

*Extra! Extra!
Read all about it!
S7-602-11-1*

The Gilwell Gazette

Day 1 Friday March 11, 2011

*Today: daylight,
continuing until
sunset, then dark.*

Wood Badge for the 21st Century Icon

The icon is the shape of a pentagon around the official Boy Scouts of America fleur-de-lis. Each side of the icon represents one of the five central themes of Wood Badge. Likewise, each of those themes is represented on the icon and throughout the course by one of the five central colors of the MacLaren Tartan. The themes are the threads of a course which, when woven together, form the pattern of the tartan and the full measure of Wood Badge.



Pack 1 Graduates to Form Troop 1

Most of the time during the first weekend will be filled with instruction and practice in various leadership skills. All of your meals will be prepared by staff members. The final weekend will involve an outpost camp where you will camp and cook as a member of your Patrol using the principles of Leave No Trace. The hike to the campsite will be relatively short and easy.



Heart of Virginia Council selects Al Best as Course Director and Scoutmaster for Wood Badge S7-602-11-1

Look for the Cub Scout Promise, and the Boy Scout Oath and Law on page 2 of your songbook

Welcome To S7-602-11-1, We've Been Waiting For You!

The staff of Wood Badge Course S7-602-11-1 extends an eager welcome to all the Scouters that join us as participants on Gilwell Field today. Under the leadership of our Course Director, Al Best, we have labored long and hard to complete the litany of tasks required to bring us all together in this place we call Gilwell.

You follow in the footsteps of many great Scouters and we applaud your dedication and desire to take that next step in your training as adult Scout leaders. The staff that will guide you through the six days of the course have walked in your shoes and have enthusiastically returned to guide the next generation of Scout leaders but also to experience again the incredible spirit of fellowship and camaraderie that is a part of every Wood Badge Course. It is often said that Wood Badge is a mountain top experience for

scout leaders. Whatever your expectations are, we hope that S7-602-11-1 will exceed them. You'll be spending the next several days immersed in the Wood Badge world of scouting. You'll be meeting new people and making new friends from other units and districts; friends that you may have never met outside of this course.

You'll be learning things not only about scouting but also about yourself. You'll be learning new methods and approaches to leadership. And of course, you'll be working with your fellow scouters to accomplish goals and sharpen your skills.

Again, we're glad you've chosen to be here and we hope S7-602-11-1 is everything you expected and more! Don't waste any time sleeping; you can do that on Monday when you're back at work!

PROGRAM PATROL: Buffalo
SERVICE PATROL: Owl

DAY 1 SCHEDULE

7:30 AM	Participant Check-in (Welcome Center)
8:30 AM	Orientation/Team Formation
9:30 AM	Welcome Gilwell Field
9:45 AM	Break
10:00 AM.	Course Overview (Pack Presentation)
10:30 AM	Listening to Learn (Den Presentation)
11:20 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Opening Luncheon (Blue & Gold Banquet)
1:00 PM	Troop Meeting
2:50 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
4:00 PM	Values, Mission, and Vision
5:00 PM	Patrol Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Who Me Game (Patrol Activity)
8:00 PM	Introduction to Campfires
8:30 PM	Instructional Campfire
9:30 PM	Cracker Barrel

Wood Badge Has Four Specific Objectives

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading governmental organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills they learn from their participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

The Gilwell Gazette

The Gilwell Gazette is the daily newspaper published by the Wood Badge Scribes each day during the course. Copies of the Gazette will be distributed each morning at breakfast. Our intent is to let you know as much as possible about the course. You will find the daily schedule, interesting stories, and articles submitted by your Patrol Scribe.

The Patrol Scribe can be the same person for the entire course, or you may rotate the responsibility within your patrol. Each day the Patrol Scribe will submit a brief article to the Troop Scribe. Articles should include a summary of your patrol's activities, as well as brief biographies of each of your patrol members. Please limit your articles to about 150 words or less. Submit articles, and any photos you want to share, on the flash drive assigned to your patrol. Save articles as word.doc files (not .docx), with descriptive file names (i.e. GGDDay2Fox.doc). Place the flash drive in the Scribe Basket by 10:00 p.m. each evening.

Meet Your Staff!

