Some would say:
We have worked hard, and have had little time to prepare meals for our guests,
Wood Badge training challenges your patience and your endurance
I sure am Glad...
Wood Badge only lasts a few days!
You can take Wood Badge this way, or you could reverse it!
Wood Badge only lasts a few days!
I sure am Glad...
Wood Badge training challenges your patience and your endurance
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unloading the cars



Yeah we did it!



Human Knot



Gilwell Hall



Sizing up the web



Antelopes Hike



How cool is this?



What a mess!



Group hug!

Photos

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Gilwell Fog



Spider Web



Put your left foot in...



Fox Patrol



Gilwell Field



Beaver Patrol



Dinner by candlelight



Fox Flag presentation



Owl Flag

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OWL PATROL

The Wise Owl Patrol were happy to find out that we would be working with Venturers since two of our patrol members are involved in that program. One of our patrol members works with Venturing at Council level while the other is still a youth in Venturing and is the Council Youth Venturing President.

The Wise and Mighty Owls realized while working with the Venturers that Venturing and Wood Badge have one thing in common: Flexibility. Over the course of this past month our patrol has had to practice being flexible when deciding when to meet, whose is doing what jobs, and trying to juggle all of our other aspects of life at the same time. Venturing is all about

flexibility too. Most of the Venturers have busy lives with school, sports, or even work which can make it difficult when planning where to meet, what trips to go on, and who can go on those trips. Flexibility is key to keeping the Wood Badge course and the Venturing program alive and kickin'. The Fluffy Owls look forward to maintaining our flexibility throughout the rest of the course.

PROUD not LOUD.



BEAR PATROL

We had a late start on our happy trail to Wood Badge. We passed through the

Valley of "Leave No Trace" as kindly Venturers demonstrated how **not** to set-up a campsite. We put up our tents in record time. We are keeping fit walking to the farthest campsite. The Venturers led us in some team building exercises which we completed successfully. We hear that we are the only patrol that put the ball into the bucket three separate times. We hear roomers that maybe we have unresolved feelings. We are not in denial; we really do work well together and get along splendidly. We even enjoyed cooking and washing dishes together. We had a lively debate during "Adventures in Di-

versity". We decided that Martin Luther King, Jr. was correct – we should judge each person on the content of their character. The indoor campfire and great time was enjoyed by all!



BUFFALO PATROL

The Gathering of the Buffalos

Our interim adventures

began shortly after leaving Gilwell on the third day. Within two hours, electric buffalo "chips" were being dropped across the Virginia territory. The buffaloes met three times in preparation for the second weekend of training. We began work on tickets and patrol responsibilities needed for the three weeks of roaming. Two of the meetings were through electronic meeting rooms and the third meeting was a gathering of the buffaloes for a meal and was a highly productive, working patrol meeting. Material had been gathered and the buffalo's totem became a reality during the patrol meeting. All the buf-

falos participated in the creation of the patrol flag. The flag includes natural materials of the buffalo's territory.

When we arrived at Gilwell on day four, we visited many helpful Venture Crew members who gave us short Leave No Trace awareness lesson. During lunch our guests enjoyed buffalo branded grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup. We had many team building games in the afternoon, led by the Venture Crew members. For our evening meal, our special guests enjoyed white chili (recipe to be published later) and buffalo



ANTELOPE PATROL

The Antelopes were herding on something called the Internet during the

interim "respite" between weekends. The flurry of emails traded back and forth surely signaled either fertile fields ahead or lions behind us! Since we are all still in the herd, I can only assume that that field of success and wisdom is just ahead!

Antelopes being antelopes, we arrived at the Hardee grazing fields starting at 5:30 this morning. We arrived as a herd at Gilwell Camp and galloped to meet the young Venturers as early as was allowed. This speed and efficiency gave us an hour of grazing time before needing to leave for our lead in

spot into Gilwell Field!

There was plenty to be consumed today to help us with our projects going forward. All tickets are 95% prepared and awaiting final approval so that we can start using these new tools to speed us to improving our individual herds! Now, we prepare for our Cinco de Mayo feast and an intriguing campfire skit.

Antelopes! We Wuz Here!



Critterscopes

✦ Beaver

This is a great time for your patrol to start new projects, as long as they don't involve a router, a band saw, or tungsten inert gas welding.

✦ Bobwhite

Be reasonable. Just because last week's critterscope was a wildly inaccurate prediction of your future is no reason to give up on the Zodiac forever.

✦ Eagle

You've never believed that "love conquers all," but that will change when love invades the area, enslaves your patrol members, and sows your fields with salt.

✦ Fox

Venus is descending in your sign this week, but you're better off not knowing exactly what that means.

✦ Owl

Your plans to find love, fortune, and happiness utterly ignore the Second Law Of Thermodynamics.

✦ Bear

Sometimes, there are things a friend is too nice to tell you. Luckily, you don't have any friends like that.

♻ Buffalo

This week's events will give you cause to reconsider the wisdom of the phrase "Never give up."

♻ Antelope

Your patrol will abandon their attempt to make the world's largest pancake after finding out how depressingly serious other people are about it.



