

No News is  
Good News

# The Gilwell Gazette

Today: is the  
tomorrow you worried  
about yesterday

Day 3 Sunday March 13, 2011

## The Wood Badge Ticket

One of the great traditions of Wood Badge is the ticket. In Baden-Powell's day, those in the military were expected to pay their own way back to England at the end of their service. In order to economize, soldiers nearing completion of their duties would seek assignments at posts increasing close to home — a process known as "working your ticket."

### Attention All Wood Badgers

An offering will be taken at the  
Interfaith Worship Service  
March 13 and April 11  
for the benefit of the  
World Friendship Fund.  
Your generous contribution  
is greatly appreciated.



**PROGRAM PATROL:** Beaver  
**SERVICE PATROL:** Fox

### DAY 3 SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment
- 8:00 AM Gilwell Field Assembly
- 8:30 AM Interfaith Worship Service (Troop Activity)
- 9:20 AM Break
- 9:30 AM Troop Meeting
- 10:50 AM Break
- 11:00 AM Leading EDGE / Teaching EDGE
- 12:00 PM Lunch / PLC / Chaplain's Aid Meeting
- 1:30 PM Conservation Project Planning
- 2:20 PM Break
- 2:30 PM *October Sky* (Troop Activity)
- 4:30 PM Closing Gilwell Field Assembly
- 5:00 PM Patrol Meeting
- 6:00 PM Depart

## Day 2 of S7-602-11-1 Focuses on Teamwork and Projects

March 12 may have been Saturday in other parts of the world but at Gilwell it was Team Day! The primary focus of day two at S7-602-11-1 was all about 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 but presentations on Diversity and Inclusiveness, The Stages of Team Development, and Project Planning. Though covering different concepts, the lessons from all three of these presentation work together to help participants understand how to create, grow, and utilize a team to it's fullest potential.

Now it was time to put some of this new-found 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, and the ability to make this all happen within a limited time-frame.

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

Now came the time for each patrol to face the judges and launch their creation into the 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 debriefing period to determine how their "project" had turned out.

The sun began to sink towards the horizon but the 2nd day of S7-602-11-1 was just hitting it's stride. With their team building knowledge now firmly instilled it was time to head on to other Wood Badge adventures. And in that, S7-602-11-1 will certainly not disappoint.



## Ticket Key Concepts

1. Your ticket will include five significant goals.
2. The goals will be written in support of your current Scouting responsibilities and should be designed to provide maximum positive impact for youth membership.
3. At least one of the five goals will incorporate some aspect of diversity.
4. If you wish, one goal of the five goals may involve developing and applying a self-assessment tool to measure your progress and effectiveness in relation to the other goals on your ticket.
5. The goals written should follow the SMART principles.
6. For each goal, you will indicate: who, what, where, when, how measured, why, and how verified.
7. Your Troop Guide will help you to prepare your ticket and will approve it when it is completed.
8. You will have a ticket counselor assigned to you.
9. The five goals of the ticket must be completed within 18 months.

When you and your counselor have agreed that you have fulfilled all the items on your ticket, you will receive your Wood Badge certificate, beads, neckerchief, and woggle.

## A Wood Badge Ticket Is:

- A Commitment.
- A vision of personal improvement.
- A vision of how the Scouter will lead.
- A series of goals.

**S**pecific

**M**easurable

**A**ttainable

**R**elevant

**T**ime-based

Your Ticket should be Guided by:

- Your Personal Values.
- Your Personal Vision.
- Your Personal Mission.

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## On Forgiveness

by Al Best

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.

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 thru scheming, self-promotion, and fear; instead you'll find the inexhaustible mutual impetus to serve.

All grievances are funda-

mentally 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

## Back To Gilwell—Part II

S7-602-11-1 continues April 9, 2011

Drive safely!

