

Do. Or Do Not.
There is no Try.

The Gilwell Gazette

Day 6 Monday April 11, 2011

Today:
I'm gonna work
my ticket if I can!

Lost and Found—Day 4 Patrol Reports

Bobwhites – Day 4

'Once again the Bobwhites have overachieved.' Says Tom, who ate worms with us at dinner tonight.

After a slow and early start we gathered for Leave No Trace training by some great Venturers. Then we were off to quickly set up camp. We continued the day with some great discussions about the different generations and how to handle conflict.

The Venturers lead us in game time and did a great job. Shelby, a Venturer from Mechanicsville was an honorary Bobwhite today. At dinner we also spent some time finalizing our tickets – Yea!

As program patrol we look forward to tonight's campfire as there are many great things planned.

Of final note, the Bobwhites' Dirt Cake dessert was a huge hit tonight at dinner we decided to share the recipe so everyone can eat worms whenever they wish:

Dirt Cake

1 pkg Gummy worms

½ Stick Butter

3 ½ cups of Milk

1 cup Powdered Sugar

1 8oz pkg of cream cheese

8oz Cool Whip

10 oz Oreo Cookies

2 pkg French Vanilla instant pudding mix

Cream together the cream cheese and butter. In a separate bowl mix the pudding with milk. Blend the pudding with whipped cream and cream cheese mixture. Crush the Oreos in a blender.

Using a flower pot – line it with foil and then layer pudding then Oreos, finishing with the Oreos. Top with worms and a fake flower. Chill, serve & enjoy!

Eagles Regroup at Gilwell Park for Day Four

The Screaming Eagles returned to Happy Land for Day Four and, with the exception of the challenge faced with the two beam walk, successfully navigated the problem solving exercises. The Eagles also enjoyed seeing staff Eagles return to their site for Carolina Bobwhite BBQ and other culinary delights and fine fellowship. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle! At the indoor campfire, the Eagles strove to get the crowd warmed up with a spirited Mexican Hat Dance cheer.

Fox Patrol Day 4

Peter relieved Bob as Patrol Leader at the opening ceremonies and unveiled the Roman Legion-esque Fox Flag. Ed and Michael joined our band of merry foxes, helping lash our flag and supervising camp set up. Following morning training the youth helped lead problem solving round robin. With Tom's cadence, the foxes excelled at caterpillar walking. Eric led us through the traffic jam. Bob led us through the ball ring game. Peter was tasked with solving the human knot, while Heather unleashed her ballet moves to unravel the patrol. Kevin's Stone Ground Wheat bread was enjoyed for lunch while Tom's Jambalaya was enjoyed at supper. Later the Foxes entertained the troops with the Fox song and skit at the camp fire.

An offering will be taken at the Interfaith Worship Service today for the benefit of the World Friendship Fund. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

PROGRAM PATROL: Fox
SERVICE PATROL: Beaver

DAY 6 SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment
- 8:00 AM Patrol time: break down camp, clean up, load vehicles
- 9:00 AM Patrol Leaders Council meeting
- 10:00 AM Gilwell Field Assembly
- 11:00 AM Interfaith Worship Service
- 11:45 AM Closing Luncheon
- 1:00 PM Leaving a Legacy
- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:30 PM Summary Session
- 3:00 PM Course Assessments
- 3:30 PM Closing Gilwell Field Assembly
- 4:15 PM Participants Depart



The Kudu Horn calls us onto Gilwell Field

Antelope – Day 5 Gazette

Lopin' Along Just Fine

Learn some things about Insignia Placement? We hope so. Laughed a few times while we attempted a skit last night – we think you might have. Thanks to Steve for his playwright skills and of course Dave who we thought did an excellent job at MC'ing last night's campfire program. Patrol Leader responsibilities switched from Steven "Cathole" to Jason "Chef Stir Fry" today while we were also honored to receive service responsibilities today – we expect you had lots of necessary TP. Ven was not bitten by the honored snake as some might have "herd" but instead he fell while chasing an animal (of an unusual furry nature) out of camp last night – thanks, Ven for protecting us while we slept. We enjoyed Missy's Biscuits and Gravy this morning (yum) and as I type this Dave is preparing cheesecake in the dutch oven. Thanks Mike for the sunshine.



