

## Early Lessons on Feedback

Wisdom from our leader

By MARK LARSON

As an architecture student at Kentucky 30 years ago, I was expected to spend long hours in my design studio, creating and refining the latest design project. It was common for many of us to spend 40 hours a week in this wonderful, 100 year-old building, right in the middle of campus. Most weeks, I spent more time there than in my dorm.

Each semester, 9 classmates and I would be assigned to a particular studio professor and together would share one of the dozen tall rooms in Pence Hall. Each semester, students were reshuffled into new groups. As soon as our studio room was assigned, we would rush to stake out our personal space and lay out our low-tech equipment: a door, two sawhorses, and a parallel bar.

Together, we were to share that space for 16 weeks. It was an incredibly creative environment. Most people enjoyed collaboration and willingly offered great feedback. A few however, preferred to work in solitude or at home – offering or receiving little advice from others. Without exception, their work was never given high marks.

Our assigned professor would give each of us a daily critique during the scheduled



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class-time. The length of this feedback depended on how interested or puzzled they were by our work. It was common for professors to make their rounds at all hours of the night – not only to visit their own class but to check out others'. They would wander into our studio and ask someone to spontaneously explain their work and organizing idea. They were often just curious, but always gave very direct feedback. Feedback usually took the form of conversation wrapped around a sketch or two. Not always.

Paul Ammatuzzo was one of these wandering, late-night professors known for his biting critiques. One evening in my second year, he ventured from his own studio across the hall and seemed drawn to the elaborate model I was making. It was becoming quite a thing to behold. Being proud of my effort, I shared my "brilliant" concept and waited for his adoration.

Instead, he took two fingers into the heart of my model and pulled out a large chunk. I was horrified. He tossed those dissected parts on the floor and said in his thick New York accent "Now that's much better, isn't it Larson? Architecture is about space, not object-making". He didn't say anything more; he just left the room.

After the shock wore off, I began to realize what he meant and that his feedback was a wonderful gift. With this one simple lesson, Mr. Ammatuzzo had completely changed my understanding of architecture. He demonstrated with this action, that a building's interior spaces were at least as important as how it looks on the outside. *It's about how the space works for the people who use it – and it's not about the sculptural quality (or the architect).*

In Architecture school, feedback was part of our ritual. We received it from pro-

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## Recognize Diversity

By DAVID PRESTIA

Diversity reflects the existence of human differences, (including but not limited to race, culture, religion, gender, language, family status, economic status, physical and cognitive ability) which affect our relationships, institutions and interactions with others. More than just a buzzword that is currently in vogue, we as Scouters need to embrace diversity knowing that no one race, culture, language, gender, class, or religion, is intrinsically superior to another. Our ability to relate respectfully to others who are different than we are is not some talent we are born with, rather it is a skill that must be learned, studied, cultivated and practiced. Mutual respect and acceptance of others undoubtedly sounds like the Scout Law to me. Lord Baden Powell, said this in a lot better and fewer words', "Scouts of the World Brothers Together".

Our the next few weeks during Wood Badge Course S7-602-12-1 remember - "This is THE STAFF, not past staffs". This means not to compare this staff/course to others. Don't look back; have a feeling of starting fresh. There are new people who won't understand the comments and may feel a separation between "senior" staff and new staffers. For new staffers this is their first course. For participants, this is their only course.

OPINION A2

### Superstitious?

Are you a paraskevidekatriaphobic, well don't let it hinder your Wood Badge enthusiasm?

SCOUTING LORE A4

### Patrol Totems

We give them sentimental, nostalgic and imaginary meaning. Wood Badge participants use them to mark their correspondence and notes.

LIFESTYLE A5

### What do the stars tell us?

See what the immediate future has in store for you with our Wood Badge horoscopes we call the Critterscopes!

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## Welcome to the Gazette for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

On behalf of the Scribe staff we welcome you to this first edition of the *Gilwell Gazette* for Wood Badge Course SR7-602-12-1. We've embraced the standard Gazette format of the past which we hope are viewed positively and will help to support the two primary goals of any good newspaper: to inform and to entertain.

The SR7-602-12-1 *Gazette* has a modern standard format that will be followed with every issue. It will contain a balanced mix of actual course event reporting and pre-written informational stories with plenty of space for some fun and games.

The front page will be home to three or four reports of the previous day's events. So in Day 2's issue you might find stories on the participants' arrival, the Blue & Gold banquet, and the instructional campfire. Some of these articles may spill on to the back page.

Page A2 that you're on now holds the course staff masthead, letters to the editor from staff or participants, one or two personal "editorial" messages from the staff to the participants, and a guest column on some topic.

