



Good Morning S7-602-12-1

Well, you've taken the first step. You arrived at "Cub Adventure Camp" as dedicated Scout leaders determined to learn advanced skills and techniques to better serve your units back home. So we took you from the parking lot, threw you together with a bunch of strangers, had you play together as Cub Scouts, gave you a gourmet Blue & Gold luncheon, crossed you over to Gilwell Troop 1, and bestowed upon you your coveted Critter. We even put on the funniest Instructional Campfire you'll ever see and then laid out a great cracker barrel for your enjoyment. Wow!



Look at your staff and remember, Scouts, what you see here is what your young people see when they look at you. 'You don't stop playing because you grow old...you grow old because you stop playing'. We have another big day lined up for you. So, get to know your patrol mates (last night's Who Me game was a good start). Together you will blend your special talents to become a high performing team (more on that later). So, have fun and remember the words of that great sage, Rodney Dangerfield- "The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well."



OPINION A2

Destination: Moon

Read the 1962 speech John F. Kennedy gave at Rice University that galvanized a country and pointed us to the moon.

SCOUTING LORE A6

What's a Woggle?

It's more than just a frustrating Wood Badge experience. Learn the history and origin of this symbol of Scout leader training.

FIELD NOTES A8

Teacup Storms

Advice in Robert Baden-Powell's own words on how to avoid making a mountain out of a molehill. Pretty simple as it turns out.

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Chicken Pricing?

To the Editor:

I recently bought chickens from Billy Bob, the peculiar price paid for these chickens seem to have been derived from the Scribe staff that publishes this a here Gilwell Gazette. My question is what qualifies the Scribes to be predicting chicken futures. I understand the massive amount of intelligence the Scribes possess, but this here chicken pricing is out of line, they surely don't know a thing about chickens. I understand that they are venturing into the area of Virginia ice fishing and floor drilling, perhaps this new endeavor will suit them better.

NAME WITHHELD FOR
 FEAR OF REPRISAL

Bumpass, Va., April 13, 2012

We can fix that.

Coming together is a beginning;

Keeping together is progress;

Working together is success.

-Henry Ford

Planning and Preparation Prevent Problems

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'"

Luke 14:28-30.

You'll hear a lot in the coming weeks about planning. There are a number of course presentations that touch on project planning and, of course, we are in the midst of our own staff planning.

Good planning is good stewardship. Success in any endeavor requires careful preparation and planning. Without proper planning and prepara-

tion, failure is almost guaranteed.

Anyone who has ever undertaken a complex task already has learned the importance of careful planning. In sports we see many examples of the need to plan. Often this involves a "game plan." A game plan is simply a series of steps which the team must follow in order to be able to accomplish its goal of winning the game. In fact, most winning teams are able to win, because they plan to win. Losing teams are often the team that had no game plan, or a poor plan at best. Failing to plan to win is the same as planning to lose. Or put another way, "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

Good planning conserves resources, prevents wasted effort, and saves time and money. Good planning prevents small problems from becoming big problems.

Editorial Observer / JOHN F. KENNEDY

We Choose to Go to the Moon

In this 1962 speech given at Rice University in Houston, Texas, President John F. Kennedy reaffirmed America's commitment to landing a man on the moon before the end of the 1960s.

Those who came before us made certain that this country rode the first waves of the industrial revolution, the first waves of modern invention, and the first wave of nuclear power, and this generation does not intend to founder in the backwash of the coming age of space. We mean to be a part of it--we mean to lead it. For the eyes of the world now look into space, to the moon and to the planets beyond, and we have vowed that we shall not see it governed by a hostile flag of conquest, but by a banner of freedom and peace. We have vowed that we shall not see space filled with weapons of mass destruction, but with instruments of knowledge and

understanding.

Yet the vows of this Nation can only be fulfilled if we in this Nation are first, and, therefore, we intend to be first. In short, our leadership in science and industry, our hopes for peace and security, our obligations to ourselves as well as others, all require us to make this effort, to solve these mysteries, to solve them for the good of all men, and to become the world's leading space-faring nation.

We set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people. For space science, like nuclear science and all technology, has no conscience of its own. Whether it will become a force for good or ill depends on man, and only if the United

States occupies a position of pre-eminence can we help decide whether this new ocean will be a sea of peace or a new terrifying theater of war. I do not say that we should or will go unprotected against the hostile misuse of space any more than we go unprotected against the hostile use of land or sea, but I do say that space can be explored and mastered without feeding the fires of war, without repeating the mistakes that man has made in extending his writ around this globe of ours.

