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The Gilwell Gazette

Day 2 Saturday September 13, 2014

Make today the best
day it can be and live
one day at a time!

Thought for the Day

There are two days in every week we should never worry about; two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed, nor erase a single word we've said. Yesterday is gone. The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its impossible adversaries, its burdens, its hopeful promise and unknown performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds—but it will rise. Until a day rises we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is as yet unborn. This leaves only one day—today! Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives people mad. It is the remorse of bitterness for something that happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Make TODAY the best day it can be, and live *one day at a time!*

Wood Badge has Five Central Themes

The themes that follow encapsulate the course content of Wood Badge:

- **Living the Values**
Values, Mission, and Vision
Leaving a Legacy
- **Bringing the Vision to Life**
Listening to Learn
Communication
Leveraging Diversity through Inclusiveness
Coaching and Mentoring
Generations in Scouting
- **Models for Success**
Stages of Team Development
The Leading EDGE™; The Teaching EDGE™
- **Tools of the Trade.**
Project Planning
Leading Change
Problem Solving and Decision Making
Managing Conflict
Self Assessment
- **Leading to Make a Difference.**
Leaving a legacy

Crossover Signals a Transition

In the Wood Badge course, the crossover signifies that as a participant you have completed a crucial phase of the Wood badge course. Though the Crossover ceremony occurs in the middle of the first day, the phase it represents actually spans several months. You began this phase when you first decided to attend course S7-602-14. There may have been additional training courses you needed to complete in order to qualify for attendance. You took the initiative to complete these courses and submit your registration.

Some time prior to the course you received a letter containing, among other things, a list of 20 questions. These were introspective questions that you completed prior to arriving at Gilwell for S7-602-14. Additionally, you made certain that all of the other required documents were completed and submitted. In many cases you secured time away from work, and perhaps had to schedule a visit to the doctor for an updated physical.

In completing all of the above, arriving at Gilwell and participating in the course you demonstrated initiative, personal responsibility, determination, and reliability. So you see, Crossover doesn't just signify that you've completed the first half-day of Wood Badge. It signifies that you've proved to yourself and others that you have the attributes necessary to be a part of Wood Badge. It signifies a substantial vote of confidence in those abilities as you are invited to become a part of Troop 1 of Gilwell.





Above and Beyond

Rick Bragga—Course Director, S7-602-14

My Vision for the course is that this will be the absolute best Wood Badge course ever! Our mission is to advance Scouting in the Heart of Virginia Council through increased and diversified highly trained leadership (that’s all of us by the way!). How, as staff and participants, will we do that? By following the course theme - **Above & Beyond**. You may ask, “What does that mean?” Well as staff and participants we should ask ourselves:

- What am I going to do to put Wood Badge and my Scouting position **Above & Beyond** where it is now?
- How will I leave Wood Badge and my position better than I found it?
- What will my Wood Badge legacy be?

In other words, how will you leave Wood Badge, Scouting and yourself better than when you began the course?

During these two weekends and beyond you should:

- Be fun and have fun – spirit and enjoyment
- Teach and learn and reach – educate, improve and stretch
- Lead by example - focus and demonstrate your commitment

Become engaged, absorb all you can and plan to distribute as freely and broadly as you can.



What is your vision?

A vision is a picture of future success. Our Vision is formed when we think far enough ahead to realize that there will be challenges for which we can prepare.

Planning and Preparation Prevent Problems

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’”
Luke 14:28-30.

You’ll hear a lot in the coming days about planning. There are a number of course presentations that touch on project planning and, of course, we are in the midst of our own staff planning.

Good planning is good stewardship. Success in any endeavor requires careful preparation and planning. Without proper planning and preparation, failure is almost guaranteed.

Anyone who has ever undertaken a complex task already has learned the importance of careful planning. In sports we see many examples of the need to plan. Often this involves a “game plan.” A game plan is simply a series of steps which the team must follow in order to be able to accomplish its goal of winning the game. In fact, most winning teams are able to win because they plan to win. Losing teams are often the team that had no game plan, or a poor plan at best. Failing to plan to win is the same as planning to lose. Or put another way, “Failing to plan is planning to fail.”

Good planning conserves resources, prevents wasted effort, and saves time and money. Good planning prevents small problems from becoming big problems.



Flags flying high over Gilwell Field

What’s In A Name?

You may have noticed that the numbering system for Wood Badge courses and other major council events such as Order of the Arrow Conclaves, has changed in the last few years. This change is part of a nationwide effort to standardize how major BSA events are designated. The new system incorporates the Region, Section, Council, and Year in the course number. Our course number is S7-602-14. This identifies that we are in the Southern Region, Section 7 (S7), Heart of Virginia Council (602), in the year 2014 (14), although you’ll see that the staff prefers to just call it “WB2014.”