Page A3 will be the home for the patrol reports. Each patrol will need to submit an article of 100-125 words at the end of each day for inclusion in

the next day's *Gazette*. Patrols not submitting reports risk having the Scribe staff write one for them (be afraid ... very, very afraid).

Pages A4 and A5 (not in this issue) will display pictures from the previous day. The *Gazette* is designed to be a news source during the course but is also a historical record to look back on after the course is over.

Page A6 is titled "Scouting Lore" and will contain articles about the history of the Wood Badge course, inspirational words from Scouting's leaders past and present, little-known information about the Scouting program, and any other articles related to Scouting or Scouters.

Page A7 is called Lifestyles but could just as easily be titled "the KISMIF page" as it contains humor and games to keep the participants from becoming too serious. Everyday we'll have a crossword puzzle that contains some SR7-602-12-1 information and our own brand of horoscope that we call Critterscopes.

The back page, A8, will hold the day's schedule and other important course-related information needed for that day.

The Scribe staff firmly believes that feedback is a gift so we encourage you to share with us your thoughts on the *Gazette* by sending an email to [scribe@wb2012.org](mailto:scribe@wb2012.org)

## Wants to Join the Fun

To the Editor:

I wanted to express my extreme disappointment on discovering that the S7-602-12-1 course was full and that I would need to wait until 2013 to get in the next course. I blame your recruiting efforts for that.

Why did you guys raise the bar so high? Why did you make it appear to be so much fun? If you had just phoned it in there might still be room for me but, no, you had to go and get an enthusiastic staff that believed in the program and could eloquently describe the benefits. Shame on you!

Oh well, only about 12 more months to wait.

JOE SCOUT

Richmond, Va., April 5, 2012

To the Editor:

I'm one of the ever-growing number of people on the waiting list but far enough down that I probably won't get to attend. However, I thought I might try to think of some other activities I could participate in that would equal the experience I would have received in S7-602-12-1.

Unfortunately, skydiving provided the thrill but not the camaraderie. A trip to Carnivale in Brazil provided the fun but not the Scouting tradition. A semester at Oxford provided the educational experience but not the outdoor camping.

I guess there's nothing to compare with the experience of a true Wood Badge course. I can't wait for 2013!

IMA SCOUTER

Ashland, Va., April 12, 2012

Editorial Observer / DAVID PRESTIA

## Friday the 13th, 'the most widespread superstition'

The sixth day of the week and the number 13 both have foreboding reputations said to date from ancient times. It seems their inevitable conjunction from one to three times a year (there will be three such occurrences in 2012, exactly 13 weeks apart) portends more misfortune than some credulous minds can bear. According to some sources it's the most widespread superstition in the United States today. Some people refuse to go to work on Fri-

day the 13th; some won't eat in restaurants; many wouldn't think of setting a wedding on the date.

How many Americans at the beginning of the 21st century suffer from this condition? According to Dr. Donald Dossey, a psychotherapist specializing in the treatment of phobias (and coiner of the term paraskevidekatriaphobia, also spelled paraskavedekatriaphobia), the figure may be as high as 21 million. If he's right, no fewer than

eight percent of Americans remain in the grips of a very old superstition.

Exactly how old is difficult to say, because determining the origins of superstitions is an inexact science, at best. In fact, it's mostly guesswork.

If you are spooked by Friday the 13th, you're in for a whummy of a year. This week's unlucky day is the second of three for 2012. And it would come as no surprise if many among us hold at least some fear of freaky Fri-

day, as we humans are a superstitious lot.

However we here at the *Gilwell Gazette* say bunk to all this nonsense, Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is the start of Wood Badge Course S7-602-12-1, an event so coveted that it has a waiting list of those who want to participate. What greater Scouting event could one participate in other than Wood Badge-okay maybe a World Jamboree?

# Patrol Reports

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

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BEAVER PATROL

Beavers are two primarily nocturnal, semi-aquatic species of rodent, one native to North America and one to Eurasia. They are known for building dams, canals, and lodges (homes). They are the second-largest rodent in the world (after the capybara). Their colonies create one or more dams to provide still, deep water to protect against predators, and to float food and building material. The North American beaver population was once more than 60 million, but as of 1988 was 6-12 million. This population decline is due to extensive hunting for fur, for glands used as medicine and perfume, and because their harvesting of trees and flooding of waterways may interfere with other land uses.



