

Back to Gilwell, Happy Land!

MAIDENS, VA — In the three weeks between the short span of days that we are privileged to walk on Gilwell Field, the staff and patrols have been preparing for this final weekend and our Wood Badge Outdoor Experience.

While the staff members concentrated on tweaking presentations, setting up Gilwell on the T. Brady Saunders side of the Heart of Virginia Council Scout Reservation, and locating those last few game pieces for the patrol meetings, the participants have been even busier in their preparations.

Patrol flags that meet the criteria for a Perfect Gilwell Square have been fashioned from a wide variety of materials to reflect the spirit and camaraderie of the participants. Totems for the individual patrol members have been designed and created to be displayed with pride for years to come. The patrols have had the chance to meet several times to work on presentations concerning some aspect of scouting and finalize their plans for their camping experience.

Some have formed groups on social networking sites, like Facebook, to stay in touch, provide a fun way to show their progress, and connect with like critters from other Wood Badge courses. Patrol meetings have taken place at offices, libraries, and even restaurants as the fellowship in the patrols has grown and developed.

And, while the patrol members have been working together on their various group projects, each participant has also been spending time crafting a vision of their legacy in Scouting, developing a Wood Badge Ticket to bring their goals to fruition.

An astounding amount of work has been accomplished in preparation for this weekend and, as we head into the last few days of S7-602-17, each of us is ready in our own way to complete the course.

Course Director / EVERETT WINN

Staff Spirit Award

John Turner, Assistant Friendly Quartermaster, was awarded the coveted Spirit Award on Day Three.

This honor is given to a first-time staff member who best exemplifies the Wood Badge spirit of cheerful attitude and service to others. Congratulations, John!

Many of you may know John because he has had the brunt of the Trading Post at Camp T. Brady Saunders for the last several years. He has a great attitude even when doing some of the less desirable jobs of Assistant Friendly Quartermaster. John was always looking ahead to make sure everything was just so, even on small details such as cutting out the lights in the dining hall so we could concentrate on the campfire at the One Youth Ceremony after the Game of Life.

My first encounter with John was almost 30 years ago at Cub Day Camp for Battlefield District and he made me feel at ease.

Look for John during the Generations Presentation, and be sure to congratulate him on his award.



WHAT’S IN A SIGN?

As you enter Gilwell Field on Weekend Two you will pass a signpost with a variety of plaques denoting locations and the distance to each from Camp T. Brady Saunders. Each plaque is pointing in the direction of its location. The sign assembly was a gift to the Course Director of Wood Badge SR-917, Chuck Smith, who was also course Mentor for course S7-602-11-1. It was given to him with the directive that it must stay at the Scout reservation (otherwise it may have ended up in his front yard!). Each plaque bears the name of a location of significance in the Scouting program. Some you may recognize, but there may be a few that you do not.

Nyeri, Kenya, is the location of Lord Robert Baden Powell’s burial site, where upon his head-

stone is the circle with a dot in it, which we learned is the trail sign for “Gone Home.”

Kandersteg is the location of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland, established in 1923.

Fort A.P. Hill has been the location of eight BSA National Jamborees, from 1981 until 2010. They also had a 200-acre site set aside for Boy Scout camping.

Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier are three BSA High Adventure bases.

Brownsea Island was the location of the first Scouting summer camp in 1907. It is located off the southern coast of England.

Gilwell Field is the location of the very first Wood Badge training. The property was donated by the MacLaren family to the Scout Association of the United King-



dom in 1919.

Irving, Texas, is the location of the Boy Scouts of America national headquarters.

One more sign was added in 2011 to honor the new National High Adventure Base—Summit Bechtel Reserve.

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GEORGE CRUTCHFIELD, SE-547 (1990)
JIM COCHRAN, SE-594 (1992)
BETTY COCHRAN, SR058 (1994)
MIKE OXFORD, SR172 (1996)
JOE PEACE, SR267 (1998)
BOB RASMUSSEN, SR373 (2000)
JOHN TURNER, SR501 (2002)
STUART DUNN, SR604 (2003)
RANDY HARRIS, SR677 (2005)
GARY BRYANT, SR769 (2006)
KAREN STREAGLE, SR809 (2007)
CHUCK SMITH, SR917 (2008)
CRAIG BRITT, SR966 (2009)
AL BEST, S7-602-11-1 (2011)
MARK LARSON, S7-602-12-1 (2012)
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Editorial Observer / JAMES E. WEST, First Professional Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, 1911-1943