There is no strife, no prejudice, no national conflict in outer space as yet. Its hazards are hostile to us all. Its conquest deserves the best of all mankind, and its opportunity for peaceful cooperation many never come again. But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our

goal? And they may well ask why climb the highest mountain? Why, 35 years ago, fly the Atlantic? Why does Rice play Texas?

We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.

It is for these reasons that I regard the decision last year to shift our efforts in space from low to high gear as among the most important decisions that will be made during my incumbency in the office of the Presidency.

Patrol Reports

The Gilwell Gazette



BEAVER PATROL

The Beaver Patrol had a great day today! We made new friends, played interesting games, and had a great representative in our Troop Guide – especially in the patrol-related song at the campfire!

We represent a diverse group of leaders, from Cubmasters to ASM's, Unit Commissioners, and from different districts within the council. We had a particularly active day which will carry over into tomorrow as we solidify our knowledge in the craft of leadership. We are already learning great skills we can take back and apply at the unit level. The ticket will be a challenge, but I'm sure we'll chop that tree down when we get to it!

We also look forward to out-Beavering the other patrols in the forthcoming competitions, no matter how foxy they are.

We look forward to the next few days of fellowship and adventures in learning.

Chomp! Chomp!
Timmmmmmmber! [smack]

EAGLE PATROL

Welcome to the Eagle's Nest!! From the time we arrived this morning it was nonstop action. Starting out as cubs and working together right out of the gate to make our centerpiece for our "Blue and Gold" gave us time to realize that we had a monopoly on the name 'Scott' in our group. We had 2 as a first name and 1 as their last name. We even had one whose brother was named Scott. The group comes from a diverse background with one member that was a scout in Israel as a youth where the scouting mission was much the same as it is here but they didn't focus on merit badges like we do.

We fast tracked our way to a patrol and took on the Eagle as our symbol. It was interesting watching our team taking on the task of making their woggle for the neckerchiefs but in the end the eagles prevailed.

We found in the evening game a great chance to get insight into the lives and thoughts of our fellow patrol members and look forward to learning more through this experience but for know I sign off... The Eagles have landed!!



BOBWHITE PATROL

Bobwhites Start Off Right! After arriving early (really early) Friday morning, we in Den 2 enjoyed our time as Cub Scouts. After the fabulous Blue & Gold banquet, we advanced to Boy Scouts and learned our Woodbadge critter! We made a woggle and learned about how a patrol works. We used the listening skills we learned in the morning to work on our totem, start planning our patrol project, and learn about each other. And we were overwhelmed by the requirements for writing our Tickets!

Our amazing first day was wrapped up at an unforgettable campfire program. Our Bobwhite interpretive dance during the staffer song wasn't as humiliating as the Antelope, Buffalo or Fox, and we had an opportunity to practice empathy!

ANTELOPE PATROL

Den 8 was formed in the morning, and in the afternoon, the Antelopes took off. Let's meet the Antelopes in Wood Badge S7-602-12-1.

Ann has been involved in Scouting for 11 years. Her favorite part of the first day of Wood Badge was creating her woggle.

Jeff has been involved in Scouting for 19 years. His favorite part of Wood Badge has been seeing several members of his home troop here at Wood Badge.

Jeremy has been a Scout and Leader for 10 years. His favorite part of Day one in Wood Badge was making his woggle.

Kerry has been a Scouter for 8 years with her sons in Cub Scouts. Her favorite part of Wood Badge on Day one was putting together the puzzle and following up with SPL Charlotte for the missing piece.

Paul has been a Scout and Leader for 47 years. His favorite thing from Wood Badge on Day one was making his woggle.

Wayne has been a Scout and Leader for 13 years. Wayne's favorite part of Day one in Wood Badge was creating his woggle. Do you see a trend?

Allen has been in involved in Scouting over 35 years. Can you guess Allen's favorite part of Wood Badge was on day one? If you guessed the woggle, you would be wrong. His favorite part of his first day at Wood Badge has been the entire day. He cannot wait for days 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.



BUFFALO PATROL

Let the Chips Fall! Day one at Gilwell started early. We arrived and were assigned to Den 7. After we introduced ourselves, we elected David Ludwig as our Denner. Dave is Cubmaster from Pack 501, in the Battlefield District. During the Blue and Gold Banquet, Den 7 crossed over into Troop 1 and picked up our Buffalo patrol flag. At our first troop meeting, David Miller was elected as our Patrol Leader. David is Scoutmaster for Troop 451 from Capitol District. Our Assistant Patrol Leader is Bill Sanders. Bill is Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 902 from Crater District. Barry Bedard is Chaplain Aide. Barry is Scoutmaster for Troop 2880 from Arrowhottoc District. Cathy Ball is the Scribe for the Buffalo patrol. Cathy is a Unit Commissioner from the Rivers District. The Buffalo patrol's Troop Guide is Wendy Starke. Wendy is District Commission from Battlefield District.



