

Day 4 Patrol Instructions

Please load all your patrol gear into one pick-up truck. This will be driven by a staff member to your campsite. Keep your personal gear with you, and after all your patrol members are present and your gear is loaded, report to your Troop Guide, who will accompany you across the dam and up the road to the location of our opening activity. Your patrol project will be transported separately.

Back To Gilwell, Happy Land!

Go Outside and Play – one of the course mottos for S7-602-11-1 that has guided and inspired the staff has taken hold of the patrols in the four weeks since Weekend 1. In the month 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 much 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 S7-602-11-1, each of us is ready in our way to complete the course.

PROGRAM PATROL: Bobwhite

SERVICE PATROL: Buffalo

DAY 4 SCHEDULE

7:00 AM	Arrive Camp Brady Saunders Admin. Parking Lot
	Patrols back-pack into camp (see instructions)
9:30 AM	Gilwell Field Assembly
10:30 AM	Leading Change
11:20 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Patrol Leaders Council Meeting
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Generations in Scouting (Troop Presentation)
2:00 PM	Break
2:15 PM	Problem Solving and Decision Making (Troop Presentation)
2:45 PM	Problem Solving Round-Robin (Patrol Activity)
4:00 PM	Managing Conflict (Patrol Presentation)
5:00 PM	Patrol Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Catholic Mass (Camp Savvy)
7:30 PM	The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)
8:30 PM	Participants' Troop Campfire
9:30 PM	Patrol Cracker Barrel

Warning—Critter Alert!

The Heart of Virginia Council Camp has reported that it has recently become a refuge to exotic “critters”. It was reported that last evening Eagles were flying over the Reservation in a “Inverted V” formation, several Owls were spotted nesting on the rafters of the Dining Hall and even Bobwhites were seen flying over the place called Gilwell field.

Additional reports indicated that several logs had been gnawed upon by large mammals (purported to be beavers). There were also scattered reports of “Grizzled Bears” moving into tents at camp.

In a seemingly unrelated report, there were several reports of “Yipping” in the woods; sounds like only foxes make, but the official comment from the National Wildlife Federation is that this is “highly unlikely”. A herd of Buffalo was seen stampeding toward the Camp, all with a single purpose. Antelope were seen leaping the fence at the edge of the property.

Nevertheless, the Humane Society is investigating and is warning residents within a 10 mile radius of the Camp to stay indoors at night, as a precautionary measure

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 every Scoutmaster and every 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.



Just a few of the staff members who have eagerly awaited your arrival for Weekend Two! Let's Go Outside and Play!

Scout Camping: One of the Greatest Schools of Democracy

by James E. West (First Professional Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, 1911–1943)

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 dissension, 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.

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, and each plaque is pointed in the direction of that location. The sign assembly was a gift to the Course Director of Wood Badge course SR-917, Chuck Smith, who is also our 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 headstone 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 (8) BSA National Jamborees, from 1981 until 2010, and has a 200 acre site on base set aside for Boy Scout camping.
- Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier are the 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 Kingdom in 1919.
- Irving, Texas is the location of the Boy Scouts of America national headquarters.

One more sign should be added to honor the new National High Adventure Base—Summit Bechtel Reserve.



Staff Spirit Award

Alice Nelson, Assistant Friendly Quartermaster, was awarded the coveted Spirit Award. This honor is given to the first-time staff member who best exemplifies the Wood Badge Spirit of cheerful attitude and service to others. Congratulations Alice!

YOU MIGHT BE A WOOD BADGER....

Take-off from Jeff Foxworthy's "You might be a Redneck":

If you always have hat hair . . .

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you always have a cup hooked to your belt...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you've ever found yourself spending ten dollars or more playing a game of chance at a carnival because the top prize was a stuffed Kudu ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you were ever late for work because you could not find your patrol flag ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!



Staff on Gilwell Field—Looking for their Cub Scout Spirit

Owl Patrol Interim Report

There is much information on the internet regarding Scott Sims, who thus far has been the Owl PL longer than any of us. Much of what is written there, he assures me, is either untrue or applies to other Scott Sims. He has twin boys, 11 years old. Both are Second Class Scouts.

Scott was a Cub Scout in Tehran. (In Iran!) He achieved the ranks of Wolf and Bear there and claims to still have the collector uniform with the (Rare) council strip. Don't feel all left out. He hasn't shown them to us, either.

One of his sons was a winner in the Boys Life's Give & Goetz Contest. He didn't tell us which one. The prize was \$5,000 to benefit their Troop. He'll be featured in the next issue of Boys Life.

Editor's note: this interim report missed the deadline for inclusion in the Day 3.5 Electronic Gazette due to a fairly common but often irreversible case of procrastinationitis. If misdiagnosed this condition can fester and become . . . well, it's not a pretty picture.



Hoovah! News from the Thundering Herd

Tickets, please!

Beneath that cloud of dust, the Buffalo Patrol has been hard at work writing their Tickets, producing a patrol project, and planning a campout. We can't wait to get back to Gilwell. There has been quite a bit of storming and norming, but now we are ready to show-off our performing. We look forward to presenting our relevant and universally useful project. We are primed to welcome our camp guests with some delicious camp food. We are totally ready to entertain and be entertained at the troop campfire this evening. The herd is pawing the ground and ready to stampede back to Gilwell. So, just be careful where you step. See you at camp!

