

*Extra! Extra!
Read all about it!
S7-602-14*

The Gilwell Gazette

Day 1 Friday September 12, 2014

*Weather Today: day-
light, continuing until
sunset, then dark.*

Wood Badge Icon

The icon is the shape of a pentagon around the official Boy Scouts of America fleur-de-lis. Each side of the icon represents one of the five central themes of Wood Badge. Likewise, each of those themes is represented on the icon and throughout the course by one of the five central colors of the MacLaren Tartan. The themes are the threads of a course which, when woven together, form the pattern of the tartan and the full measure of Wood Badge.

Heart of Virginia Council selects Rick Bragga as Course Director and Scoutmaster for Wood Badge S7-602-14.



Welcome to Gilwell!

Every Wood Badge course held worldwide takes place at Gilwell Field, named for the original training center of the Scout Movement.

The property known as Gilwell was purchased in 1919 to provide Scouts from London's East End with an outdoor space to camp and practice to their scout skills and as a space for training leaders "in the formation and training of troops, practical woodcraft and camping and the methods of Scouting generally".

William F. de Bois Maclaren, a Scout Commissioner from Scotland, donated the £7,000 to purchase the 55 acre site which, after having been originally owned as a farmland known as "Gyldiefords" as early as 1407, had fallen into disrepair. The derelict property lay about an hour from London on the edge of a forest and had been in need of upkeep for almost 20 years.

After its purchase by McLaren for the Boy Scout Association, P. B. Nevill, the Scout Commissioner of the East End took his Rover Scouts to the estate to begin some renovations. The dilapidated gardener's shed where they slept during their first visit to the estates (the ground was too wet to pitch tents) was nicknamed "The Pigsty" and still stands. Maclaren visited Gilwell Park and helped with repairs, eventually donating another

Pack 1 Graduates to Form Troop 1

Most of the time during the first weekend will be filled with instruction and practice in various leadership skills. All of your meals will be prepared by staff members. The final weekend will involve an outpost camp where you will camp and cook as a member of your patrol using the principles of Leave No Trace. The hike to the campsite will be relatively short and easy.



The Cub Scout Promise, and the Boy Scout Oath and Law are in your songbook.



£3,000 to aid the efforts of the Scouts in refurbishing the property. The first Scoutmaster's training course, what is today known as Wood Badge, was held in September, 1919 and was attended by 20 Scoutmasters from England and Wales.

During the 1920's, Gilwell Park underwent a significant amount of remodeling and construction, and Baden-Powell's vision of having a training center was realized. So great was the importance of Gilwell to Baden-Powell that in 1929, when King George V (great-grandfather of Queen Elizabeth II) conferred the title of baron upon him, he chose Gilwell as his territorial designation to become 1st Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

Today, after purchases of neighboring properties have almost doubled its size, Gilwell Park is a premier location for scouts from all over the world to visit, camp, and enjoy the fellowship of their peers.

Wood Badge Has Four Specific Objectives

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading governmental organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills they learn from their participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

“If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.”
Baden-Powell

THE GILWELL GAZETTE

The Gilwell Gazette is the daily newspaper published by the Wood Badge scribes each day during the course. Copies of the Gazette will be distributed each morning at breakfast. Our intent is to let you know as much as possible about the course. You will find the daily schedule, interesting stories, and articles submitted by your patrol scribe.

The patrol scribe can be the same person for the entire course, or you may rotate the responsibility within your patrol. Each day the patrol scribe will submit a brief article to the troop scribe. Articles should include a summary of your patrol's activities, as well as brief biographies of each of your patrol members. Please limit your articles to about 150 words or less. Submit articles, and photos you want to share, on the lap-top or flash drive provided by the troop scribes. Please save articles as Word.doc files without any special formatting, and with descriptive file names like GGD_{Day}2Fox.doc. Patrol reports should be submitted by 7:00 p.m. each evening.



Welcome To Your Mountain Top Experience

by Brad Nesheim, Scout Executive

I keep a number of pictures of family, friends and great memories in my office. One picture is of my Wood Badge patrol and another is of my Wood Badge Troop at the Piedmont Scout Reservation in western North Carolina in 1981. I was in the Bobwhite patrol, but we called ourselves the over-the-hill Bobwhites since all but one of the members was over 50 at the time. No, I was not one of those over 50 at the time. But I am now!

