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Day 5 Sunday April 10, 2011

Day Four—Adventure, Fun & Games

There was a sense of adventure and camaraderie as patrols arrived at camp yesterday. Reunited patrols loaded gear and prepared to hike into camp and into the unknown—a new weekend of Wood Badge fun. The first challenge was a test of their knowledge of the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace. Enthusiastic Venture Crew members serving as youth staff reviewed the key points, and patrols were able to test their knowledge in the model campsites to find the good and bad examples of LNT. From there, it was time to ‘follow the trail’ and set up camp. Gilwell Field assembly followed and Patrol flags were unveiled. The Service Patrol and Program Patrol also turned over their badges of office, appropriately (and somewhat dramatically) adorned. Outgoing interim Patrol Leaders were relieved, and new ones were sworn in. The afternoon proved to be fun and entertaining. Problem-solving, team building activities challenged each patrol to work together and communicate as they worked out creative solutions to various games, facilitated by our Venture guests. Patrols ‘gifted’ the youth and thanked them before they departed. Patrols shared their culinary creations at lunch and dinner with a variety of impressive menus. Recipient of the coveted Golden Spoon for lunch was the Bear Patrol with their Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches. Capping off the first day back to Gilwell was the Participant’s Campfire, modified due to threatening weather, and re-located to the dining hall. A fine assortment of skits, songs, cheers, and (not-boring!) stories were presented. Hard to believe so much can be packed into one day at camp! The adventure continues on Day 5!



PROGRAM PATROL: Eagle
SERVICE PATROL: Antelope

DAY 5 SCHEDULE

7:00 AM	Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment
8:00 AM	Gilwell Field Assembly (in Activity Shirt over ‘Grungies’ for Conservation Project)
8:30 AM	Patrol Project Set-up and Presentations
8:50 AM	Round One of Patrol Presentations
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Conservation Project (Troop Activity)
12:30 PM	Lunch PLC and Chaplain’s Aid meetings & working lunch
1:30 PM	Coaching and Mentoring
2:20 PM	Break
2:30 PM	Assessments
3:00 PM	Round Two of Patrol Presentations
4:30 PM	Ticket Review and Collection
6:00 PM	Patrol Dinner (in Patrol Sites)
7:30 PM	Patrol Meeting
8:00 PM	Patrol Campfires and Cracker Barrel
9:00 PM	Evening Ceremony

Saturday morning’s opening ceremony at Gilwell Field marked not only the official beginning of the second session of S7-602-11-1, it was also the day for Patrol Flag inspections.

Examples of patrol flags from previous courses have been hung on display during both weekends. Now it was time for the patrols of S7-602-11-1 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 . . . a bathmat (just to name a few). Symbolism and imagery were abundant.

One by one each patrol was called forward to present their flag to Senior Patrol Leader Tom Johnson for inspection. Passing that hurdle, the flags were then presented to the Scout Master staff for their inspection and approval. Scrutiny was close, tape measures, and measuring sticks were brought out. After thorough review, it was determined that each flag presented was in fact a Perfect Gilwell Square. Yet one more way that S7-602-11-1 has left its indelible impression on the Wood Badge Legacy.

Fellowship at the End of the Journey

by Mark Larson

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 4 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 5, 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, evening campfire(s) and re-dedication ceremony are opportunities 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. During 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.

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. JULY 1910

YOU MIGHT BE A WOOD BADGER....

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

If you've ever received a speeding ticket because you were running late and you were afraid you might miss THE SONG ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your yard has grass 10 inches high but Gilwell Field looks great ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If the fountain at your wedding had bug juice ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your clothes are all in zip-lock bags... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your favorite cologne is Deep Woods Off... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

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 4. 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 on pages 65-68 of the Handbook and a list of sources and suggested readings is included.

Scouting tomorrow will be as different from today as it is 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.



Hoof prints from the Herd

Welcome back to Gilwell! We are thrilled to be at camp with Troop 1. The Buffalo Patrol as enjoyed the first day. CONGRATULATIONS to Rick Bragga on his Silver Antelope. We performed like champs playing outside and wish to extend our thanks to our venturing friends for playing with us today. What a terrific camp fire! ...Even though it was in the great indoors. Who knew there was so much talent in the room? We can't wait to see what tomorrow holds. HOOVAH!