OWL PATROL

Seven eager adult leaders arrived at Gilwell Hall this morning where we met our magnificent Troop Guide Shawn Coffey. As the leaders got to know each other we learned that we have Cub, Boy, and Venture leaders from every district except from Crater and Rivers unfortunately. When we found out we were going to be Owls we were just hootin' away with excitement! As a patrol we had a great day of getting to know each other, working together, and becoming a fluffy Owl family. We are excited to see what's going to happen in the next two days of weekend one Woodbadge 2012. We can barely contain our hootin'. HOOTIE HOOTIE HOO!!!!!!



BEAR PATROL

We started the day as Cub Scouts in Den 6 with Mark Bernas as our Guide. The "Super Unit Commissioner" brought us "Journey To Excellence". Our hearts stopped beating from a surprise staff cheer to wake us up before lunch. The Blue & Gold dinner was very tasty and we crossed over to the Bear Patrol.

We worked hard to make our toggles, or was that waggles, no – woggles with help from our teammates. We selected all our patrol leaders and assistants for all six sessions. Jennifer Davis is our 1st patrol leader & Eric Stephens is her assistant. Jennifer is also our Chaplain's Aide & Barbara Kerns is our scribe.

Rick Perry drew a beautiful picture of a bear for our flag. James Freeman is planning to make our totems. We selected our patrol yell. "Where are the bears? Bears' on top of the mountain!"

FOX PATROL

On the 13th day of April in the year two thousand and twelve, seven individuals, representing the Great Cardinal, Crater, Hugeneot Trail and Battlefield districts within the Heart of Virginia Council, came together to form the fabulous, original and highly exceptional Fox Patrol!

The Fox Patrol, consisting of Fred, Ed, Joel, Melissa, Mike, Oatie and Steve has embarked on a most excellent journey of growth and change. Under the expert tutelage of the "Lone Fox", John Magruder, the Fox Patrol has already demonstrated their agility and prowess in advanced listening skills, tying of Turk's Head knots and leadership of their troop. In the days to come, this remarkable team will refine their individual values, define their Vision for improving their respective scouting organizations and deliver their mission and objectives that will guide them to those ends.

In conjunction with publishing their Vision statements, the Foxes have pooled their resources to publish their favorite big game recipes in limited edition cookbook. Look for all your favorites including Buffalo Bourbonnais, Antelope with Farver beans and the ever popular Cornish Owl. Mmmm. Mmmm.!



checking in



Get your stuff!



Den 8



Patrol Projects



Another Patrol Project



Marching Scouts!



Buffalo



Eagle



Antelope

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Den 1



Den 3



Den 4



Owl



Bear



Bobwhite



Fox



Buffalo



Owl

WOOD BADGE ELEMENTS

The Woggle and You,
A Love Story

Originally, members of the Scout Movement in Great Britain tied their Scout scarves in a loose knot near the neck, but this caused the fabric to become very creased. An 18 year old employee of Gilwell Park, named Bill Shankley, whose job responsibilities at Gilwell included developing ideas for camping equipment, heard that American Scouts were using rings made of bone, rope or wood to hold their scarves together without knotting them. He made various attempts to come up with something similar using varying materials, and eventually settled on a Turks Head knot made from thin pieces of sewing machine belting. His idea was accepted by the Camp Chief and, probably Chief Scout Baden-Powell, as well.

Shankley decided to call his neckerchief holder a "woggle", most likely a play on the name of the ring the Americans made called "boon doggles". An article in *The Scout* on 9th June 1923 by 'Gilcraft', called 'Wear a scarf woggle' made reference to the idea of having become very popular among Scouts who had been quick to imitate the fashion set by the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Troop (i.e.: Wood Badge holders). Baden-Powell used the term "woggle" in his 1929 (14th) edition of *Scouting for Boys* saying a scout's scarf (neckerchief) could be fastened using a knot or a woggle. He used the word to denote any kind of ring made of cord, metal, bone, or any sort of material. The World Brotherhood edition picked up the term in its next printing, but put the term in quotes to illustrate its status as a made up word.