### Day 3.5 Gilwell Gazette

Patrols will receive an interim Gazette electronically about half-way through the break between the two weekends. Please submit an article (up to one full page) with a patrol progress update no later than March 26. Please e-mail it to the Troop Scribe at: [pilgrim1410@verizon.net](mailto:pilgrim1410@verizon.net)

### Day 4 Gilwell Gazette

Patrols should submit articles or photos for the Day 4 Gilwell Gazette by e-mail to the Troop Scribe at [pilgrim1410@verizon.net](mailto:pilgrim1410@verizon.net) no later than April 1. *No fooling!*



### Thanks For The Fabulous Food, Grubmasters!

Richard Brett, Craig Britt, Ed Beach, Bill Eggleston,  
Mark Larson, Charlie Fleet



## Antelope Patrol

Backs' a hurtin' from how we lay.  
We grudgingly woke to start the day.  
Eggs, sausage, and croissants on a plate,  
A hearty breakfast we quickly ate.  
Then to Gilwell Field, a flag to raise,  
A change in leadership, an offer of praise.  
Biscuit brought out the stove, pressure's on, don't choke!  
But the fuel leaked out, the stove was broke.  
We juggled tennis balls, kept them in the air.  
Tossed candy in a can, our boss: not fair!  
Later we launched rockets, Antelopes to the moon!  
We didn't quite make it, landed a little too soon.  
We played the Game of Life, win at all cost!  
Found out that without cooperation, all would be lost.  
Another day in the books and after all's said and done,  
We all learned a lot and had some great Wood Badge fun!

## Beaver Patrol

Day Three Patrol Leader: Dave Raber  
Years in Scouting: 8  
Scouting Position: Cubmaster, Pack 1807  
Real World: Kitchen and Bath Senior Designer/Remodeling Contractor  
Favorite Saying: Sola Christos  
Natural Habitat: Home with my family or outdoors with my family.  
Hobbies and Interests: Architecture, Design, Politics, Theology, Outdoors, Shooting  
Fun Facts: I'm the proud Dad of 8 children.  
The Brightest and Best Beaver Patrol would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our Rocket flew with the best control and trajectory.



## Campfire Program Planning Skit



## Owl Patrol

Mr. Doni Grande was our Patrol Leader on Day 2. He is our eldest scout leader within the patrol, which is only fitting that he be in the role. He lives in Glen Allen with his family. This includes his three children, one son is currently a Tiger Scout, one is son a First Class Scout and his daughter has Venture aspirations. He is the Charter Organization Representative for Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Unit 720. He achieved Star scout rank as a youth in 1972. He has kept scouting entertained every since.

The Owls continued to rock the Wood Badge Class of 2011. In the morning, the Owl patrol handed off a well-adorned shovel for the project leader to the bear patrol. The Scout Master and ASM commended the Owls for the attention to detail and service to the troop.

After more contributions to the Wood Badge Class of 2011 during the morning, the Owl patrol completed the day by participating in the rocket event. I am proud to report that the Owl patrol landed closest to the launch pad, thus making it the most successful return. Our Troop Guide, Sonja Myers, did an excellent job at leading some of the evening skits on Friday evening. Those presentations took place after Day One edition's of the Gilwell Gazette went to press and her patrol thanks her. She has also provided numerous owl ornaments to her patrol so critterdom is alive and well in the Owl patrol. Who are the wise guys....the Owls!

## Photo Orders

Turn your photo orders into Bennie Good before you leave today. You are welcome to pre-pay but it is not required. You may pay upon delivery at our next weekend together. Checks are to be made payable to Bennie Good. If patrols desire a custom background for their individual portraits, they will need to provide a high resolution jpeg to Bennie at [benniegood@gmail.com](mailto:benniegood@gmail.com) no later than .March 19th.

## The Mighty Bobcats

Day two brought some warmer temperatures making for a great and fun afternoon shooting off bottle rockets. Much was accomplished today, with good discussions and fun activities on teamwork, diversity and communication.

We finalized our plans for our Patrol flag, totem and project. Some time was spent thinking about our Wood Badge tickets. One of our Patrol members was left out of our introductions yesterday: Bill Burns – Asst. Scoutmaster Troop 2894. (Sorry Bill!)