Letter to an Eagle Scout

Dear Nick,

Back in 1977, I got a letter from The President of the United States, congratulating me on becoming an Eagle Scout. It was printed on thick, creamy paper, and had the presidential seal stamped on the bottom, right next to Gerald Ford's name. Impressive. However, as I studied the president's photocopied signature, and considered the fact that I had never even met the man, I came to the conclusion that I was holding a Form Letter.

Don't get me wrong; it was a nice gesture, but I decided then and there, that if I ever found myself in the position of sending out hundreds of identical letters to Eagle Scouts everywhere, I wouldn't pretend to fool them into thinking they had received a heartfelt expression of unique sentiment. After all, a Scout is Trustworthy, whether he goes on to become the President of the United States or the host of a show on cable television. Which is why I am compelled to admit that I did not write this letter specifically for you. I disclose this deliberately, in the hope that doing so will imbue my well wishes with a measure of credibility greater than those of any former president. And even though many Eagle Scouts have received this exact letter, you will notice that the time has been taken to scribble your name into the blanks provided, a personal touch not included in President Ford's Form Letter, or to my knowledge, any correspondence originating from the current leader of the free world.

Having said all that Nick, I will now offer my sincere congratulations for what you've achieved. As you may have heard, the Eagle Award is kind of a big deal. Most of the guys in my old troop bailed out around Star or First Class. You stuck it out, and that makes you special. But don't get cocky, Nick. Contrary to what many have told you, this award will NOT change the way the world looks at you. Sorry, but it's true. The vast majority of people you're going to meet in life aren't going to care about what you've accomplished in The Boy Scouts, and you know what? That's fine. Because while others may benefit from being around the type of adult you might become, the only person that will ever be truly affected by what you have accomplished, is Nick.

Remember this always. The Eagle Award comes with no magic power or influence. It is merely a reminder that you have succeeded in one area where most others have failed. That could be the start of a very positive pattern. Or, it could be something else. I knew a guy who got his Eagle a couple years before me. His chest literally puffed up, and never returned to its normal size. He started walking around like the world owed him a living. His Dad got him into a decent school, and when he finally graduated, he actually carried his degree in his pocket – took it to job interviews, and showed it around like it was his first merit badge. Today, he is a miserable, pompous, pain in the butt with no friends, two ex-wives, and a job he hates. Always complaining about this or that. He still has an old football trophy on his mantle, next to his diploma, and an identical copy of that same form letter from Gerald Ford, framed on his desk, congratulating him for something he did 30 years ago.