I had already been a BSA professional for 5 years when I went through course SE-300. It was a privilege for me to share that Wood Badge experience with some really great people. I think of that course and those people often. Many years have passed and I have known thousands of volunteers in five councils, but the experiences of that Wood Badge

training were instrumental in much of my development as a Scouting leader.

Wood Badge for many years focused on outdoor and leadership skills for the Boy Scout program. Now, the course has a focus on leadership in all phases of Scouting. The teaching syllabus may have changed, but the interaction and camaraderie of the participants and staff is always the most important element of Wood Badge. We think of wise men traveling to far away mountain peaks to meet with other wise men. Moses received the Ten Commandments on the top of Mount Sinai. World leaders have important meetings that we call “summits.”

Wood Badge training is sort of like that. It is great and wise Scouting leaders having an important summit to learn

better how to lead and nurture our youth. You might say that Wood Badge training is, figuratively speaking, a Mountain Top Experience. Of course, we don't have any real mountains around here, but we do have some very wise and talented people. Where else can you do stuff like this?

I can't think of another organization where adults can spend significant time in the outdoors with other like-minded adults, wearing the uniform of the BSA, learning and sharing new skills, thinking and acting like children, reflecting on our leadership and its effectiveness, wondering what sort of legacy we'll leave behind and just having a whole bunch of fun! You can't do this anywhere else. Scouting is unique and the Wood Badge experience within Scouting is unique.

I cherish my memories of my Wood Badge training, but I cherish more all of the good that has come from it for many youth. I've had opportunities to help organize hundreds of scout units, recruit thousands of youth members and work with thousands of adult leaders. My internal motivation to do this is not to earn a paycheck, but to hold to the promises I made to my patrol and troop companions at the closing ceremonies of the Wood Badge course and I feel a lifelong desire to continue “working my ticket.”

My wish is that your experiences in this Wood Badge course will lead you to believe that you, too, have had a Mountain Top Experience that will inspire and change your life.

What is Gilwell Order?

In Troop 1, here at Gilwell, we believe in the patrol method of troop organization. The Wood Badge patrols are formed according to an established order and most things are done following this regimen. Patrols are always in the following order:



Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell 1857-1941 Chief Scout of the World

He is known to this day around the world as B-P. During his 83 years, he devoted himself to the service of his country and his fellow man. This soldier, famous for fighting for his country, would become a worker for peace through the brotherhood of the world scouting movement. Robert Stephenson Smith Baden-Powell was born in London, England, February 22, 1857.

He was the eighth child of the family of ten children of the Revered Baden Powell, a professor at Oxford University. He would be only three years old when his father died. The family was very poor after the death of his father and he received his education when he gained a scholarship to Charterhouse School in London.

As a youth he was eager to learn new skills. He played the piano and the fiddle, he acted, he practiced manual endeavors such as bricklaying, and he began his interest in the arts of woodcraft. He joined the army and was commissioned straight into the 13th Hussars. He distinguished himself with service in Africa, India, and Malta. He worked his way up the line of command and by age 43 he became a Major-General.

He wrote a book *Aids to Scouting* to help train youth for responsible jobs for the army. By the time he returned to England in 1903 he found that his book was being used by youth leaders and teachers all over the country. In 1907 he held an experimental

youth camp at Brownsea Island in Dorset.

Scouting was established with the enjoyment for these first camping youth! In 1908 B-P had to set up an office to deal with the large number of inquiries which were pouring in concerning the movement. Some inquiries were even being received from girls! He retired from the army in 1910 on the advice of King Edward VII who suggested that B-P would provide a more valuable service to his country by working with the scouting movement than he could ever hope to do as a soldier.

In 1912 he married Olave Soames. She would be the mother of their three children and would become involved in the Girl Guide/Scout movement, becoming the World Chief Guide. It was in 1920 that B-P had become the World Chief Scout, and at the 3rd World Jamboree in 1929, it was announced that he had become a Lord. He took the honor of Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Gilwell Park being the International Training Center. In 1938, suffering from ill health, he returned to Africa to live in Nyeri, Kenya. He died January 8, 1941. His headstone reads: "Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World." The circular engraving in the middle of the stone is a scouting symbol meaning "Trails end, I have gone home."

The Woggle

In 1920, the scarf, which had always been tied with a knot, was held together with a scarf slide. So far as it is known, the name "*woggle*" was invented by Mr. Gidney, the first Chief of Gilwell. Baden-Powell suggested to the Gilwell staff that they experiment and produce a special scarf slide to go with the Gilwell Scarf.

