

Wood Badge 2017 Ticket Tracking

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Patrol: owl

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## Wood Badge Ticket Worksheet

A Personal Vision of Success

Name: Ian Scott Ramsey

S7-602-17 Patrol: Owl

My Scouting position: Scoutmaster (in training)

The team that will benefit from my leadership: Troop 443

### **Scouting's Values:**

#### **Scout Oath**

*On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

#### **Scout Law**

*A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,  
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,  
Brave, Clean, and Reverent.*

#### **Scouting's Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to  
make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them  
the values of the Scout Oath and Law.*

My vision of success and the related plan of action is:

Vision: To prepare Troop 443 for an expected future growth in size and enhance overall unit quality.

Plan of action: For me to become future fully trained as a Scoutmaster, train new members of the Troop Committee, enhance use of the Patrol method, facilitate migration of Scout and Troop recordkeeping and advancement to Scoutbook, and facilitate the Troop's participation in an important local Conservation service project.

**Wood Badge Ticket Goal Sheet Goal # 1**

Name: Ian Scott Ramsey

S7-602-17 Patrol: Owl

My Scouting position: Scoutmaster (in training)

The team that will benefit from my leadership: Troop 443

SMART goal: To become fully trained and prepared to lead Troop 443 as Scoutmaster no later than April, 2018.

Who: Myself. The participation of Staff in established training courses will also be needed.

What: To attend and participate in training courses in which I will learn essential Scouting principles and techniques. Scoutmaster training is separated into 4 parts: Parts 1-3 focus on Troop operation and are accomplished during a one-day indoor course; Part 4 (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) lasts 2 days + 1 night and is accomplished during a weekend campout.

Where: Courses are offered by teams in various HOVC Districts, and locations are likely to be Camps T. Brady Saunders or Albright Scout Reservation.

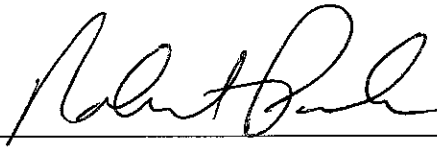
When: Part 4 was completed Oct. 7-8, 2017 at Albright Scout Reservation (Arrohattoc District. Leader: David Estes). Parts 1-3 will be completed at a later date pending announcement on the HOVC calendar (none are currently posted).

Why: Specific training is required for all Scoutmasters. Additional information relating to Troop operation and outdoor skills is also generally desirable to me. An ancillary goal is to earn the Scouter's Training Award and Scoutmaster's Award of Merit knots within 18 months, and completion of this training is a required component of those achievements.

How: Sign up and attend training courses as offered by HOVC Districts.

How you will determine the task is complete: Certificates of completion will be issued by the training Staff.

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**Wood Badge Ticket Goal Sheet** Goal # 2

Name: Ian Scott Ramsey

S7-602-17 Patrol: Owl

My Scouting position: Scoutmaster (in training)

The team that will benefit from my leadership: Troop 443

SMART goal: To organize and conduct a Troop Committee Training session for new new adult members in the Troop Committee within the next year.

Who: Troop Committee Chair and me.

What: Training materials published by BSA (i.e., Troop Committee Challenge) will be used to prepare a training session for new adult members. I will seek the participation of adult leaders with prior experience in Troop Committee positions, but this is not required for fulfillment of the objective.

Where: Troop 443 meeting room, Monument Ave. First Baptist Church, Richmond, VA.

When: My goal is to complete training by May, 2018.

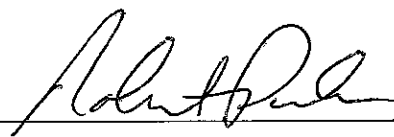
Why: Youth membership in Troop 443 has undergone a major change in recent years as older Scouts have attained Eagle rank and/or reached age 18. A wave of younger Scouts (7 are under 13 years of age) has replaced the older Scouts and this is an appropriate time to recruit new parents to become active in the Troop as Committee members.