Directory of Wood Badge Staff for S7-602-11-1 included in this issue

Welcome To Your Mountain Top Experience

by Brad Nesheim, Scout Executive

I keep a number of pictures of family, friends and great memories in my office. One picture is of my Wood Badge patrol and another is of my Wood Badge Troop at the Piedmont Scout Reservation in western North Carolina in 1981. I was in the Bobwhite patrol, but we called ourselves the over-the-hill Bobwhites since all but one of the members was over 50 at the time. No, I was not one of those over 50 at the time. But I am now!

I had already been a BSA professional for 5 years when I went through course SE-300. It was a privilege for me to share that Wood Badge experience with some really great people. I think of that course and those people often. Many years have passed and I have known thousands of volunteers in five councils, but the experi-

ences of that Wood Badge training were instrumental in much of my development as a Scouting leader.

Wood Badge for many years focused on outdoor and leadership skills for the Boy Scout program. Now, the course has a focus on leadership in all phases of Scouting. The teaching syllabus may have changed, but the interaction and camaraderie of the participants and staff is always the most important element of Wood Badge. We think of wise men traveling to far away mountain peaks to meet with other wise men. Moses received the Ten Commandments on the top of Mount Sinai. World leaders have important meetings that we call 'summits'.

Wood Badge training is sort of like that. It is great and wise Scouting leaders having

an important summit to learn better how to lead and nurture our youth. You might say that Wood Badge training is, figuratively speaking, a Mountain Top Experience. Of course, we don't have any real mountains around here, but we do have some very wise and talented people. Where else can you do stuff like this?

I can't think of another organization where adults can spend significant time in the outdoors with other like-minded adults, wearing the uniform of the BSA, learning and sharing new skills, thinking and acting like children, reflecting on our leadership and its effectiveness, wondering what sort of legacy we'll leave behind and just having a whole bunch of fun! You can't do this anywhere else. Scouting is unique and the Wood Badge experience within

Scouting is unique.

I cherish my memories of my Wood Badge training, but I cherish more all of the good that has come from it for many youth. I've had opportunities to help organize hundreds of scout units, recruit thousands of youth members and work with thousands of adult leaders. My internal motivation to do this is not to earn a paycheck, but to hold to the promises I made to my patrol and troop companions at the closing ceremonies of the Wood Badge course and I feel a lifelong desire to continue 'working my ticket'.

My wish is that your experiences in this Wood Badge course will lead you to believe that you, too, have had a Mountain Top Experience that will inspire and change your life.

What is Gilwell Order?

In Troop 1, here at Gilwell, we believe in the patrol method of troop organization. The Wood Badge patrols are formed according to an established order and most things are done following this regimen. Patrols are always in the following order:



Beaver

Bobwhite

eagle

fox

owl

bear

buffalo

antelope

Welcome To Gilwell

Every Wood Badge course held worldwide takes place at Gilwell Field, named for the original training center of the Scout Movement. The property known as Gilwell was purchased in 1919 to provide Scouts from London's East End with an outdoor space to camp and practice to their scout skills and as a space for training leaders "in the formation and training of troops, practical woodcraft and camping and the methods of Scouting generally".

William F. de Bois Maclaren, a Scout Commissioner from Scotland, donated the £7,000 to purchase the 55 acre site which, after having been originally owned as a farmland known as "Gyldiefords" as early as 1407, had fallen into disrepair. The derelict property lay about an hour from London on the edge of a forest and had been in need of upkeep for almost 20 years. After its purchase by McLaren for the Boy Scout Association, P. B. Nevill, the Scout Commissioner of the East End took his Rover Scouts to the estate to begin some renovations. The dilapidated gardener's shed where they slept during their first

visit to the estates (the ground was too wet to pitch tents) was nicknamed "The Pigsty" and still stands. Maclaren visited Gilwell Park and helped with repairs, eventually donating another £3,000 to aid the efforts of the Scouts in refurbishing the property. The first Scoutmaster's training course, what is today known as Wood Badge, was held in September, 1919 and was attended by 20 Scoutmasters from England and Wales.

