

## Day 3 Schedule

Program Patrol: Beaver - Service Patrol: Fox

7:00am	Breakfast	12:15pm	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
8:00am	Gilwell Field Assembly		Chaplain's Aide Meeting
8:30am	Interfaith Worship Service	1:30pm	Conservation Project Planning
9:20am	<b>Break</b>	2:20pm	<b>Break</b>
9:30am	Troop Meeting	2:30pm	Movie: <i>October Sky</i>
10:50am	<b>Break</b>	4:30pm	Closing Gilwell Assembly
11:00am	Leading EDGE/Training EDGE	5:00pm	Patrol Time
12:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	6:00pm	Departure from Camp



## The Star-Spangled Banner Flag

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag or the Great Garrison Flag is the garrison flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the naval portion of the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812. Seeing the flag during the battle inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem *The Star-Spangled Banner*, which would later become the National Anthem of the United States.

In Baltimore's preparation for an expected attack on the city, Fort McHenry was made ready to defend the city's harbor. When Major George Armistead expressed desire for a very large flag to fly over the fort, General John S. Stricker and Commodore Joshua Barney placed an order with a prominent Baltimorean flag maker for two oversized American Flags. The larger of the two flags would be the Great Garrison Flag, the largest battle flag ever flown at the time. The smaller of the two flags would be the "storm flag", to be more durable and less prone to fouling in inclement weather.

Although it is commonly thought to have been made by Betsy Ross, it was actually sewn by local flag maker Mary Young Pickersgill under a government commission in 1813 at a cost of \$405.90. George Armistead, the commander of Fort McHenry, specified "a flag so large that the British would have no difficulty seeing it from a distance."

The Flag was flown over the fort when 5,000 British soldiers and a fleet of 19 ships attacked Baltimore on September 12, 1814. The bombardment turned to Fort McHenry on the evening of September 13 and continuous shelling occurred for 25 hours under heavy rain. When the British ships were unable to pass the fort and penetrate the harbor, the attack was ended, and on the morning of September 14, when the battered flag still flew above the ramparts, it was clear that Fort McHenry remained in American hands. This revelation was famously captured in poetry by Key, an American Lawmaker and then-amateur poet. Being held by the British on a truce ship in the Patapsco River, Key observed the battle from afar. When he saw the garrison flag still flying at dawn of the morning of the 14th, he composed a poem he originally titled *Defiance of Ft. McHenry*. A portion of it would later be adopted as the United States National Anthem. Since its arrival at the Smithsonian, the flag has undergone multiple restoration efforts.

## Critterscopes

### ✦ Beaver

You are not noble in reason, infinite in faculty, like an angel in your actions, or especially moving in your form. However, you are a real piece of work.

### ✧ Bobwhite

It's time to acknowledge that your "trustworthy right-hand man" is really just a little face you drew on your thumb and forefinger.

### ✧ Eagle

Your much-publicized solo circumnavigation of the Earth hits a snag when you learn that "circumnavigation" means "to go all the way around."

### ✦ Fox

Your life will continue its pattern of long stretches of boredom punctuated by intense moments of wondering what exactly nougat is.

### ✧ Owl

Avoid 7-foot tall men wielding bloody axes this week, which, believe us, isn't going to be as easy as it sounds.

### ✦ Bear

Your judgment is called into question when, despite the strong advice of your friends down in the marketing department, you decide to go ahead with plans to launch a winter invasion of Russia.

### ● Buffalo

Not to make you feel any worse, but even the Bobwhites know that drawing to fill an inside straight is a bad idea.

### ● Antelope

Though you are not sure of the true meaning of love, you're pretty sure you know the proper use of the word "hopefully".

"All the News that Fits"

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Priceless

Day 3 Edition

Maidens: **Weather Rock Today**, there's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.

## Day 2 Focuses on Teamwork & Projects

By HEATHER LEAKE (*Freelance Staff*)

MAIDENS, VA — September 22 may have been Saturday in other parts of the world but at Gilwell it was Team Day! The primary focus of Day 2 at S7-602-17 was teams, teambuilding, and teamwork. These areas were highlighted repeatedly throughout the day in activities, presentations, and even games.