Specific positions that need to be filled in the coming 1-1.5 years include (but are not limited to): Committee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Advancement Coordinator, Quartermaster and Webmaster. Due to the small size of our Troop, some of these positions may undertake roles that are usually designated for other Committee positions (i.e., Membership Coordinator, Outdoor Activities Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator, etc.). The Troop has identified volunteers to serve in most if not all of these positions and specific training will be required in the near future.

How: I will use published materials and props suggested in the Troop Committee Challenge. The training will be offered free of charge to adults. We will conduct several training sessions

How you will determine the task is complete: New Committee Members will complete and return applications for membership in Troop 443 as adult leaders, be approved by the Chartering Organization Representative and current Committee Chair, and be recognized as registered with the Capitol District. ~~to Dec 2017~~ Successfully ~~Recharter~~ Register. Dec 2017

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**Wood Badge Ticket Goal Sheet** Goal # 3

Name: Ian Scott Ramsey

S7-602-17 Patrol: Owl

My Scouting position: Scoutmaster (in training)

The team that will benefit from my leadership: Troop 443

SMART goal: Promote enhanced use of the Patrol method among Scouts in Troop 443.

My goal is to establish two fully-functioning Patrols containing 5-7 Scouts each by November, 2018. I will conduct a troop level youth leadership training program for my troop.

Who: Scoutmaster and Scouts in Troop 443.

What: After completing the troop level youth leadership training program, Scouts will be expected to independently organize themselves into Patrols, establish Leaders and Assistant Leaders, establish patrol flags and yells, and make decisions about meal planning for overnight trips. Patrols will function to execute various duties during Troop meetings (i.e., opening ceremonies) and on overnight trips (i.e., meal preparation), maintain up-to-date inventories of camping supplies in chuck boxes, and execute Community Service and Conservation project activities as a group.

Where: Troop 443, Richmond, VA.

When: Begin immediately and continue throughout the next 1 year.

Why: The Patrol method is established best practice in Boy Scout Troops, but its practical implementation in Troop 443 over the past 2 years at least has been variable.

How: As Scoutmaster, I will instruct the Senior Patrol Leader to conduct elections for Patrol membership, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Leaders to establish the Patrol structure. The SPL will charge Patrol Leaders to lead their respective patrols in the establishment of a name and yell, and organize a Patrol Flag-building activity at an upcoming Troop meeting. My role will be to advise the SPL and Patrol Leaders as necessary such that they can execute the Patrol responsibilities outlined above (meal planning and preparation, maintain chuck box inventory, and conduct service projects).

How you will determine the task is complete: <sup>Training has been completed at</sup> The Troop will demonstrably manifest <sup>least</sup> Patrol structure in the form of membership rosters, flags and yells. The Troop <sup>times by</sup> Committee will be asked to evaluate the Scoutmaster's progress toward this goal and to <sup>Dec 2018</sup> report on completion at its meetings in December, 2017 and March, 2018. The Committee Chair will be asked to report the Committee's findings to my Wood Badge Guide. The ultimate 'litmus test' for success is to see whether the youth members of the Troop are able to incorporate new Scouts that will join in Spring, 2017 into existing Patrols without prompting or guidance from adults.

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**Wood Badge Ticket Goal Sheet** Goal # 4

Name: Ian Scott Ramsey

S7-602-17 Patrol: Owl

My Scouting position: Scoutmaster (in training)

The team that will benefit from my leadership: Troop 443

SMART goal: Organize and conduct two Conservation Projects on Reedy Creek in Forest Hill Park, Richmond, VA. in cooperation with a local scoutreach unit.

Who: James River Advisory Council (JRAC), myself.

What: Organize trash cleanups along Reedy creek in Forest Hill Park.

Where: Forest Hill Park, Richmond, VA.