During the 1920's, Gilwell Park underwent a significant amount of remodeling and construction, and Baden-Powell's vision of having a training center was realized. So great was the importance of Gilwell to Baden-Powell that in 1929, when King George V (great-grandfather of Queen Elizabeth II) conferred the title of baron upon him, he chose Gilwell as his territorial designation to become 1st Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

Today, after purchases of neighboring properties have almost doubled its size, Gilwell Park is a premier location for scouts from all over the world to visit, camp, and enjoy the fellowship of their peers.

The Woggle

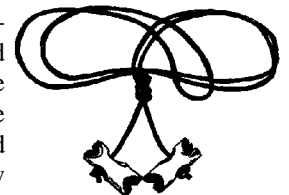
In 1920, the scarf, which had always been tied with a knot, was held together with a scarf slide. So far as it is known, the name "**woggle**" was invented by Mr. Gidney, the first Chief of Gilwell. Baden-Powell suggested to the Gilwell staff that they experiment and produce a special scarf slide to go with the Gilwell Scarf.

In the early days of leader training, fire lighting by friction was very much a novelty and for many years was demonstrated on Wood Badge courses. The main piece of equipment was a length of leather thong. Using one of the fire lighting thongs, Bill Shankley, who was at the time serving at Gilwell, produced a two-strand Turk's Head slide that was adopted as the official "woggle."



The Wood Badge Beads Of Dinizulu

Wood Badge is named for the badge given those who successfully complete the entire experience. In 1888 during a military campaign in Africa, Baden-Powell acquired a necklace of wooden beads from the hut of a warrior chief named Dinizulu. Years later, at the completion of the first Wood Badge course, the participants asked him if he could give them some token to indicate that they had been trained. Baden-Powell remembered the necklace and decided to give a bead to each of the Scouters. At this time the name Wood Badge became attached to the course. The badge now consists of two wooden beads, worn on a leather thong around the neck, continuing in a tradition handed down from Baden-Powell



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

The "Totem"

You may notice an intricate little drawing on the staff's personal items. This "totem" is a form of logo for a specific Wood Badge patrol from a specific course, and is one of the many Wood Badge traditions. The "totem" frequently symbolizes a special experience the patrol shared while at the practical phase of the course. Each patrol's "totem" is unique and there is often special meaning to each of the marks and symbols in the totem. Your patrol may want to develop their own "totem" and unveil it to the rest of the troop, with prior OK from your, Senior Patrol Leader, at a Gilwell troop meeting.

Wood Badge Word Search:

ANTELOPE
 BEADS
 BEAR
 BEAVER
 BOBWHITE
 BUFFALO
 EAGLE
 FOX
 GILWELL
 LEADERSHIP
 NECKERCHIEF
 OWL
 PATROL
 WOGGLE
 WOODBADGE

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“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile way and you have their shoes.”



BP: “Scouting is a Game”

Yes, Scouting is a game. But sometimes I wonder whether, with all our pamphlets, rules, disquisitions in *Scouter*, conferences, and training classes for Commissioners and other Scouters, we may not appear to be making of it too *serious* a game. It is true that these things are all necessary and helpful to men for getting the hang of things and for securing results. But they are apt to grow into big proportions (like one’s own children or one’s own mannerisms) without our noticing it, when all the time is very patent to those who come suddenly upon it from the outside.

You Might be a Wood Badger...

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

If you raise your hand to the Scout Sign at a heated business meeting ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you attend the community Independence Day parade, look around and find you and your family are the only ones standing up at the American flag passes by...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If all your shirts have pin holes in them...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you have your own desk and filing cabinet just for scout related paperwork...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you carry your own toilet paper wherever you go...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If your idea of a trip to the Holy Land means Gilwell Park in England ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

Who, Me? Staff Directory Wood Badge S7-602-11-1

NAME: Al Best

STAFF POSITION: Course Director

UNIT POSITION: Committee Member Troop 700 & Crew 7

CRITTER & COURSE: Bear SR-267 Bobwhite SE-55

REAL WORLD: Teaching Statistics to researchers at MCV is fun!

FAVORITE SAYING: Thank you!