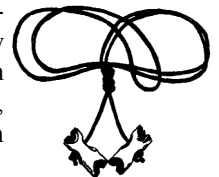
In the early days of leader training, fire lighting by friction was very much a novelty and for many years was demonstrated on Wood Badge courses. The main piece of equipment was a length of leather thong. Using one of the



fire lighting thongs, Bill Shankley, who was at the time serving at Gilwell, produced a two-strand Turk's Head slide that was adopted as the official "woggle."

The Wood Badge Beads Of Dinizulu

Wood Badge is named for the badge given those who successfully complete the entire experience. In 1888 during a military campaign in Africa, Baden-Powell acquired a necklace of wooden beads from the hut of a warrior chief named Dinizulu. Years later, at the completion of the first Wood Badge course, the participants asked him if he could give them some token to indicate that they had been trained. Baden-Powell remembered the necklace and decided to give a bead to each of the Scouters. At this time the name Wood Badge became attached to the course. The badge now consists of two wooden beads, worn on a leather thong around the neck, continuing in a tradition handed down from Baden-Powell.



The "Totem"

You may notice an intricate little drawing on the staff's personal items. This "totem" is a form of logo for a specific Wood Badge patrol from a specific course, and is one of the many Wood Badge traditions. The "totem" frequently symbolizes a special experience the patrol shared while at the practical phase of the course. Each patrol's "totem" is unique and there is often special meaning to each of the marks and symbols in the totem. Your patrol will develop its own "totem" and unveil it to the rest of the troop, with prior OK from your, senior patrol leader, at a Gilwell troop meeting.

Wood Badge Word Search

ANTELOPE
BEADS
BEAR
BEAVER
BOBWHITE
BUFFALO
EAGLE
FOX
GILWELL
LEADERSHIP
NECKERCHIEF
OWL
PATROL
WOGGLE
WOODBADGE

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“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.”



BP: “Scouting is a Game”

“Yes, Scouting is a game. But sometimes I wonder whether, with all our pamphlets, rules, disquisitions in *Scouter*, conferences, and training classes for Commissioners and other Scouters, we may not appear to be making of it too *serious* a game. It is true that these things are all necessary and helpful to men for getting the hang of things and for securing results. But they are apt to grow into big proportions (like one’s own children or one’s own mannerisms) without our noticing it, when all the time is very patient to those who come suddenly upon it from the outside.”

FAMOUS EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 12:

- 1624 - 1st submarine tested (London)
- 1888 - Start of Sherlock Holmes adventure "Greek Interpreter" (BG)
- 1897 – Madame Irene Joliot-Curie, born in Paris, physicist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, (d. 1956)
- 1913 - Jesse Owens born, track star, spoiled Hitler's 1936 Olympics with 4 gold
- 1907 - Lusitania arrives in NYC after 5 day crossing of Atlantic (record)
- 1953 - Senator John F. Kennedy (36) weds Jacqueline Bouvier (24) in Newport, Rhode Island
- 1940 - 4 teens, following their dog down a hole near Lascaux France discover 17,000-year-old drawings now known as Lascaux Cave Paintings
- 1990 - "Les Miserables," opens at Cirkus Theater, Stockholm
- 1991 - Space shuttle STS 48 (Discovery 14) launched
- 1995 - Jeremy Brett, [Peter Huggins], English actor (Sherlock Holmes), dies at 61
- 2003 - Johnny Cash, American singer and guitarist, dies (b. 1932)
- 2014 – First day of Wood Badge course S7-602-14

Dear BP

Dear BP,

This is my first day at Wood Badge and I am a little nervous. There are so many folks here I do not know. I want to make a good impression on my fellow team members, but I am not sure how to fit in. To add to my anxiety, we seem to be moving quickly - we don’t have much time to catch our breath before the next event! I feel overwhelmed, but I want to get the most I can out of this training. What do you recommend?
(signed) First Day Jitters

Dear First Day Jitters,

You are right - the course is chock full of information! Your guide through the first weekend is your Den Chief. He/she has been training for this role throughout the summer and is well prepared to answer your questions and help you put all the pieces together. In the event that you feel you have missed an important point from a presentation, you have a handbook with all the material summarized. As for your other den members, they feel the same as you do – believe me! The best way to feel comfortable is to jump in with both feet and smile! You will be well on your way to a great Wood Badge Experience!
(signed) BP