When: Winter 2018 (January or February) and Fall 2018 (September or October)

Why: Reedy Creek flows from urban Richmond neighborhoods through Forest Hill Park and into the James River. As one of the major tributaries to the James emanating from southside Richmond, it carries a large volume of litter into the Park, River, and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean. As Reedy Creek enters Forest Hill Park, it cascades over granite boulders, forms a beautiful urban oasis. However, the small pools and crevices between large rocks are often filled with litter, which seriously compromises the value of this unique natural resource. JRAC organizes annual cleanups

of sections along the James River, but Reedy Creek is not included in their itinerary and is therefore overlooked by clean-up volunteers. Troop 443' efforts will fill an important gap in the effort to preserve natural resources in Richmond and to reduce the amount of trash flowing into Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

How: Propose Conservation Service Project to Scout Troop and solicit their interest (this is not expected to be a difficult sell as our Troop regularly participates in trash cleanups on the James river and the Scouts have enjoyed previous outings). Solicit ideas from the Troop to make the outing even more fun (i.e., hiking or swimming afterward). Establish dates and times that do not conflict with other Troop activities. Contact JRAC to coordinate delivery of trash bags, gloves, water, snack foods, etc., and pickup of filled trash bags after the event. Distribute BSA activity forms 3 weeks in advance of project and collect signed forms 1 week in advance. Advise Scouts on appropriate clothing and preparation for anticipated weather conditions.

How you will determine the task is complete: JRAC will issue Certificates of Participation for all Scouts who contribute to the cleanup effort. Scouts will log their Service activity hours in Scout books and/or Scoutbook.

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**Wood Badge Ticket Goal Sheet** Goal # 5

Name: Ian Scott Ramsey

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My Scouting position: Scoutmaster (in training)

The team that will benefit from my leadership: Troop 443

SMART goal: Encourage implementation of Scoutbook as the main tool for Troop recordkeeping by June, 2018.

Who: Webmaster, Advancement Coordinator and myself.

What: Scoutbook.com is a custom-designed online platform that enables units to centrally house key information such as membership (Roster), upcoming activities and events (Calendar function), information about outdoor activities and overnight trips (adult volunteer signups, distribution of plans, maps and directions), Scout advancement, etc. Scoutbook is simple to use and can be readily understood by younger Scouts (digital natives), parents, and Troop Committee members.

Where: Cyberspace and Troop 443 meeting room at monument Ave. FBC (Chartering organization).

When: Begin immediately to update Troop roster and integrate (sync) with internet-based advancement tracking system (going forward, cross-platform syncing will be automatic).

Why: Centralization of Troop records, plans and Scout advancement in a universally-accessible location will facilitate information sharing among the Troop Committee members, Scoutmaster, Scouts, adult leaders and parents and promote leadership continuity. Scouts and adult leadership will be able to easily monitor and assess progress toward ranks, which will simplify preparations for Courts of Honor, Eagle Scout project design and implementation, rechartering, etc. Furthermore, Pack 443, which is the main source of new Scouts for Troop 443, has already adopted Scoutbook for routine use, and we anticipate that utilizing the same platform will help ease the transition from Webelos II to Boy Scouts for both youth and parents, potentially increasing retention rates and allowing us to grow the size of the Troop.

How: I will work with Troop 443 Webmaster (who works as an IT systems administrator for a major branch of the Commonwealth of VA) and Advancement Coordinator to appropriately update the Troop roster, identify and activate useful features, and design a strategic plan for the Troop's migration to and use of Scoutbook for various Troop functions. I will take responsibility for establishing forums to communicate the ease of use and utility of Scoutbook to the Troop Committee, Scouts, adult leaders and parents (separately). Scoutbook increases Troop transparency and may help to instill confidence in the value and trustworthiness of our activities to prospective parents, rising Webelos, and the community at large.

How you will determine the task is complete: Troop Webmaster will monitor the activity of Scoutbook users and provide metrics to the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee identifying strengths and weaknesses. Completion will be determined when ~~100%~~ Scouts use Scoutbook to enter achievements, camping and service activities and ~~100%~~ Troop activities and functions are represented on Scoutbook.

Troop Guide goal approval: *Nalut Puh* Date: *10/14/17*