NATURAL HABITAT: Canoeing or snorkeling

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: High Adventure

FUN FACTS: Completed the Triple Crown of High Adventure: treks to National High Adventure Bases Northern Tier, Philmont, and Florida Sea Base



NAME: John McCulla

STAFF POSITION: ASM—Program

UNIT POSITION: Council Commissioner

CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-501

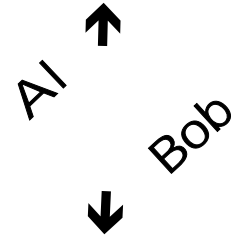
REAL WORLD: Professional Volunteer

FAVORITE SAYING: Be part of the solutions, not part of the problem

NATURAL HABITAT: Home with family

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Scouting, hiking, running, brewing, travel

FUN FACTS: Proud of my Eagle Scout, proud of my 2 daughters, love my wife!



NAME: Bob Efird

STAFF POSITION: ASM—Support & Facilities (“Stuff”)

UNIT POSITION: ASM Troop 715

CRITTER & COURSE: Eagle SR-677

REAL WORLD: Genzyme Genetics Regional Director

FAVORITE SAYING: Nice putt, or Thank you

NATURAL HABITAT: Golf course or in my lounge chair

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Golf, camping, water sports, basketball, soccer, family

FUN FACTS: Have spent 500 nights camping at scout events



↑ John

Ron ↓



NAME: Ron Alexander

STAFF POSITION: ASM—Troop Guides

UNIT POSITION: ASM Troop 793

CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-604 (Patrol Leader for Life)

REAL WORLD: Technical Sales Manager and Graphics Installer, Korman Signs

FAVORITE SAYING: Good to go!

NATURAL HABITAT: Outdoors in the woods

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Fishing, ATV trail riding, camping, canoeing. I have 1 wife, 1 son, 1 truck, 1 dog, 2 cats, 4 chainsaws, 2 boats, 3 canoes, 2 kayaks, 40+ fishing rods, and not enough time to enjoy them all. But I’m trying!

FUN FACTS: I like weather that is active, not passive

NAME: Bennie Good

STAFF POSITION: ASM—Communications

UNIT POSITION: District Commissioner, Huguenot Trail

CRITTER & COURSE: Bear SR-501

REAL WORLD: Retired Information Services Manger for Philip Morris

FAVORITE SAYING: If it does not kill you, it makes you stronger

NATURAL HABITAT: Mountains, beach, on the water, and at home in Midlothian

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Photography, bicycling, snow skiing

FUN FACTS: Former Scoutmaster of Troop 876 for seven years, during which 46 scouts earned Eagle!



Bennie ↑



NAME: Tom Johnson ('TJ')

STAFF POSITION: Senior Patrol Leader

UNIT POSITION: Advisor Crew 503

CRITTER & COURSE: Bobwhite SR-267

REAL WORLD: Substitute Teacher, Henrico County; Aquatics Director, Brady Saunders

FAVORITE SAYING: Some men see things as they are and ask 'why?' Others see things as they should be and ask 'why not?'

NATURAL HABITAT: In or on the water

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Golf, scouting

FUN FACTS: Received my Bobcat pin in 1954, and will be a Grampa in April

← Tom ("T.J.")

NAME: A. J. Kendrick

STAFF POSITION: Assistant Friendly Quartermaster / ASPL

UNIT POSITION: Committee Member Troop 923

CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-267

REAL WORLD: Retired Engineer Manager

FAVORITE SAYING: Just do it

NATURAL HABITAT: Drinking coffee at the kitchen table

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Hunting, fishing, church, family, reading, financial planning

FUN FACTS: Two sons, both Eagle Scouts, Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cub Committee Chair, ASM, SM, MC



↑ A. J.



↙ Chuck

NAME: Chuck Smith

STAFF POSITION: Mentor

UNIT POSITION: Scoutmaster Troop 184

CRITTER & COURSE: Bear SR-373

REAL WORLD: OB/GYN

FAVORITE SAYING: We can't fix stupid

NATURAL HABITAT: 20-60 fsw—tropical

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Scuba, sailing, skiing, fencing

FUN FACTS: I have been aboard Marine Corp—1 (presidential helicopter)

NAME: Carol Pilgrim
STAFF POSITION: Scribe
UNIT POSITION: Advisor Crew 720
CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-604
REAL WORLD: Landscape Designer & Office Manager for landscape company
FAVORITE SAYING: The best things in life are free
NATURAL HABITAT: On or in the water, preferably somewhere warm
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Bird watching, photographing and collecting insects, kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, travel and music
FUN FACTS: Wonderful husband, one son (Eagle) and one daughter (born on Leap Day!)