Scout Camping: One of the Greatest Schools of Democracy

Boy Scouts all over the world go camping. Over 300,000 boys spent a week or more in camp last summer. Thousands of acres are added annually to camp-site buildings and new camp buildings have been erected. Winter camp is a big feature when the icy winds blow and the mercury starts sliding down, our husky coats bundle into sweaters and mackinaws and hike to camp through the snow. Every Boy Scout — every boy for that matter — should spend at least two weeks in camp as a part of his education. The camp does much more than provide a pleasant recreation. It does more than make a sturdy body. Camping gives direct and positive training of a vital sort. A well-conducted camp develops initiative and resourcefulness; the boy is obliged to find many make-shifts, invent ingenious contrivances, employ his hands and his head to replace the mechanics of civilization. Life in the woods quickens his senses to a thousand details of foliage, tracks, and birds.

A Boy Scout camp is one of the greatest schools of democracy in

the world. Every boy has a job and all boys working together make for the efficiency of the organization. Here no social barriers — only hearty comradeship, and a healthy rivalry stimulated by contests in strength and skill. It will give the boy the greatest experiences of his life, and training that he can obtain in no other way.

The greatest boys' camp in the world, that one set up in Copenhagen, Denmark, demonstrated this in 1924, when 6,000 Boy Scouts took part in a World Scout Jamboree. Thirty-three nations were represented, and it is a tribute to America, and due in no small measure to the efficiency of her camping program, that American Scouts won the world championship. The qualities that carried these fifty-six boys over the top are precisely the qualities of skill, resourcefulness, initiative, and good fellowship that a Boy Scout Camp develops. Nor were other nations far behind. To the glory of the youth of the world, be it recorded that this Jamboree was more

than a contest. Harmony and friendship governed. Courtesy and respect for others were everywhere evident. American boys had pledged themselves beforehand not to utter a word of dissonance, of criticism or displeasure, and the other Scouts had done the same. Every competition between the different nations ended with a cheer for each other and a friendly handshake — real chivalry and sportsmanship.

It was the One Big Game made up of all the games that boys have ever played since first there was hide-and-seek in the woods and hero worship for those who took the lead, and listening ears for those who told thrilling tales. It was the challenge of Youth to the world, and all those boys from all those nations, with their courage, skill, health, and joyousness proclaimed with shouts across the frontiers of strife that they had the magic password — the promise of the future comradeship.

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."
Baden-Powell



On Leadership

To the Editor:

I'd like to comment on observations of the Head Muckity-Mucks of Wood Badge S7-602-17. As you may have experienced in your past, sometimes the Head Muckity-Mucks get so involved in doing "this 'n that," they tend to overlook the common courtesy of leadership, treat subordinate staffers like children, and drill as if the "D-Day" invasion was about to commence in short order. But not here in Wood Badge S7-602-17! The experience of the prior three days has been exceptional, the leadership styles of all the Muckity-Mucks is remarkable; "they treat everyone like adults," lead by example, and extend latitude to the staffers in the completion of their tasks. It has been a great honor to serve with such a wonderful group of Muckity-Mucks. It is no wonder that this is one of the best Wood Badge staffers ever.

ANONYMOUS
 Maidens, Va., October 13, 2017

Dear Anonymous:

Thank you for reiterating what all us staffers already know.
 S7-602-17 Scribes

What is Scouting?

Not one in a hundred people knows this. Scouting is not a thing that can be taught by wording it in public speeches, nor by defining it in print. Its successful application depends entirely on the grasp of the Scout spirit by both trainer and trainee. What this spirit is can only be understood by outsiders when they see it ruling, as it already does to a vast extent, the thoughts and actions of each of our brotherhood.

Thus each Scoutmaster and each Commissioner will be an apostle to them, not merely through what he says but through what he imparts by impression and through what he does himself in his own personality. For this he must, as a first point, be imbued with a real understanding knowledge of Scout ideals, the methods we use to gain them, and the reasons that underlie them. Among them he realizes, for instance, that Scouting can help by attracting the boy or girl, or by helping him or her to acquire these qualities.

This cannot be done by the imposition of artificial instruction from without but by the encouragement of the natural impulses from within; it is brotherhood—a scheme which, in practice, disregards differences in class, creed, country, and color, through the un-definable spirit that pervades it—the spirit of God's people.

Now these, you will say, are things you know already and don't need to be told. Yes, that is so. But ideally you should pass them on to those who don't know them.

What the Scout Law Means to Me

by John Wayne

A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp. At this dinner, Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual. He said the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words." "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it." Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at

the dinner, much like he would have for his grandson.

TRUSTWORTHY: The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

LOYAL: The very word is life itself; for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

HELPFUL: Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves; not to mention mankind. Be always full of help—the dying man's last words.