More fun facts about The Mighty Bobwhites:

Bill B. – Lived in Iceland while serving in the US Navy.

Bill H. – Served in the US Army Unit whose duty is to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Keith – Likes to dive and his deepest dive so far was 350 feet.

Bob – Plans to co-lead a group of Scouts to Philmont in 2012.

Tom – Earned his Eagle Badge one month after turning 14.

Staci – Rode along with her son, who is a Life Scout, on all the bike hikes when he was working on the Cycling merit badge. This includes the 50 mile hike.

Bobwhites – We're more than just a snack!

## Meet the Buffalo Patrol

The “Thundering Hooves” of the Buffalo Patrol possess an amazing array of experience. Eric Eberly comes to us as an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 6596 in Farmville. Duncan Holmes is a Webelos Leader transitioning to ASM for Troop 1807 in Chester. Joe Almodovar is the Cub Master for Pack 788 in Short Pump. Michael Sobczak is an ASM with Troop 1823 in Powatan. Mike Wilson is the ASM for Program for Troop 736 in Glen Allen. Tipping the scales in our experience category is Millie Hampton. Millie comes to us from the Rivers District where she serves as District Committee Chair for Membership and on the Activities Committee. She is the Scout Master for Troop 370 AND the Cub Master for Pack 314. Busy, Busy, Busy.

## Bears – Day 2

It is all good that Tony got a restful first night. We Bears are truly grateful for this.

Words of wisdom came from Bisquit today and we are honored by these words.

“All Bleeding Eventually Stops”.

Forming, Storming, Norming and Performing remind me of General Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr. otherwise known as “Stormin’ Norman” or more affectionately to us as “The Bear”. Today we learned how the patrol maneuvers to solve complex problems on the path to Team Development. In our work today, we developed in ourselves the belief that the Patrol lifts the individuals and the Troop lifts the Patrols. That service is one of the cornerstones of Leadership.

If we look back at the first Gulf War, we can see how this leader worked to Form the Coalition Forces, cultivated the forces by Storming the odds, Normalized the forces for the Goal of liberating Kuwait, and the Performance is well – history.

Let’s keep developing.



## Fox Patrol

At the Gilwell Field Assembly yesterday, Fox patrol lead the Troop in Patrol yells with a hearty Boom- Chug- A- Lug and Heather accepted the patrol flag from Eric with a hearty wag of her Fox tail.

Kevin, being an ordained Deacon, accepted the permanent position as Chaplain’s Aid to the patrol.

Bob, our star High School basketball player, lead the foxes to a winning score with his 20 point candy can toss.

Kevin, our ordained engineer, led the team in Rocket design and fin construction while Peter employed his surgical skills to fabricate the fuselage with a scalpel. Heather added a handsome fox for the space module and Robert pulled the lanyard at the appropriate time.

Heather, our round table commissioner, lead the Foxes to an uplifting victory in the Wood badge Jeopardy, while Eric lead us to an honorable defeat in the game of life.

Our fox patrol is looking forward Sunday’s activities after a well deserved good night’s rest.

## Front End Alignment

	Style A	Style B
Beaver		35
Bobwhite		54
Eagle		42*
Fox		68
Owl	47*	
Bear	36*	
Buffalo	8*	
Antelope	33*	
	<b>124</b>	<b>199</b>

\*For the official recordkeeping, these patrol had 7 members each

## Day 2 Eagles

The Screaming Eagles thoroughly enjoyed Day Two of Wood Badge and jelled as a unit on the ball pass game and the Rocket Project, as well as the games that were played last evening. Our Totem and Flag have been approved and the Eagle Patrol conducted a productive patrol meeting to begin planning for the interim period between the Wood Badge weekends. Various committees of the Patrol were formed for some of the work involved between the weekends, and meeting dates and times for the patrol as a whole and these committees were arranged.

Majestic and protected...Eagles soar!