BOBWHITE PATROL

The Northern Bobwhite, Virginia Quail or (in its home range) Bobwhite Quail (*Colinus virginianus*) is a ground-dwelling bird native to North America and northern Central America and the Caribbean. It is a member of the group of species known as New World quails (Odontophoridae). They were initially placed with the Old World quails in the pheasant family (Phasianidae), but are not particularly closely related. The name "bobwhite" derives from its characteristic whistling call.

The Northern Bobwhite's song is a rising, clear whistle, *bob-White!* or *bob-bob-White!* The call is most often given by males in spring and summertime. Other vocalizations include a range of squeaky whistles.

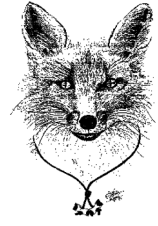


EAGLE PATROL

Eagles are large birds of prey which are members of the bird family Accipitridae, and belong to several genera which are not necessarily closely related to each other. Most of the more than 60 species occur in Eurasia and Africa. Outside this area, just two species (the Bald and Golden Eagles) can be found in the USA and Canada, nine more in Central and South America, and three in Australia.

Eagles are differentiated from other birds of prey mainly by their larger size, more powerful build, and heavier head and bill. Most eagles are larger than any other raptors apart from the vultures.

Eagles build their nests, called eyries, in tall trees or on high cliffs.



FOX PATROL

A fox is an animal belonging to any one of about 27 species (of which only 12 actually belong to the *Vulpes* genus, or 'true foxes') of small to medium-sized canids, characterized by possessing a long, narrow snout, and a bushy tail, or brush. By far the most common and widespread species of fox is the red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), although various species are found on almost every continent. The presence of fox-like carnivores all over the globe has led to their appearance in both popular culture and folklore.

The Modern English "fox" is Old English, and comes from the Proto-Germanic word *fukh* which means "tail of it" and refers to the up and down "bounce" or flickering of its tail.



OWL PATROL

The Strigiformes (Owls) are an order of birds of prey, comprising 200 extant species. Most are solitary, and nocturnal, with some exceptions (e.g. the Burrowing Owl). Owls mostly hunt small mammals, insects, and other birds, though a few species specialize in hunting fish. They are found in all regions of the Earth except Antarctica, most of Greenland, and some remote islands. Though owls are typically solitary, the literary collective noun for a group of owls is a parliament.

Owls have large forward-facing eyes and ear-holes, a hawk-like beak, a flat face, and usually a conspicuous circle of feathers around each eye called a facial disc. Their large eyes are fixed in their sockets.



BEAR PATROL

Bears are mammals of the family Ursidae. Bears are classified as caniforms, or doglike carnivores. Although there are only eight living species of bear, they are widespread, appearing in a wide variety of habitats throughout the Northern Hemisphere and partially in the Southern Hemisphere. That which pertains to bears is called ursine. Bears are found in the continents of North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Common characteristics of modern bears include a large body with stocky legs, a long snout, shaggy hair, paws with five claws, and a short tail.

Most bears are omnivorous, with largely varied diets including both plants and animals.



BUFFALO PATROL

The buffalo (actually American Bison) once inhabited the grasslands of North America and Asia in massive herds, ranging from the Great Slave Lake in Canada's far north, through the United States to Mexico in the south, and from eastern Oregon almost to the Atlantic Ocean. American Bison are one of the largest species of cattle in the world, surpassed in size only by the massive Asian gaur and Wild Asian Water Buffalo, both of which are found mainly in India and Southeast Asia. It is also the largest extant land animal in North America.

A bison has a shaggy, dark brown winter coat, and a lighter weight, lighter brown summer coat. Bison can reach up to 6.6 ft tall, and weigh up to 2,000 lbs.



ANTELOPE PATROL

The species depicted on the BSA Antelope patch, native to western and central North America, is known as the pronghorn antelope but is not officially in the same family as the true antelope shown above. It is the only surviving member of the family Antilocapridae.

Each "horn" of the pronghorn is composed of a slender, laterally flattened blade of bone that grows from the frontal bones of the skull. Skin covers the bony cores, but in the pronghorn it develops into a sheath which is shed and regrown on an annual basis. These sheaths are branched, each possessing a tine, hence the name pronghorn.

Generally accepted to be the fastest land mammal in the New World (top speed 86 km/h).



## Critterscopes

### Beaver

You will be on your way to a meeting this week when you will be struck by an odd thought. Fortunately it will bounce harmlessly off you.

### Bobwhite

A new friend will find the key to your heart this week but not before trying the key to your car, the key to your front door, and the key to your single unit storage locker.

### Eagle

Try as they might, the stars see no point in telling you about the near future as you'll do whatever you darn well please anyway.