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used a jig saw to cut out the shape. The excess leather was used to do some test branding, just to make sure we got everything right and it was a good thing because a conventional wood burner did not work well on the leather since it was such a thick hide, so I forged a writing pen that was heated in the fire to a high temperature and then used it to burn in the patrol members names and symbols that adorn the flag." Schoeb says the process took about two hours to complete. "At this point, the guys thought they need to add some flair to it so they brazed the edges with a torch which created the worn effect of the finished flag."

One by one each patrol came forward to present their flag to Senior Patrol Leader Charlotte Pemberton for inspection. Passing that hurdle, the flags were then presented to the Scout Master staff for their inspection and approval. Scrutiny was close, tape measures, and measuring sticks were brought out, but after thorough review, it was determined that each flag presented was in fact a perfect Gilwell square. Yet one more way that S7-602-12-1 is leaving its indelible impression on the Wood Badge legacy.



Schedule & Field Notes

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Day 5 Schedule

Program Patrol: Eagle - Service Patrol: Antelope

7:00am	Breakfast	1:30pm	Round 2 of Patrol Presentations
8:00am	Gilwell Field Assembly	2:50pm	Break
8:30am	Interfaith Worship Service	3:00pm	Coaching and Mentoring
9:15am	Patrol Project Setup and Demo	3:55pm	Assessments
9:30am	Round 1 of Patrol Presentations	4:30pm	Ticket Review and Collection
10:45am	Break	5:00pm	Patrol Dinner / Patrol Meeting
11:00am	Conservation Project	7:00pm	Scoutmaster visits each patrol
12:30pm	Lunch (at project site)	8:00pm	Patrol Campfire(s) & Cracker Barrel
12:30pm	Patrol Leaders Council (working lunch)		

Flag of Virginia



The Flag of the Commonwealth of Virginia consists of the Seal of Virginia against a blue background. The current version of the flag was adopted at the beginning of the American Civil War in 1861. The flag is decorated with a white fringe along the fly. It is the only state flag to contain any form of nudity.

The Latin motto, "Sic semper tyrannis," at the bottom of the state seal means "Thus Always to Tyrants." This quote is attributed to Brutus during the assassination of Julius Caesar in Rome. The woman is "Virtus the genius of the Commonwealth, dressed as an Amazon" (Code of Virginia § 7.1-26) and represents Virginia. The prostrate man represents tyranny; note the fallen crown to the right. The Tyrant is holding both a chain and a scourge.

The General Assembly of Virginia adopted an official salute to the flag of Virginia in 1954. It reads:

"I salute the flag of Virginia, with reverence and patriotic devotion to the 'Mother of States and Statesmen,' which it represents—the 'Old Dominion,' where liberty and independence were born."

Baden-Powell on "Playing the Game"

IN making our young citizens, therefore, it is essential to try to get into them the habit of cheery co-operation, of forgetting their personal wishes and feelings in bringing about the good of the whole business in which they are engaged—whether it be work or play. One can teach the boy that it is exactly as it is in football. You must play in your place and play the game; don't try to be referee when you are playing half-back; don't stop playing because you have had enough of the game, but shove along, cheerily and hopefully, with an eye on the goal in order that your side may win, even if you may yourself get a kick on the shins or a muddy fall in helping it.

But the best form of instruction of all for a Scoutmaster to give is by the force of example. It is essential if he is going to succeed in putting the right character into his boys that he should himself practice what he preaches. Boys are imitative, and what the Scoutmaster gives off, that they pick up and reflect. Instructions, and especially orders, are apt to have different and even opposite effects with the boys—order a boy not to smoke and he is at once tempted to try it as an adventure; but give him another example, show him that any fool can smoke but a wise Scout doesn't, and it is another matter. Therefore, it is of first importance that every Scoutmaster, with this great responsibility on his shoulder, should examine himself very closely, suppress any of the minor faults which he may—in fact, is bound to—possess, and train himself to practice what he preaches, so as to give the right example to his lads for the shaping of their lives, characters, and careers.

The object of this is to enable him to find out if Scouting really suits him after all...whether he can, in a word, play in his place and play the game for the good of the whole.

If he can do this he will be doing the most valuable work that a man can do, viz. teach his younger brothers the great virtues of endurance and discipline, pluck and unselfishness. JULY 1910

The Wood Badge

Fox Trot

Tune: "Halls of Montezuma"

I used to have a life,
a pretty good life too.
But now that I'm in Wood Badge,
it's all I seem to do.

I get up very early,
and I go 'til way past ten.
When the sun rises tomorrow,
we'll do it all again.

The Beavers are all whining,
the Bobwhites now are gray.
The Eagles wings are drooping,
and the Foxes can't think straight.
The Owls are always sleepy,
and the Bears are ornery too.

Oh, we'd love to take and hide the
SPL's kudu.

The Buffalos are angry,
the Antelopes are blue.
The staff if feeling overwhelmed,
they don't know what to do.
The Scoutmaster is missing,
and the SPL is gone.
And my troop guide has just told
me,

that my ticket is all wrong.

And now our song is over,
but you know it isn't true.
We all had fun at Wood Badge,
despite a lot to do.
But come the end of Sunday,
we will gladly all proclaim,
That we're glad we'll once more
have,
a normal life again.