Carol →



NAME: Kenny Jones
STAFF POSITION: Assistant Scribe—Historian
UNIT POSITION: Scoutmaster Troop 799
CRITTER & COURSE: Eagle SR-769
 (Patrol Leader for Life)
REAL WORLD: Videographer
FAVORITE SAYING: It's all good!
NATURAL HABITAT: Dead center between the sound board and the stage
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Camping, climbing, martial arts, traveling, music
FUN FACTS: N.O.L.S. graduate. Three sons (2.9 Eagle Scouts)

Kenny ↑

NAME: Christopher Habenicht
STAFF POSITION: Assistant Scribe
UNIT POSITION: Council VP Program
CRITTER & COURSE: Eagle SR-917
REAL WORLD: Lawyer
FAVORITE SAYING: You are never too young to have a happy childhood
NATURAL HABITAT: Anywhere outside
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Hiking, camping, road biking, running, snow skiing
FUN FACTS:



Chris →

↓ Dean



NAME: Dean Beuglass
STAFF POSITION: Assistant Scribe—Technical
UNIT POSITION: ASM Troop 2860
CRITTER & COURSE: Owl SR-917
REAL WORLD: Pharmacist
FAVORITE SAYING: Seriously?
NATURAL HABITAT: On a plane or in the car
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Camping, shooting, cooking, grilling
FUN FACTS: Looking forward to staffing Jamboree again in 2013

NAME: Marcus Ragland
STAFF POSITION: Staff Advisor
UNIT POSITION: Field Director
CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-677
REAL WORLD: Field Director for Boy Scouts
FAVORITE SAYING: Is that in the budget?
NATURAL HABITAT: In my camping hammock
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Camping, disc golf, running
FUN FACTS: Served on Buckskin staff for 10 years before deciding to make scouting my career

Marcus →



NAME: Nancy Fonseca

STAFF POSITION: Friendly Quartermaster

UNIT POSITION: Committee Chair & Associate Advisor Crew 503, Battlefield District Venturing Commissioner

CRITTER & COURSE: Eagle SE-CS-20

REAL WORLD: Home Administrator / Freelance Administrative Assistant / Volunteer

FAVORITE SAYING: Let's make a difference in the life of a child!

NATURAL HABITAT: Home with family, especially my grandbaby, church, scouting in the outdoors, woods, and water

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Church, Scouting, photography, dancing, singing

FUN FACTS: 1988 went to (according to my husband) a one-time only Tiger Cub meeting, now 22+ years later, still at meeting. Husband wondering how long this meeting is going to last . . .



Nancy ↑

↓ Alice



NAME: H. C. Davis

STAFF POSITION: Assistant Friendly Quartermaster

UNIT POSITION: Scoutmaster Troop 876

CRITTER & COURSE: Beaver SR-809

REAL WORLD: State Police, Criminal Investigation

FAVORITE SAYING: Man up—Just do it!

NATURAL HABITAT:

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Scouts! Biking, car restoration, hiking

FUN FACTS:

NAME: Alice Nelson

STAFF POSITION: Assistant Friendly Quartermaster

UNIT POSITION: Committee Member Troop 341 Treasurer

CRITTER & COURSE: Bear SR-917

REAL WORLD: VDOT—Saluda Residency Business Administrator

FAVORITE SAYING: Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime

NATURAL HABITAT: With my boys in troop on a campout or big trip

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Scouting, parenthood. Proud mother of an Eagle Scout and a Life Scout

FUN FACTS: I love my boys—all 13 of them!



H. C. ↑
↓ Jim



NAME: Jim Stallings

STAFF POSITION: Assistant Friendly Quartermaster

UNIT POSITION: District Committee, Webmaster for Troop 806, Arrohattac, and Nawakwa Dancers websites

CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-917

REAL WORLD: Bank of America VP Systems Engineer

FAVORITE SAYING: We're only human—we learn from our mistakes. It's OK!