### Fox

A wonderful romantic experience looms ahead for the Beavers, which really stinks because you're a Fox.

### Owl

It's important to remember this week that when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Then, when life least expects it, throw that lemonade right in it's spiteful face.

### Bear

This week, you will be asked where you see yourself in five years. Refrain from laughing wildly, crying suddenly, and jumping clear out a nearby window.

### Buffalo

The antelopes will see you as a threat to the social hierarchy of the herd which, truth be told, is giving you way too much credit.

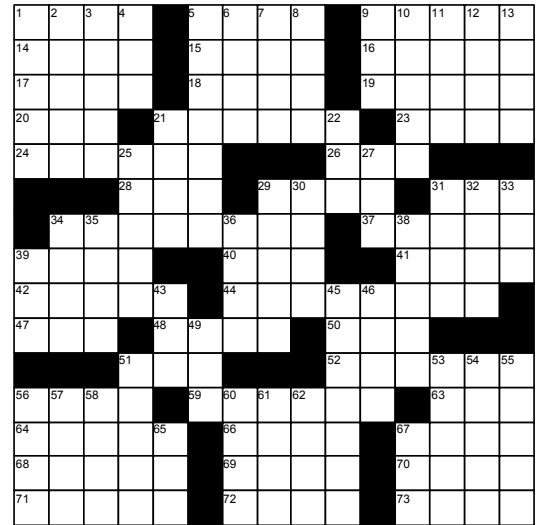
### Antelope

The stars indicate your patrol's success in the days to come, though it's quite difficult for them to keep a straight face during it.

## Today's Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Varsity unit
- 5 Boy Scout rank
- 9 Monastery superior
- 14 Detest
- 15 Volume
- 16 Cover
- 17 Against
- 18 National capital
- 19 Italian city
- 20 Sickly
- 21 Made angry
- 23 Slant
- 24 Bench
- 26 Entrance rug
- 28 BP's Stetson
- 29 Prego's competition
- 31 Doctoral degree
- 34 Horizontal bar
- 37 Sticky
- 39 Open tart-like pastry
- 40 Evening
- 41 Meager
- 42 Relinquish
- 44 Person sensitive to art



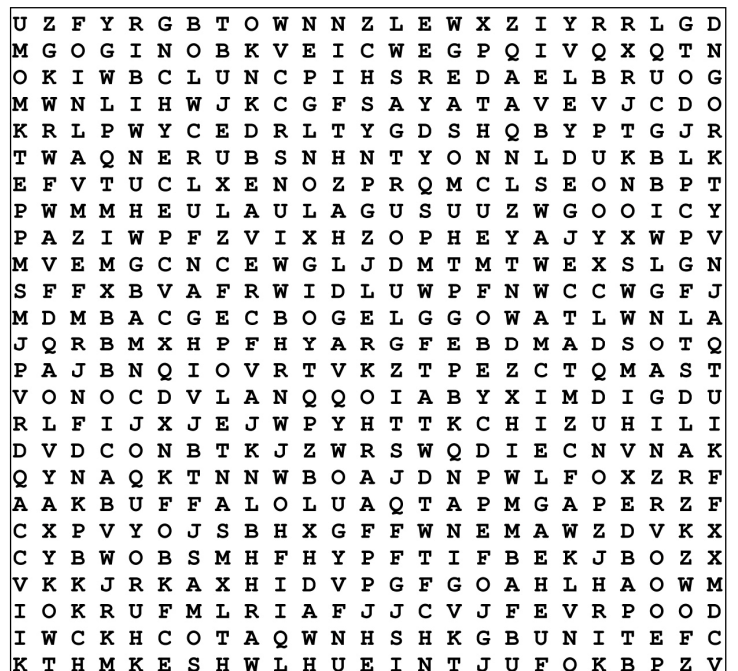
### DOWN

- 1 Thailand dwellers
- 2 Large bird of prey
- 3 Tipped
- 4 Women's partners
- 5 More than one Scott
- 6 Blow the kudu horn
- 7 Ammunition
- 8 Shallow area
- 9 Admiral (abbr.)
- 10 Course Director
- 11 Indonesian island
- 12 Opaque gem
- 13 Home for 2nd WB weekend
- 21 Salty water masses
- 22 Madagascar franc (abbr.)
- 25 Bead hanger
- 27 August (abbr.)
- 29 Nevermore WB patrol
- 30 Greek god of war
- 31 Haikudu writer
- 32 Not there
- 33 Change color
- 34 Disgust with excess
- 35 Seldom
- 36 Charlotte Pemberton's patrol
- 38 Alpha Phi
- 39 Future Farmers of America (abr.)
- 43 Often poetically
- 45 Hunters
- 46 Huckleberry Finn's nickname
- 49 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 51 \_\_\_\_\_ Phi Omega
- 53 Peculiarity
- 54 Humor
- 55 What you raise in poker
- 56 U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 57 Klondike derby vehicle
- 58 Crimp
- 60 Leer at
- 61 BP's war
- 62 Domain
- 65 Number of beads worn by BP
- 67 Explosive