The design and wearing of the Gilwell woggle (made using a Turk's Head knot) was reserved for leaders who had completed a basic training between 1943 and 1989, when the training structure for leaders was updated. Yesterday, Wood Badge SR966 participants made a woggle upon arriving at Gilwell to prac-

The man who would one day affect the lives of millions of youth and adults all over the world was born Robert Stephenson Smyth Powell on February 22, 1857 in London, England. The fifth of seven surviving children by his father's third marriage, his name was changed to Baden-Powell after his father died when he was only three years old. His mother made the decision to alter the family name to distinguish herself and her children from their half siblings.

Known as Stephe, Baden-Powell received a scholarship to a well known private school but spent most of his time avoiding his teachers in the woods on the school's grounds stalking, catching, and even cooking game. He was more interested in the arts, playing piano and violin, acting, and even becoming an ambidextrous artist.

His military career gave him the chance to practice the outdoor scouting skills he learned while skipping classes. Beginning his service in India as a Lieutenant, he was transferred to South Africa to fight against the Zulu, before being posted to Malta as a Major to assist his uncle who was the governor of the island. During the three years he spent there, he also

practice a new skill while working with the other members of their patrol, as well as experiencing different methods of skills instruction. Once a Wood Badger has finished their ticket, they receive a leather woggle as part of their course completion symbols.

Meet the Founder

served as an intelligence officer. Disguised as a butterfly collector, he would sketch military installations, hiding the information within the wings of the butterflies he drew in his diary. When Baden-Powell returned to Africa in 1896 to aid British colonials, he met Frederick Russell

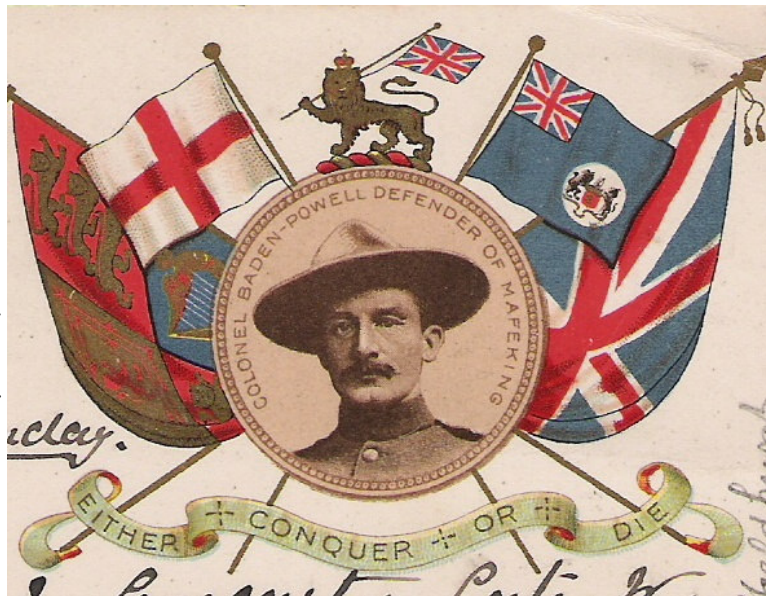
given the task of organizing a national South African police force before returning to England in 1903 to find his book, *Aids to Scouting*, was a best seller. He became involved in the Boy's Brigade, a uniformed interdenominational youth organization begun in the late 1800's, and re-wrote *Aids to Scouting* to appeal to youth.

Baden-Powell became familiar with Ernest Thompson Seton, founder of the American youth organization, Woodcraft Indians and, after reading a copy of Seton's *The Birch Bark Roll of the Woodcraft Indians*, decided to conduct the Brownsea Island Experiment in 1907. Baden-

Powell organized a camp for 22 boys to test his ideas about providing youth with Scouting experiences and it was a huge hit. He published *Scouting For Boys* in 1908 in six installments and it became the fourth bestselling book of the 20th century.

The Scouting Movement rose spontaneously from all this: Boys and girls alike formed Scouting Troops in England and, not soon after, all over the world. Today, the character of millions of youth is being influenced by this visionary whose teachings have enhanced the lives of everyone he met.

In 1937, Baden-Powell gave his final address to Scouts at the 5th World Jamboree and retired from public life. He and his wife, Olave, moved to Kenya two years later and it was there he died in 1941. He is buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Nyeri, Kenya, which has declared his grave site a national monument. His headstone bears his information as well as the trail sign for "I have gone home", a circle with a dot in the middle:



Burnham, an American scout who introduced him to the lore of Old West and the Stetson campaign hat that was to become his trademark. A year later, he was sent to India again to lead a cavalry regiment. He trained his recruits in woodcraft skills; to scout and survive in the wild. Eventually he gathered his teachings together in a manual called *Aids to Scouting*.