One such game was Zulu Toss. The object; keep six brightly colored balls in the air by tossing them between team members. Sounds easy enough but the execution proved otherwise. Patrols quickly learned they would need all of their members focused and involved if they were to have any chance as reaching their goal.

Next came the Front End Alignment game (aka: Candy Toss). This appeared to be a simple game, but alas, it contained a hidden purpose. During this game patrols learned about the impact different styles of leadership can have on a team.

The games were soon followed by presentations on Inclusiveness, The Stages of Team Development, and Project Planning. Though covering different concepts, the lessons from all three of these presentations worked together to help participants understand how to create, grow, and utilize a team to its fullest potential.

Next it was time to put some of this newfound knowledge to the test by building model water rockets as a team. This effort required each patrol to come up with a vision for their rocket, determine

a plan for how it would be built, identify the strengths each patrol member brought to the group, and how to best utilize those talents, all within a limited time frame.

Each patrol approached the task in a slightly different manner but in each case, chose the path that was best suited to their team. The clock ticked away and soon water rockets began to emerge like a phoenix from a pile of what had only shortly before been soda bottles and craft supplies. Shortly thereafter, completed rockets began to appear on the staging table.

Each patrol had to face the judges and launch their creation into wild blue yonder. One after another, the patrols brought forth their rockets, added the "fuel", placed their rocket on the launch pad, and pulled the launch cord to send it skyward. Every patrol's rocket flew, though some in unexpected ways. Afterward, just as any high performing team would do, each patrol gathered together for a debriefing period to determine how their "project" had turned out.

As the sun began to sink towards the horizon, the second day of Wood Badge was just hitting its stride. With team building knowledge now firmly instilled, each patrol is ready to head on to other Wood Badge adventures which will certainly not disappoint.

## We Pushed On: William Boyce

While a man of many talents and interests, Scouters best know William Dickson "W. D." Boyce as the founder of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boyce was born in a rural part of Pennsylvania in June of 1858 where he grew up to love the outdoors. At age 16, he became a schoolteacher and then tried his hand at coal mining. He enrolled at Wooster Academy in Ohio and attended for one year before moving around the Midwest and Canada working as a teacher, a lumberjack, a secretary, and a salesman.

Finally, he settled in Chicago where he developed a reputation as a very successful salesman and quickly learned the trade of business. His major occupational success lay in the newspaper industry though, as illustrated by the numerous publications he worked for and started in Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Manitoba. Of particular interest is the illustrated paper, *The Saturday Blade*, designed for rural audiences and sold by an army of newsboys.

The success of this newspaper led Boyce to found the W. D. Boyce Publishing Company which Boyce used to buy or start several newspapers and magazines. Boyce was a great supporter of worker's rights, supporting labor unions and providing for the welfare of the 30,000 delivery boys who had been the foundation of his success. He believed that the job served the boys by teaching them important character traits like self-reliance and personal responsibility. During the Panic of 1893, when businesses were laying off workers and cutting wages, Boyce continued to pay

both full wages and provide benefits for his workers.

By the early 1900's, Boyce had expanded his businesses to include paper mills (to provide the paper for his publications), as well as water and power businesses (to run the mills).

As Boyce's wealth grew due to his ability to organize business administration and delegate details to subordinates, he became increasingly interested in traveling and civic affairs. He financed Frederick Schwatka's 1896 expedition to Alaska that discovered gold near Nome. Soon he was organizing his own expeditions, including a failed aerial photography trip to Kenya in 1909. The undertaking was immense: 15 train cars took 400 people (300 of them were servants) and their equipment from Nairobi to an area near Lake Victoria. But no photographs were taken because a telephoto lens was never brought, the hot air balloons wouldn't work properly over the East African plains, and the size and noise of the cameras scared the animals away. Several species of large game animals were hunted, but the only photographs brought back from the trip were purchased in stores.