Bears – What Will We Do for our tickets?

Tickets, tickets, tickets!

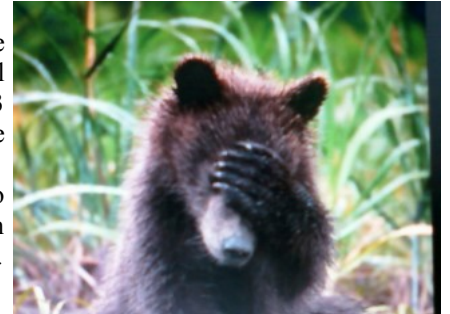
Almost there! Go Bears Go – No Nair and Hair Everywhere – Go Big or Go Home! I hope that Troop 1 enjoyed our skit last night. We had a great time pulling it together!

We have enjoyed our guests in our Five Star Restaurant Accommodations at Chez Bear and we look forward to all that will grace us with their presence in the days to come.

Today, we worked hard to remain unified in each of the challenges presented to us this afternoon. We have learned that working to listen to each other is one of the most effective means to succeeding as a patrol.

Our Gilwell hats are off to Fred as our Patrol Leader between Days 3 and 4. Tough job, but he led the way.

Jon has worked hard to lead us in our first day in camp and we are inspired.



Day Four for the Antelope Patrol

After three patrol meetings, the Antelopes herded at 6:30 AM in the lot at the Admin Building to prepare for Weekend "Two". The gear was here, loaded on Mike's truck and the Lopes were off and running. After some "Leave No Trace" training it was on to the Newlon campsite to unload and set-up. Soon we were running to Gilwell Field to open our weekend experience. After some Leadership training we were dismissed for lunch back at Newlon. We were treated to a delicious lunch prepared "Vegan-Style" by Chef Steve and his staff of culinary experts. Even "Big Al" visited for the festivities! Go figure... It was back to work with more generational learning at Gilwell Hall. And then more fun and some tough games to conquer. But the Lopes persevered and went back to Newlon looking forward to a Stir-Fry Dinner. And neither the Lopes nor our guests were disappointed. Great job Jason and staff! Biscuit suddenly reappeared and the Lopes did some more soul searching before heading to the evening campfire. We're all looking for a good night's sleep, and more fun and games tomorrow.



Beaver Fever

The guys were thrilled to turn over the program beads yesterday. Apparently they come with risk. We are having a LOT of fun this weekend. It was awesome to see how well we meshed as a team during the venturing obstacle courses. We are prepared for the conservation project this weekend, of course. As beavers we tend to do all the work anyway! The rest of the forest just takes advantage of the area we clear and the pond we cause.

Day Five Patrol Leader: Charlie Ferrigno
Years in Scouting: 7
Scouting Position: Troop 772 Committee, Unit Commissioner, District Committee Member
Real World: Retired, Henrico Police Lieutenant
Woodbadge World: Charlie the Chaplain
Favorite Saying: "Do the right thing all the time because it's the right thing to do."
Natural Habitat: Home with my family
Hobbies and Interests: Bike riding, reading, coin collecting.
Fun Facts: Two boys with Scouting and One Daughter who is a Special Education Teacher in Henrico School System.



Owl Gazette Day 5

We in the Owl Patrol are havin' a hootin' good time. After the long break since our last weekend and 3 brief Parliament meetings, we are so excited to get back to Gilwell. Tom Atkinson has taken the reins as our Patrol Leader for the day. Tom, a Richmond native, is an ASM with Troop 2842 at Swift Creek Baptist Church in Midlothian. His son Tyler, 14 is a Life Scout. He also has a 12 Year old daughter, Megan who likes to dance. As a Youth Tom was a Cub Scout then later joined Explorer Post 841 and went on a trek at Philmont in 1980. Tom spent 20 years in the Restaurant industry and now works in IT with Capital One. When not Scouting or working, Tom enjoys being an experienced photographer as a hobby and possible future career.

