

Patrol Flags Presented

MAIDENS, VA — Saturday morning’s opening ceremony at Gilwell Field marked not only the official beginning of the second weekend of S7-602-17, it was also the day for patrol flag inspection.

Examples of patrol flags from previous courses have been hung on display during both weekends. Now it was time for the patrols of S7-602-17 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 and details included fabric, leather, tartan, embroidery, wood-working and assorted other materials not usually associated with flags. Symbolism and imagery were abundant.

One by one, each patrol stepped forward to present their flag to the Senior Patrol Leader for inspection. Passing that hurdle, the flags were then presented to the Scoutmaster and staff for their inspection and approval. Scrutiny was intense and included tape measures and other measuring devices. After thorough review, it was determined that each flag presented was in fact a perfect Gilwell Square. Yet one more way that WB2017 has left its indelible impression on the Wood Badge participants.



Interfaith Chaplain Aides

This morning we will celebrate an interfaith worship service led by Troop 1’s Patrols Chaplain Aides.. In addition to their patrol responsibilities and writing their tickets during the interim Wood Badge course time, they dedicated hours to meeting, studying, planning and will lead the service.

Why include religious services in Scouting? The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America recognize the religious element in the training of the BSA’s members, but the BSA is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Religious instruction is ultimately the responsibility of the home and the religious institution.

When planning for an Interfaith Worship Service Scout leaders should keep in mind the following elements:

- Know the Scouts and Scouters religious background and experience to respect the rights and feelings of others even if their beliefs and religious practices differ from the leaders.
- The service should be planned, timed and rehearsed and not exceed more than 30 minutes.
- The location should lend itself to the occasion and promote reverence.
- Everyone in attendance should have opportunities to participate, if they wish, through responsive readings, silent and group prayer, singing, etc.

We thank the Chaplain Aides serving during our Wood Badge Course!

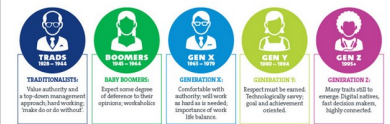


Generations In Scouting

Scouting never has been more diverse in gender, ethnicity or age of its volunteers. One of the roles of a leader is to engage the minds and ensure commitment of all participants in order to form a cohesive team. In order to do that, scout leaders must understand generational differences, be aware of how those differences impact each generation involved in Scouting, and learn ways to work together across generations for a better future.

That was the message of the Generations in Scouting presentation on the afternoon of Day Four. The presentation proceeded from a basic definition of a “Generation,” to a description of the four generations of volunteers and two generations of youth involved in Scouting, to a discussion of the common characteristics of each generation, and concluded with suggestions for working with each generation. The presentation is summed up in the Handbook and a list of sources and suggested readings is included.

Scouting tomorrow will be as different from today as it was from 30 years ago. Together we can create the greatest change in Scouting history and equip future generations of leaders to build upon our legacy.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

How do we get our S7-602-17 Patrol flag hanging in Gilwell Hall?

Sincerely,
 Proud Critter

Dear Proud Critter:

The first step to getting 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.

The next step to getting your flag flying in Gilwell is for one of your Patrol to serve on Wood Badge staff. This honor seeks you, you don't seek it.

We would love to add your flag to our library if you Patrol is willing to part with it.

*Hanging around Gilwell,
 Wood Badge S7-602-17 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 four 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 Five, 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 are an 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. Dur-

ing 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.

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 mo-

tioned 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.



*“Scouting is a game for boys under the leadership of boys under the direction of a man.”
Baden-Powell*



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.

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SOMETHING SPECIAL IN THE COBBLER

I love to eat good food and have collected many wonderful recipes over the years. One of my favorites is a Dutch oven dish that I learned while taking Scout leader outdoor training in the fall of 1980. We made a simple cherry cobbler, but added a small twist. A fresh banana was sliced up and mixed in with the other fruit. The banana melts into the cobbler as it cooks. It adds a mysterious richness of flavor that Scouts love, but just can't quite place.

That cooking philosophy can be applied to your leadership style. Always remember to add a little something special that can't quite be placed, but makes all the difference in the world. Each person's special something will be different. It can be as simple as a warm smile or as complicated as deeply researched woods craft. Whatever yours is, the scouts will notice that you have put something extra into your work. They will know that you care and will in turn put more energy into Scouting. Young people appreciate effort, even if they can't quite place what is special about it.

Scout Prayer Etiquette

In place of the command “Let us pray,” more inclusive, non-sectarian ways to invite participation in a blessing include the following statements and invitations:

“A Scout is reverent”
“Would you join me in prayer?”
“Will you all assume an attitude of prayer?”

Easy Dutch Oven Cobbler

- 1 white cake mix
- 1 12 ounce can of Sprite or 7-Up
- 2 cans fruit pie filling (we like blueberry)
- 1 banana

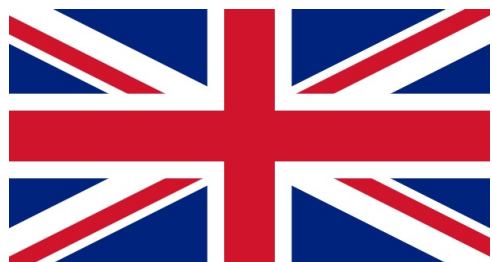
Note: This cobbler is prepared in a camp-style cast iron Dutch oven which has a lid with a lip so that hot coals may be set on top of the pan. Pour fruit pie filling into a 6 quart Dutch oven. In a separate bowl, mix soda with cake mix. Batter will be lumpy. Pour over top of pie filling. Bake with 20 coals on top and 10 on bottom until cake is golden color. Serve hot.



Day 5 Schedule

Program Patrol: Eagle - Service Patrol: Antelope

7:00am	Breakfast at Patrol Campsites	1:30pm	Patrol Project 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 Presentations	3:55pm	Assessments
10:45am	Break	4:30pm	Final Ticket Turn In
11:00am	Conservation Project	6:00pm	Dinner at Patrol Campsites
12:00pm	Lunch & Patrol Leaders' Council Working Lunch Meeting	7:00pm	Patrol Meeting
		8:00pm	Patrol Cracker Barrel



British Union Flag

The British Union Flag, sometimes called the Union Jack, was carried by the Jamestown settlers in 1607 and by the pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620. Today, it is the official flag of the United Kingdom. Its design can be found in the Hawaiian flag and several flags of other nations, including New Zealand and Australia.

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

It's a good thing that "Love conquers all"...

🦊 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.

**Attention
Patrols**

**Day 5 Patrol Reports
Due by 6pm**

Win fame and fortune, or at
least some points!

Points could be awarded for:

- First patrol to submit
- Best meal served to a Scribe staffer
- Shoutout for another Patrol's Presentation

**Points! Get Your
Points Here!**

*Bribes strictly
prohibited*



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