But that trip was to change the lives of millions of young people in the United States. While en route to Kenya, he stopped in England where he met the now famous Unknown Scout who assisted him to his hotel when he became "lost in the fog" of downtown London. So impressed was Boyce by the young man who was doing his duty, that he visited the Scout headquarters and picked up a copy of *Scouting For Boys* and various other Scout publications.

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## On Forgiveness

When I was a Scout, my Scout Handbook said: "A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task when trusted on his honor to do so, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge." One failure and I could lose my Scout badge! Baden-Powell said, "nothing on earth is an excuse for unfaithfulness." Trust remains an important cornerstone of relationships, and not only in Scouting.

However, we are none of us perfect. As a Scout leader I certainly make my share of mistakes. As a Scout, my list of failings was even longer. How do we reconcile our high standards with our human failings?

Our spiritual traditions call us to show mercy, to act with grace, and to forgive. For me, I strive to take at face value the pledge by my fellow Scouters and Scouts to "On my honor, I'll do my best ..." In my personal life I try to act on the belief that everyone is doing their best.

My advice is, start there: everyone is doing their best. In my experience, here is what you'll find. You won't carry the poison of anger in your heart as you hold a grudge within

you. You'll realize that this calls you to not even ask whether someone "deserves" forgiveness; we all do. You'll purge the sickly virus of seeking power through scheming, self-promotion, and fear; instead you'll find the inexhaustible mutual impetus to serve.

All grievances are fundamentally an argument with divine creation. If you believe that there is a power that made things the way they are, then when you are mad at anything, you are mad at God. Carry this millstone as long as you must. Pile on all your petty, middling, and major complaints. As you rail on against the way things are, I suggest that you consider that there is an alternative to thinking that God is wrong. That choice is to believe that you have been called to be open to the opportunities in front of you, to continue to learn, to contribute. Again, this guides you to growth and to service.

The youth we serve need to see examples of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Many of them need to be taught this path (I did!). We can accelerate this by also practicing gratefulness. When you become grateful

for all things, then you'll no longer need to take pride in your wounds as a defense. When defeats, downturns, and misfortunes are forgiven then they only add to your alertness, strength, and responsibility.

And we will see setbacks. We will encounter the seriously misguided, or tragically deluded, and even painfully evil. Here is where your alertness, strength, and responsibility will be put to good use. Paul Petzolt (the founder of NOLS) said, "A leader is someone who walks toward trouble." Forgiveness is this curious paradox of accepting everything just as it is, while working tirelessly for a complete upheaval of cynicism. I've found that forgiveness gives permission to change (even oneself).

A quote I like (especially the last line):

*"The young need old men. They need men who are not ashamed of age, not pathetic imitation of themselves. ... Parents are the bones on which children sharpen their teeth."*

PETER USTINOV

## The Weather Rocks!

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of you for including me in the Gilwell assembly yesterday morning. It looks like you are all finally learning to keep your corners sharp and walking star-wise around the field. What a fine bunch of creatures made of mostly water! I am a very easy rock to read and will always give an accurate weather report, whether I am dry, wet, swinging, still, cold, hot, white, or rock colored. Please note that if I am shaking, we are having an earthquake, so duck and cover! If I start floating in mid-air we are being abducted by aliens (or Beavers, I can't tell the difference) that's all for now. Have a great Wood Badge day!

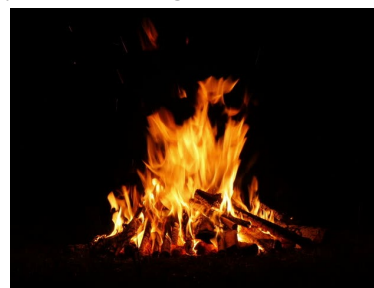
THE WEATHER ROCK  
Maidens, Va., September 24, 2017

*P.S. Please tell weather rock guy to warm his hands before touching me. Brrrr!*



## ONE YOUTH

There are hundreds of thousands, even millions of boys around the world who continue to benefit from the Scouting experience. We can't reach them all, but even within our own groups we can see our task as overwhelming, not making any difference. However, to that ONE boy or girl in your den, pack, troop, post, or crew who looks to you as a role model, a friend, a mentor, or an inspiration (even if he or she never told you) you ARE making a difference!