Eagle Patrol Working Hard (or Hardly Working?)

The Eagle Patrol has bonded over several patrol meetings during the interim before our return to Gilwell Park. Here is a picture of your Screaming Eagles in action planning for the outdoor weekend. We can't wait to break out of the conference room for some real Scouting fun this weekend! Screaming Eagles, Loud and Proud....Look Out Below!



Busy Beavers

The beaver patrol has been working hard meeting both in person and via the internet to ready ourselves for this weekend. We've passed the Norming stage and are on to performing. It's amazing how the creativity can flow once we've all had some sleep! All of our tickets are coming together and we are chomping at the tree to get going on them and make a difference in Scouting. Chris took on the challenge of designing our Patrol Flag and his ideas were phenomenal. See if you can find the hidden meanings in our flag. Our totems were a collaborative effort headed by Dave for the actual finished product. Herb will be serving as our Master Chef for the weekend delegating as needed. Charlie the Chaplain is doing his part for the Interfaith Worship Service we will all enjoy on Sunday as well as working on finalizing the campfire skit for the Beavers. Elizabeth is working on the visuals for the Project Presentation, implementing all of our ideas and designing menus around Herb's selections. John is using his creative genius to create a skit to coincide with our Project Presentation and gathering ideas for Patrol Cheers and Yells. Jim, our Bobwhite (PULL!.....BOOM) Troop Guide is feverishly working to help us each perfect our visions and tickets so we can enjoy the weekend more fully. Begin Day Four!

Day Four Patrol Leader: Herb Sening
 Years in Scouting: 4
 Scouting Position: Webelos Den Leader
 Real World: Information Systems
 Woodbadge World: Master Chef, Beaver Patrol
 Favorite Saying: "Don't try, DO!"
 Natural Habitat: Mechanicsville, VA
 Hobbies and Interests: Golf, Sailing, Community Volunteering, Networking

Bears – Bringing the GRRRR!

During deep hibernation, we bears can still hear us singing Back to Gilwell. I am hearing from other Patrols (i.e. Antelopes and Eagles) that their Patrol Meetings are going great. We are all going to have a great time camping this coming weekend.

Menu preparation is concluded, flags are being finalized, presentations are being practiced, tickets are getting their final review. Yet, we still have a big push ahead.

As we complete the Wood Badge experience and move to work on our tickets, I am reminded of a Winston Churchill quote from shortly after the

Allied Invasion of North Africa in World War II. "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

In our meetings and conversations with other Wood Badge brothers and sisters, we are seeing beyond Wood Badge and ticket completion to genuinely work on goals beyond those that we have already set for our tickets.



A piece of the Bear Flag



The World Wants To Know: Who Are The Antelopes???

You've seen them on hit television shows, such as Man VS Wild and Sarah Palin's Alaska. You've seen them in big budget Hollywood movies, starring with the likes of Will Ferrell and James Caan. The whole world is talking, and everyone wants to know- just who are these Antelopes? The answers are as follows, so as to quell all rumors and half-truths:

Venable Johnson is the Patriarch of the group, and hails from Troop 902 at Gary's Church in Prince George County, in the Crater District. He is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster. He has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and can be identified at present by his wounded leg, which he unfortunately injured while saving the lives of both President Obama and former president George W. Bush. He has yet to be recognized, until now, for this great achievement. May I remind you the date of this writing. April the first, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Michael Gillie comes to us from Troop 876 in Midlothian, sponsored by Mt. Pisgah United Method Church, where he is an Assistant Scoutmaster. If you were at Jambo-ree this year, you may have seen him working his hooves to the bone in Trading Post A. Don't let his quiet calm fool you- this Antelope will zing you into next Tuesday before you realize what has happened. The Gillies likes to keep it in the family- his son was an Antelope at this March's OA Service weekend.

Missy Loxley is a Northern Neck resident, coming from Troop 341 in the Rivers District, where there is plenty of room for an Antelope to roam and play! She is an Assistant Scoutmaster with her Troop, and is planning The Cub Olympics for them

Missing Critter Alert Fowl Play Suspected

The Bobwhites have not been heard from since their Day 3.5 patrol report. Anyone who has information regarding the whereabouts of the Bobs please contact the proper authorities.



Fox Patrol Report

On Day 3, Bob accepted the Fox patrol Flag from Heather as well as the Golden Shovel from the Bear Patrol. Quick to seize the moment, Bob then explained to the entire troop, exactly who is responsible for cleaning the cabins when departing Sunday afternoon. After breakfast, Bob represented us at the orienteering portion of the E.D.G.E. training session and later put together the duty roster for our next weekend.

Following the first weekend, Bob has continued to lead our patrol, overseeing the meal plan, duty roster, song, patrol flag and knot board. Heather with her artistic flair designed and constructed our patrol flag, while Tom helped construct the wood frame for the flag. Kevin, a talented guitar player and vocal genius, will be leading us in the patrol song. Kevin also completed the shovel adornment. Eric, a former member of the Naval Academy sailing team, is coordinating our knot board, while Peter is purchasing our food and providing helpful research and feedback on all the projects, most notably in researching our patrol "Fox Song".

We are all working on our tickets and looking forward to our next weekend at Wood Badge.



Welcome back to Gilwell—Part 2

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 put-

ting 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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