Day 6 Bears

Tickets are done. No departing from Gilwell without finalizing your ticket.

What an awesome crew. Thank you Lisa for mentoring us little cubs thus far at Wood Badge. Not that we will ever forget you, but more importantly that we will be able to call upon you and be lifted/challenged by you. (We not only have your email address – we have your cell number.)

As I get ready to return to Chez Bear for another 5 Star dining experience, I reflect on what we (Troop 1) have all accomplished over this short tenure and the road ahead in completing the ticket. My wife placed this quote next to the back door at our house in order for the family to see every time we leave home.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds to plant."

We have reaped a harvest of knowledge, learning and opportunity, but the seeds we plant in the characters of the boys and girls that are in our Packs, Troops, Venture Crews and Varsity will be the harvest we will be judged by.

Good luck to us all in completing our tickets and getting back to Gilwell.



YOU MIGHT BE A WOOD BADGER....

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

If your baby's first words were, "Back to Gilwell" . . .

You Might Be A Wood Badger

If you don't understand why tuxedos don't come with neckerchiefs and knee socks ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you can't remember which hand to shake with in the office on Monday morning...

You Might Be A Wood Badger

If you are convinced the center of the universe is Gilwell Park, England ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If people don't recognize you when you're not in uniform...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you've ever heard the phrase, "Trust me, it's only an hour a week!"...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

Eager Beavers

Day Six Patrol Leader: Elizabeth S. Jones

Years in Scouting: 7

Scouting Position: Activities and Civic Service Chair, Rivers District. Unit Commissioner, District Popcorn Kernel, Outdoors Chair Troop 340

Real World: Homeschooling Mom

Woodbadge World: Scribe

Favorite Saying: "Let go, let God."

Natural Habitat: Mountains of Virginia or North Carolina

Hobbies and Interests: Genealogy addict, reading, singing

Fun Facts: Three sons ages 13, 8 and 5. None of them are allowed a learner's permit until they make Eagle Scout. My husband David Jones (District Commissioner, Rivers District) graduated high school in 1983, and I entered Kindergarten in the fall that same year.

The beavers are in awe of what we were all able to accomplish together during our service project. It hurt a bit to bury a family member's old homestead, but we did it.

Thank you to Herb for getting us the first spot to present our project-it was so relaxing to realize we were done!

I was privy to a part of the planning meeting of our Chaplains and I am impressed with what they've all come up with. We are in for a treat.

All of our tickets are ready and we are roaring to go and I can hardly believe we are in our last day of Wood Badge. Good luck and God bless you class and staff of S7-602-11-1. Happy beading!



Eagles Day Five Report

The Screaming Eagles are a little tired but excited about Scouting and enhancing their leadership skills after five days of formal Wood Badge training. Highlights of the day for the Eagles were winning the Golden Spoon for their Saturday night dinner of BBQed Bobwhite, getting their tickets approved, wrasslin' trees and brush, and enjoying Patrol and Staff Presentations. The Eagles look forward to staying in touch with each other and the other Wood Badgers from S7-602-11-1 as they work their tickets and complete the Wood Badge process. The Eagles would like to thank all of the Staff for the course, and especially their Troop Guide Frank McNeilly.

Screaming Eagles, Loud and Proud ... look out below!



Happy Gilwell Birthday to Ron Pierce

Bobwhites – Day 5

Last night's Campfire was great! As Program Patrol on Day 4, we would like to thank all the Patrols for their efforts in helping make the campfire a huge success.

Today, we have enjoyed the other Patrol's project presentations. There are so many great ideas and talented individuals here. Many of us finished dotting the 'I's and crossing the 'T's on our Wood Badge tickets yesterday and today. So after much brainstorming, consulting with our Troop Guide and leaders back home it is great to have our tickets approved and goals set. Almost time to get to work!