FRIENDLY: Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions—and do—but make sure and start with brotherhood.

COURTEOUS: Allow each person his human dignity; which means a lot more than saying, "Yes, ma'am" and "Thank you, sir." It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

KIND: This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, it's just no good unless you get out and use it.

OBEDIENT: Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

CHEERFUL: Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

THRIFTY: Means a lot more than putting pennies away; and it is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

BRAVE: You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work, and living the best life they know how against

the law of odds. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

CLEAN: Soap and water helps a lot on the outside. But it is the inside that counts, and don't ever forget it.

REVERENT: Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

John Wayne then thanked those at the dinner for putting his name on the outpost camp and said, "I would rather see it here than on all the theater marquees the world over."

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7 Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



VENTURE CREW 531 and NYLT STAFF/ GRADUATES DEVELOP LIFELONG SKILLS and CONFIDENCE

By Deborah Graves

Never Stop Adventuring

Venture Crew 531 and NYLT Staff and Graduates arrived at Gilwell Friday evening to offer their assistance with Wood Badge course S7-602-17. The Crew members were greeted by Everett Winn and introduced to the staff during dinner in Gilwell Hall. The Crews' purpose here will be to assist the Troop Guides in activities during Day Four, and at the same time, through interaction, give the participants in S7-602-17 exposure to Venturing.

Venturing is a coed program offered by the BSA to youth ages 14-21. Venture units are referred to as Crews. Youth leadership is a key component of the Venturing program. Adult leaders serve only in an advisory or "shadow" leader role. Crew members elect their leadership from their fellow members and determine their Crew's program based on their own interests.

Venturing programs normally include high adventure components to aide the Crew in team-building and provide an opportunity to learn and apply practical leadership skills. These attributes combine to offer Crew members experiences which help develop lifelong skills and confidence that will be carried forward as they enter adulthood.

The course staff is excited to have the Crew on board and is looking forward to working with them on Saturday.

Day 4 Schedule

Program Patrol: **Bobwhite** - Service Patrol: **Buffalo**

7:00am	Arrival at Camp T. Brady Saunders (Walk as Patrol to the Outdoor Experience Model Campsite)	1:00pm	Generations
8:00am	Setup Patrol Campsites	1:50pm	Break
9:45am	Gilwell Field Assembly	2:00pm	Problem Solving and Decision Making
10:25am	Overview of Weekend 2	2:40pm	Problem Solving Round Robin
10:30am	Leading Change	4:00pm	Managing Conflict
11:20am	Break	5:00pm	Patrol Meeting
11:30am	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting	6:00pm	Dinner at Patrol Campsites
12:00pm	Lunch at Patrol Campsites	7:30pm	The Diversity Game
		8:30pm	Participants' Campfire
		9:30pm	Patrol Cracker Barrel



46-Star United States Flag

By 1908, the United States of America had grown to encompass states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Nearly all the territory in between had also been recognized with statehood. When Oklahoma joined the union, the U.S. Flag changed to include 46 stars, a design that would last for only four years and the administrations of two presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and William Taft.

For us, there is further significance. This is the flag that was flying over America in 1910 when the Boy Scouts of America had its beginnings.

**Attention
Patrols**

Points could be awarded for:

- First patrol to submit
- Your favorite campfire snacks
- Tips for staying dry

Bribes strictly prohibited



**Day 4 Patrol
Reports Due by
6pm**

Submit your patrol report for more completely subjective points!

Points Have Been Awarded Before... Will They Again?



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Critterscopes

✦ Beaver

The disappearance of Mars from the sky may indicate that it is time to let go of your warlike nature. Also, it could indicate that Mars has taken orbit behind the sun.

✦ Bobwhite

Today is the best day you're going to have over the coming months - so let loose. Incidentally, it may be in your "letting loose" that you cause the accident that sees you spend the coming months in traction.

✦ Eagle

You will discover the power of chain letters this week when you accidentally break one and suffer no terrible consequences whatsoever.

✦ Fox

Nothing can stop Destiny from exerting its powerful influence over you if it so desires. However, it does not.

✦ Owl

The ebb and flow of the ocean tide will greatly influence your future this week, pushing you further and further away from all those rescue ships.

✦ Bear

You'll feast on the flesh of your mortal enemy, which is lucky for you, as your mortal enemy is the orange-braised duck.

● Buffalo

Follow your dreams this week. When delivering a presentation at work, turn into a giant eggplant and fly away.

● Antelope

You can put it off today, and you might even be able to brush it aside tomorrow, but pretty soon you're going to have to figure out why your arm is on fire.