## The 5th Wave



## Wood Badge Word Search

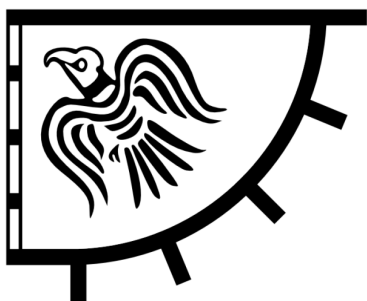


# Schedule & Field Notes

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## Day 0 Staff Schedule

9:00 AM	Arrive at Camp	5:00 PM	Interfaith Service
9:05 AM	Finish transforming camp into Gilwell	5:20 PM	Walk through Day 2
10:00 AM	Concurrent presentation review begins	6:00 PM	Change for Dinner into Field Uniform
10:45 AM	Project Planning	6:30 PM	Dinner
11:30 AM	Lunch	7:15 PM	Pictures
12:30 PM	Physical walk-thru of Day One (in order)	8:00 PM	Special Ceremony
1:40 PM	Gilwell Assembly	8:40 PM	Cracker Barrel
2:00 PM	Den Chiefs walk to cabins	9:00 PM	One Youth Ceremony
2:15 PM	Blue and Gold Banquet	9:20 PM	Campfire Practice
3:00 PM	First Troop Meeting	10:10 PM	Final Review of Day 1
4:00 PM	Patrol Leaders Council	10:45 PM	Get some Sleep



## The Raven Banner

In future editions of the Gilwell Gazette you'll see descriptions of different historical American flags that are used in the course. So what early flag are we to use in this pre-course edition?

The Raven Banner shown above was a flag flown by various Viking chieftains and other Scandinavian rulers during the ninth, tenth and eleventh centuries. The flag was roughly triangular, with a rounded outside edge on which there hung a series of tabs or tassels. It bore a resemblance to ornately carved "weather-vanes" used aboard Viking longships.

Although disagreement exists, it is frequently assumed that the very first flag to fly in America was the Raven banner of the Vikings, the first Europeans to discover and settle (though not permanently) in North America. It was also used by Leif Ericsson when he discovered America in AD 1000.

## Words of Wisdom from Our Course Director

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fessors in studio; we gave and received it with classmates at 2 AM pin-ups; we received it at formal juries in front of the entire college to witness. We had to learn humility - not taking feedback personally. Use it to make our efforts better.

Wood Badge teaches about giving and receiving feedback. There are effective



ways to give and receive it. As staffers for SR7-602-12-1, we will use feedback to make the course better. Remember some of your own positive experiences with feedback and welcome it as it is intended - a gift.

## Are You a Real Scouter?

Here are some signs that you just might be taking Scouting a little too seriously (like that's really possible for a Wood Badger):

- You buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that fleur-de-lis hood ornament
- You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house
- You serve foil pack meals at your dinner party
- Your radio is always tuned to the weather station
- You always have hat hair
- You horde tent stakes
- You carry your own toilet paper wherever you go
- You always have a cup hooked to your belt
- You order pizzas 14 at a time
- All of your shirts have pin holes in them
- Your favorite cologne? Deep Woods Off.
- You have something on your shoe
- You're sure it's only mud
- Everything in your cupboard says "Instant ... Just Add Water"
- You really do use those emergency sewing kits
- You felt you won a moral victory when the BSA brought back knee socks
- The first thing you did with your new knife was cut yourself
- You see a pile of rocks and immediately put them in a circle
- You have a collection of used candles and dryer lint
- Someone asks for a volunteer and you find that your hand is already in the air
- You wear two pairs of socks to bed
- You can stare at a spider web for an hour and not notice the time passing by
- Your backpack weighs more than you do
- You always read by flashlight
- You DO need those stinking badges!
- You have the urge to help little old ladies ... whether they want you to or not
- You manage to find that 8th day in the week
- Singing Scout Vespers makes you cry uncontrollably
- "Scouting is only one hour a week" makes total sense to you now that you understand that there are 1,000 "Scout weeks" in a "Scout Year"