We also completed a service project out by the lake today. With all hands on deck we were all amazed that in a mere hour and a half we had cleared the entire area as requested. We even uncovered and removed an old car engine. Feeling accomplished we all now just hope no one suffers too badly from poison ivy, as there was plenty out there.

As we look forward to Day 6 we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who have volunteered their time to guide us through our Wood Badge experience. We have not only learned a great deal but we will leave Gilwell tomorrow having made many new friends to add to our Scouting family.



Owl Gazette Day 6

The Owls Are Cookin'!

Ron Pierce led the Owl Parliament on day 6. This was also Ron's birthday, and he was serenaded by all of Gilwell on Gilwell field and also his own troop from across the pond. Ron is husband of one wife (a man cannot serve two masters), father of three children (all by the same one wife) including two Girl Scouts (ages 10 and 15, both, coincidentally, girls) and one First Class Almost Star™ Boy Scout (12, coincidentally, a boy). He floats exceptionally well, and has a top speed of 1.5 MPH for 100 feet or 10 steps, whichever comes first. He is an Engineer (Microelectronics, because size matters), and enjoys photography, processes and figuring out new stuff, which has come in exceptionally handy during his Wood Badge experience. The Owls have all had a glorious time today putting finishing touches on their tickets. Preparation of each and every one was completed on time and under budget. The camaraderie has been extraordinary, with all the Owls tightly bonding to their new-found friends.



One meal item that has been a big hit is the Owl Pellet Cookie. We have had many requests to cough up the recipe.



Owl Pellet Cookies - Makes 36 to 45 cookies

6 cups crispy rice cereal

2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet or milk chocolate chips

1 cup sugar

1 cup corn syrup

1 cup peanut butter (smooth or crunchy, which adds authentic texture)

2 white chocolate or cookies-and-cream candy bars, chopped into bonelike bits (about 2/3 cup)

- Mix the cereal and the chocolate chips in a large bowl. Set the mixture aside.
- Mix the sugar and the corn syrup in a small pan and heat until bubbling. Remove the sugar-syrup mixture from heat and stir in peanut butter.
- Stir peanut butter mixture into cereal and chocolate chips and mix together well. (The chocolate chips will melt.) When cereal is completely coated, allow mixture to sit for 5 minutes to cool.
- Pick up 2 to 3 tablespoons of the mixture. Sprinkle 4 to 5 white chocolate "bones" into the mixture in your hand.
- Squeeze mixture in your fist until it looks just like an owl pellet. Smooth edges if necessary. Put the cookies on wax paper or a plate to allow them to harden. Wrap in foil to enhance presentation.

(Adapted from "Owl Puke: Book and Owl Pellet" by Jane Hammerslough, Workman Publishing Company Inc.)

S7-602-11-1 Conservation Project:

Clear trees and brush along lake at waterfront to improve sightline to Brownsea Island



Ranger John Hankins gives instructions before, and admires the results after the project.



S7-602-11-1 Conservation Project



**Worth the wait!
The Buffalo Flag debuts**



The Amazing Performing Buffalos

Day 5 at Gilwell was a historic day for the Buffalo Patrol. The day began with a delicious meal of breakfast burritos which fortified us for the much anticipated unveiling of our beautiful patrol flag. From there, it was time for Patrol Project Presentations. The hard work by all of our patrols was more than evident. The projects were all very engaging and relevant. Next came the conservation project. What an intense furious frenzy of activity. What a difference we made by the end! I would never have thought we would have gotten that far. It appears we are headed down the home stretch. Tickets are being finalized, clean-up, and pack-up is beginning. Our time here at Gilwell is winding down and coming to a close. But, our real work is just beginning. Let the Ticket working begin! Best of luck to all of our troop mates in Troop 1, from the Thundering Herd of the Buffalo Patrol.