NATURAL HABITAT: Behind a keyboard

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Golf, snow skiing, boating, hiking, travel, computers, BSA training, STEELERS

FUN FACTS: Nawakwa Order of the Arrow Native American Indian Dance Team Advisor; hosts a number of websites for scouting organizations. Went to my first scout campout in Luxemborug

NAME: Jim McCoig

STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Beaver

UNIT POSITION: Advisor Crew 736

CRITTER: Bobwhite (That’s right!) SR-917

REAL WORLD: Information Technology Manager for Capital One

FAVORITE SAYING: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

NATURAL HABITAT: Anywhere without a roof

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Scouting, snow skiing, road cycling, camping, hiking, yard work and old cars

FUN FACTS: Met my wife in a disco! Wears orange every Friday. Go Vols!

Jim ↗



NAME: Carl Whitaker

STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Bobwhite

UNIT POSITION: Assistant District Commissioner, Cardinal District

CRITTER & COURSE: Bear SR-917

REAL WORLD: Nuclear Design Engineer, North Anna Power Station

FAVORITE SAYING: What, me worry?

NATURAL HABITAT: At home with family

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Scuba diving, boating

FUN FACTS: Started Cub Scouts in Naples, Italy; started Boy Scouts in Okinawa, Japan, 2010 Jambo Scuba Staff

Frank ↓

NAME: Frank McNeilly

STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Eagle

UNIT POSITION: Scoutmaster Troop 2815, Arrohattoc Unit Commissioner and District Committee

CRITTER & COURSE: Fox SR-917

REAL WORLD: Electrical Engineer, Project Manager

FAVORITE SAYING: Thanks

NATURAL HABITAT: Outdoors in the woods, mountains, or at the beach, pick one

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Camping, hiking, cooking, kayaking, family, church, scout leader training, and surf fishing

FUN FACTS: Everybody in my family has their own kayak, the dog paddles with me



Carl ↑

↓ Jon



NAME: Jon Vaughan

STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Fox

UNIT POSITION: Scout-reach Staff

CRITTER & COURSE: Bobwhite SR-809

REAL WORLD: Architectural CAD operator

FAVORITE SAYING: Many hands make light work

NATURAL HABITAT: Council Scout Shop

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Cartooning, photography, camping, Civil War artillery re-enacting

FUN FACTS: Mr. “Amy Vaughan’s Husband”

NAME: Sonja Myers
STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Owl
UNIT POSITION: Pack 740 Trainer ; Troop 740 Committee Member
CRITTER & COURSE: Eagle SR-917
REAL WORLD: Scouter and Girl Scout leader
FAVORITE SAYING: Have a Golden Day
NATURAL HABITAT: Woods and water from Northern Michigan to the Florida Gulf Coast
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Church choir voice and guitar, dance, theater, camping, reading, hand guns and rifle
FUN FACTS: Private pilot; Kermit the Frog was inspiration for being Cubmaster



Sonja →



NAME: Lisa Wright
STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Bear
UNIT POSITION: ASM Troop 184
CRITTER & COURSE: Bobwhite SR-677
REAL WORLD: Commercial Realtor
FAVORITE SAYING: Life is a journey, make it!
NATURAL HABITAT: Outdoors
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Hiking, backpacking, kayaking, biking, basketball, tennis, painting
FUN FACTS: Bio-medical illustrator, proud of my sons, love my husband!

NAME: Rick Bragga
STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Buffalo
UNIT POSITION: Council Executive Board, National Advisory Council
CRITTER & COURSE: Eagle SR-917 (SR-370 original course)
REAL WORLD: Non-profit Consultant
FAVORITE SAYING: Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can
NATURAL HABITAT: Home or airport
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Family, photography, travels, church, scouting, baseball
FUN FACTS: Former skydiver, college gymnast and cheerleader



Rick ↑



NAME: Robert McLemore
STAFF POSITION: Troop Guide—Antelope
UNIT POSITION: Cubmaster Pack 710
CRITTER & COURSE: Owl SR-917
REAL WORLD: Director Carmax.com
FAVORITE SAYING: If you're going to be dumb, you better be strong
NATURAL HABITAT: Anywhere with water
HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Aquatics, mountaineering, bird watching, bird dogs
FUN FACTS: Instructor for SEAL Team physical training

Robert ↓
 Lisa ↑