Today, the Wise Guys enjoy our outside games, voices, and tons of laughs with Sonja our newly promoted Crew Instructor. Scoutmaster Al Best joined us at Koch campsite for Dinner. The Menu was Shish-ka-Bob White, Rice, and Owl Pellets for desert. The Owl Pellet have become a real hit, so all the staff should hurry by for a sample before they're all gone. Squirrel!

We would like to extend our praise and thanks to all the staff and fellow Scouters for making this such a great time. Together, by wisdom and courage we can continue to serve our youth and country by providing this quality program. Consillo et Animis.

Bruce Ivey, Scribe
Owl Patrol



In yesterday's Gilwell Gazette, we featured John Wayne's 'What the Scout Law Means to Me'. The staff of S7-602-11-1 has had fun "Using the Force" and pondering WWYD (what would Yoda do) in Wood Badge matters. The following is a translation of John Wayne's speech—Yoda style.

What the Scout Law Means to Me

Confused about the origin of the scout sign, John Wayne is. Herh herh herh. Younglings, gather 'round. And let the force be with you.

Stand at attention And raise the Scout Sign, you will. After each point of the Scout Law, you will pause for a thought from a Master Scout.

A Scout is...

Scouts say "**Trustworthy**"

Master Scout says:

"The badge of honesty, being trustworthy is. On your list, keep this one at the top. Hmmm"

Loyal

"Life itself, the very word loyal is.

Yeesssssss. For without loyalty, no love of person or country, have we.

Helpful

"Part sharing and part caring, being helpful is. By helping each other, of mankind we help all. Of help be always full. Hmmm"

Friendly

"Part of the word friendly, brotherhood is. Take friendly in many directions but make sure and start with brotherhood, you must.

Courteous

"Human dignity allow each person. More than just saying "Yes, ma'am" it is. Courtesy reflects an attitude that you wish, honored earlier, you had. Save yourself that problem. It now do.

Kind

"Stop wars and erase hatreds, this one

word would. But like your bicycle, Get out and use it or, just no good, it is. Herh herh herh.

Obedient

"Obedience starts at home. Your family practice it in. Your friends enlarge it in. With humanity share it. Hmmm"

Cheerful

"Put on a happy face, anyone can when the going is good. Yes, hmmm.

To wear it as a mask for your problems, the secret is. The same thing, many others do. Surprising? Yeesssssss.

Thrifty

"Means a lot more than putting pennies away and, the opposite of cheap, is it. Just about as well as anything, it common sense covers.

Brave

"To fight to be brave you need not. Herh herh herh. Every morning millions of folks show more bravery than heavy-weight champs just by getting out of bed. A good day's work, going out to do every day. They live the best life they know how against the law of odds. Yeesssssss.

Clean

"On the outside, soap and water helps a lot. But the inside that counts, it is. Ever forget it, do not.

Reverent

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

Master Scout:

"two"

"Thinking like Jedi Master Yoda, you now are. More than taking the first few words of a sentence to the end, it is. However, talking like Jedi Master Yoda, you will now do.

Raise the Scout Sign.

Speak the beginning of a phrase, will I.

And you will answer 'will I'

"On my honor, Do my best" ... "will I."

"to Do my duty to god and country," ...

"will I."

"to Obey the Scout Law," ... "will I."

"to Help other people, at all times" ...

"will I."

"to Keep myself Physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight," ... "will I."

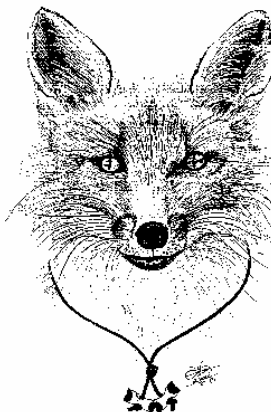
"two"

Master Scout minute

Do. Or do not. There is no try.



Of the Scout Sign the Origin



Apologies to the Bobwhites, Eagles, and Antelopes for missing articles for the Day 5 Gilwell Gazette. Anything you were entering when the camp router crashed last night was lost. If re-submitted it will be included in a special section of the Day 6 Gazette.