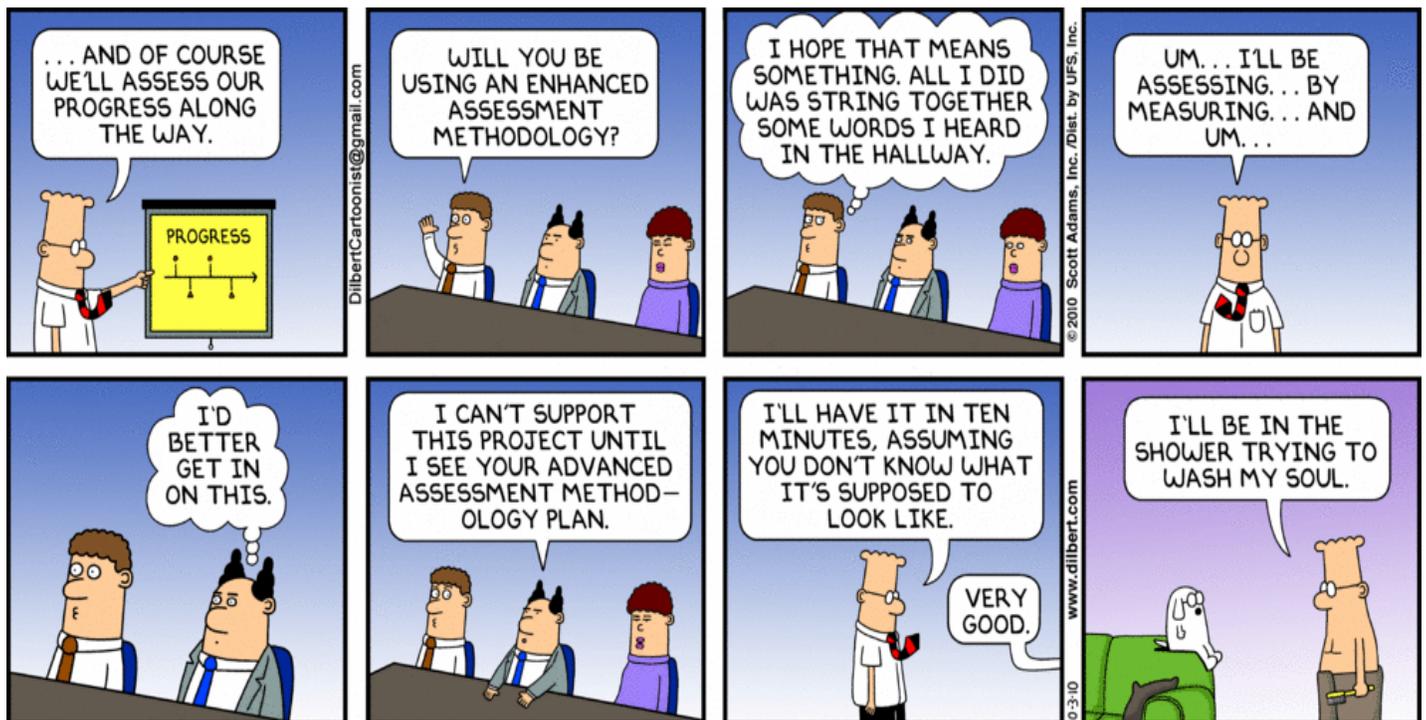
Don't be that guy. Don't wait for the world to acknowledge your accomplishments. By all means, take pride in what you've done, but don't let it go to your head. When you're finished with Scouting, donate your uniform to The Salvation Army. Fold up your sash and stow it away somewhere private, with all the other tokens of what you've done so far. Then, roll up your sleeves, get out in the world, and put what you've learned to use.

Live the Scout Law. Remember the Scout Oath. Be unique. And don't forget to have fun. Otherwise, Nick, you'll wind up like most everybody else – a human form letter.

Mike Rowe

Perpetual Apprentice – mikeroweWORKS.com

PS. The signature, for what it's worth, is really mine.



The Trading Post: A place for fond memories and tradition

In the last issue of the Gazette, you learned about Gilwell Order and by now, you will have the esteemed privilege to be known as a member of a Wood Badge patrol. The patrol to which you belong is affiliated with a particular animal or Wood Badge critter. You will also notice that folks who have earned their Wood Badge beads often don't simply refer to themselves as "graduates" of Wood Badge; they will almost always indicate which critter their patrol represents. Why is this?

The Wood Badge, as you may have heard, is a mountain top experience for scouting's adult leaders. Only a small percentage of scouting's leadership belong to this group. Throughout this course, you will develop strong bonds with your fellow "Gilwellians". This kinship will be especially deep between the members of your patrol. Each patrol will become a high performing team and accomplish great things together. This fellowship extends well beyond the conclusion of the Wood Badge course, itself. In fact, when you meet strangers from other Wood Badge courses, perhaps even from other parts of the world, you will instantly have in common this peak scouting experience – more so if you share the same patrol critter. It's like finding a sibling you never realized you had!

In short, the Wood Badge patrols exemplify the patrol method found in our troops. Carrying this beyond Wood Badge and into our future in scouting and life demonstrates to our troop patrols the idea that this team-is-greater-than-one method works for us as adults, as well. When faced with a particularly daunting project or task, some comfort can be found when you catch glimpse of your patrol's critter on some knick-knack on your

desk or on your clothing. You reflect back to how you managed to accomplish what seemed to be difficult by using the skills taught in Wood Badge. You will smile as you think about the very diverse make-up of your patrol and how you all became good friends in the game with a purpose that is scouting.

So what does this have to do with the Trading Post? It so happens that in addition to general Wood Badge memorabilia, the Trading Post carries Wood Badge critter patches, pins and embroidered clothing items that you will cherish and quite likely pass on to future generations of Wood Badgers. Throughout each Wood Badge weekend, the Trading Post will be open during breaks to allow folks plenty of time to shop. Hours of operation will be updated each day and posted at the Trading Post, located in Gilwell Hall. The Trading Post accepts cash, checks and credit cards.

This is the first year that we will also have a shopping web site specifically for this course, where you can purchase personalized memorabilia. Items purchased through the site or through the Trading Post by the close of the first weekend may be delivered without postage charge to you during the second weekend of the course. If we run out of an item during the first weekend of the course, we'll order it for you and have it ready for delivery to you during the second weekend.