## The Game of Life

The Game of Life is truly fascinating. In the game, people may behave in much the same way that people do in real life. Some are honest. Some cheat. Some start out the right way but change, or are changed by others. Some carry a grudge. Some plot and plan to get even. Tempers are aroused and feelings hurt when people are betrayed. All of us carry these potentials around with us, and all of us are sometimes guilty of acting on them. We're not perfect. We're all students of The Game of Life, just as we are students learning about leadership in this Wood Badge course.

The game was just a game—a mirror, if you will—to help us see ourselves and our imperfections a little more clearly. That way we can do something about them. If we choose to do so, we can improve and grow personally. Trust is so important; it is included as the first point of the Scout Law.

Trust actually has to do with four separate values: honesty, integrity, promise-keeping, and loyalty. They all come into play in The Game of Life, in real life, and in the art of leadership.

**Honesty.** There are two kinds of honesty: honesty in communication and honesty in conduct. Honesty in communication requires a good-faith intent to be truthful, accurate, straightforward,

and fair in all communication so that people are not misled or deceived. Honesty in conduct prohibits cheating, fraud, subterfuge, and trickery to acquire anything of value.

**Integrity.** Integrity is about consistency between principle and practice. It requires us to "walk our talk" and to make decisions consistent with our values, especially our ethical values.

**Promise-keeping.** A promise or other commitment creates a legitimate basis for another person to rely upon us. Once given, it imposes the responsibility of making all reasonable efforts to fulfill it. It is an absolutely critical aspect of trustworthiness.

**Loyalty.** Loyalty implies a special responsibility to promote and protect the interests of certain persons or organizations. It is a duty that extends beyond the normal obligation of concern for others. When a leader is unable to demonstrate all of these values through his actions, people lose confidence. They stop trusting. Without the trust of those they are leading, leaders cannot lead for very long.

Trust is virtually impossible to regain once it is lost. No one wins The Game of Life unless everyone wins. The *you* in "win all you can!" is all of us. For a leader, "winning all you can"

should mean that everyone needs to win. Those who win at the expense of others are not really winners, nor are they effective leaders.

Groups fall apart (and leaders are ousted) when people are betrayed. Sometimes leaders even betray those they lead. Sometimes groups betray other groups to achieve an objective. Participants in this game (and leaders in real life) need to think through who the "you" is in "win all you can!" Effective leaders walk the talk; they put loyalty to others, and to the team, first. They live the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law.

As leaders in Scouting, and as leaders in our families, our workplaces, and our communities, we have a tremendous responsibility and a dilemma. The responsibility is to constantly set the very best possible example and to be the role model in everything we do, say, and are. The problem is, we are not perfect. We are flawed human beings, just like everyone

else on the planet. Sometimes the temptations we face in The Game of Life get to us, and we do things we realize, in hindsight, that we should not have done.

The dilemma we face is between our responsibility to those we serve as leaders—thinking about what is best for them, for the group, for the team—and of "winning all we can" for ourselves. As leaders in Scouting, there is only one way for us to face that dilemma, and that is to put others first—the group, the team, those we lead. In a sense, the leader is actually the servant of those he leads.

The Scout Oath puts it simply: To help other people at all times. The best leaders know this. They know who the YOU is in "Win All You Can!"

*Editor's Note: Reprinted from the Wood Badge for the 21st Century; 2011 Staff Guide*

Day 3 Patrol Reports  
Due October 6

Attention  
Patrols

Points could be  
awarded for:

- First patrol to submit
- Your favorite movie snacks
- Recipes for weekend 2

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prohibited



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Day 3 Patrol  
Reports Due Oct 6

The Scribe Staff want YOU  
to submit your patrol re-  
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you've learned, all points  
are awarded completely  
subjectively.

Prizes Have Been  
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Again!