Thanks for joining us for Wood Badge S7-602-14! If you have any questions about the Trading Post, please do ask a friendly Trading Post Staffer!

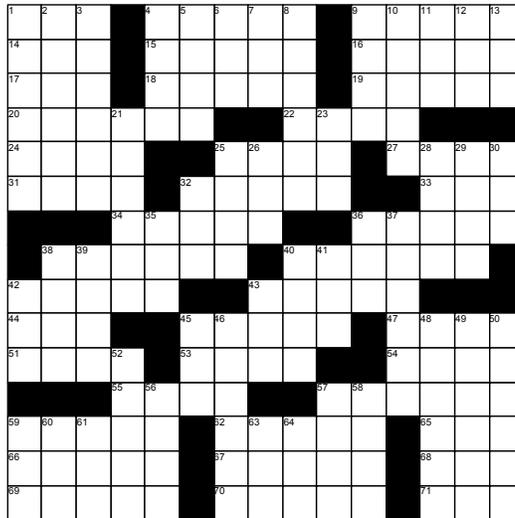
Biscuit

**Trading Post Open Each Course Day!
Final orders due noon on Sunday, Sept. 14**

Today's Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Scientist's office
- 4 Topical
- 9 Reduce
- 14 Reduced (abbr.)
- 15 Ancient Greek marketplace
- 16 OA Founder E. _____ Goodman
- 17 Shop
- 18 _____ of the Arrow
- 19 God
- 20 Slip by
- 22 Scotsman
- 24 What you stand in
- 25 Cat
- 27 Varsity unit
- 31 Satiated
- 32 Brass instruments
- 33 Atmosphere
- 34 Sheds tears
- 36 Staves off
- 38 State capital
- 40 Expands
- 42 Number of beads worn by staff
- 43 Smooth
- 44 Three
- 45 Information
- 47 Middle East dweller
- 51 Otherwise
- 53 Large African river
- 54 Magma
- 55 Green Gables dweller
- 57 ASM of Troop _____
- 59 Ridge
- 62 Jump
- 65 Gall
- 66 Toothbrush brand
- 67 Painter Richard
- 68 Employ
- 69 The B in BP
- 70 Greatest Zulu Leader
- 71 Put



DOWN

- 1 Dubs
- 2 Loss of ability to make decisions
- 3 SR769 Scoutmaster
- 4 Country in SE Asia
- 5 Giant
- 6 Fish
- 7 Is
- 8 Course Mentor
- 9 Coupe
- 10 Short for British with double t's
- 11 Picnic pest
- 12 Oolong
- 13 Gray sea eagle
- 21 Shrimp
- 23 Nervous system
- 25 Pronghorn, for short
- 26 Tax agency
- 28 Royalty
- 29 BP book: _____ to Scoutmastership
- 30 Married woman
- 32 That woman
- 35 Before, poeticaly
- 36 Petite
- 37 Strong chemical base
- 38 Day-time TV's Mr. Donahue
- 39 Part of the eye
- 40 Veer
- 41 Damper
- 42 Men's neckwear
- 43 Scott, for short
- 45 Lodge
- 46 They make you an aunt
- 48 Wheel spoke
- 49 Loath
- 50 Basketball goal
- 52 Boy Scout's Highest Rank
- 56 Compass point
- 57 Nerd
- 58 _____ Major (Big Dipper)
- 59 Throw
- 60 Time period
- 61 Mom's partner
- 63 Fire remains
- 64 School group

FAMOUS EVENTS ON SEPTEMBER 13:

- 1503** - Michelangelo begins work on his statue of David
- 1788** - NY City becomes 1st capital of US
- 1803** - John Barry, 1st American commodore, dies
- 1857** - Milton S. Hershey, born in Derry Township, PA, American chocolate tycoon (The Hershey Chocolate Company) and philanthropist, (d. 1945)
- 1906** - 1st airplane flight in Europe
- 1916** - Roald Dahl, born in Llandaff, Cardiff, author (*James and the Giant Peach*), (d. 1990)
- 1918** - Ray Charles, born in Chicago, orchestra leader, composer, musician
- 1939** - First (tethered) flight of the Vought-Sikorsky VS-300, one of the first viable American helicopters
- 1948** - Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me) elected senator, 1st woman to serve in both houses of Congress
- 1965** - Beatles win 1st Grammy, for Best Group of 1964
- 1987** - Paul Lynch of Great Britain does 32,573 push-ups in 24 hours
- 1997** - Mother Teresa's State Funeral held in India
- 2014** - Second day of Wood Badge course S7-602-14