Once again, he was sent back to Africa against the Zulu just before the Second Boer War, but now he wore the rank of Colonel. His primary responsibility was to organize and train scouts to assist the regular army but during this posting he was caught in the Siege of Mafeking, where his actions as commander were mainly responsible for the garrison at Mafeking lasting 217 days against a force many times larger. The siege was lifted when British forces were finally able to fight their way through the Boer lines. For his amazing accomplishments, Baden-Powell was recognized as a national hero, promoted to Major-General, and

Critterscopes

🦫 Beaver

The tragic events of this coming week will teach you that there's more to being in a convoy than screaming the lyrics to "Convoy" while driving your Miata.

🦉 Bobwhite

You will learn a good lesson about yourself this week after robbing a bank and jumping off a cliff just because all of your friends did.

🦅 Eagle

Your love of a good chicken dinner only deepens when you taste a chicken that's been both plucked and cooked.

🦊 Fox

You will become renowned throughout the land for your wisdom. (Note: The stars reserve the right to determine what constitutes "the land.").

🦉 Owl

Avoid 7-foot tall men wielding bloody axes this week, which, believe us, isn't going to be as easy as it sounds.

🐻 Bear

If people seem to be treating you with a little more respect lately, it's because you have an overactive imagination.

🦬 Buffalo

You will trace your heritage back five centuries to a matched breeding pair brought to the New World by Spanish conquistadors to provide meat.

🦌 Antelope

You are actually the reincarnated spirit of the Greek hero Ulysses, which actually isn't very good news for you, your spouse, your dog, or several of your fellow sailors.

Today's Recipe

Cherry Chocolate Surprise Cake



1 chocolate cake mix; prepared as directed replacing water for Dr. Pepper

1 (20 oz.) can cherry pie filling

1 (8 oz.) brick cream cheese

1 Egg

3 Tbs. Sugar

1 tsp Vanilla

Line the oven with foil, pour prepared cake batter into a 12" Dutch oven. Spoon cherry pie filling into clumps over cake batter. In a small mixing bowl cream together cream cheese, egg, sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Drop by tablespoons over top of cake.

Place lid on oven. Bake using 8-10 briquettes bottom and 14-16 briquettes top for 1 hour or until top center of cake springs back when touched. Serve warm with whip cream or ice cream as topping. Serves: 10-12

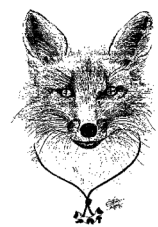
Top Ten Signs You're in a Bad Scout Troop



Solution to last issue's puzzle

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- You get merit badge for picking the trifecta at Aqueduct
- You help old ladies across I-95
- First rule in handbook: "Blame the kid who can't speak English"
- You're part of a very special troop called the Gambino family
- To become an Eagle Scout, you have to catch and eat a Bald Eagle
- Since he can't get time off, troop leader holds meetings in his Century 21 office
- You get busted for selling knotty secrets to Russian Boy Scouts
- Scoutmaster hands out his favorite campfire treat -- Marlboro Lights
- Troop motto: "Be prepared...to lie on the witness stand"
- Every year you have to put on a skirt and go door-to-door selling cookies



Schedule & Field Notes

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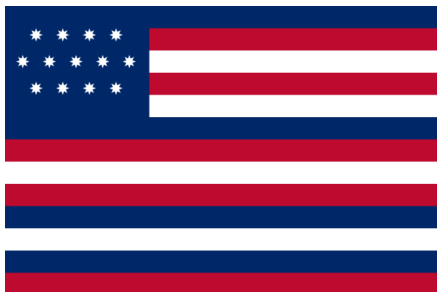
Day 2 Schedule

Program Patrol: Antelope - Service Patrol: Bear

7:00am	Breakfast	2:10pm	Communication (Patrol Presentation)
8:00am	Gilwell Field Assembly	3:00pm	Break
8:30am	Pre-opening Game	3:10pm	Project Planning
8:40am	Troop Meeting	3:40pm	Ticket Talk
9:45am	Interpatrol Activity	3:50pm	Rocket Competition
10:15am	Break	5:00pm	Rocket Project Reflection
10:30am	Inclusiveness	5:10pm	Patrol Meeting
11:00am	Stages of Team Development	6:20pm	Dinner
11:50am	Break	7:00pm	Wood Badge Game Show
12:00pm	Lunch	8:00pm	Game of Life
12:15pm	Patrol Leaders Council Meeting	9:00pm	One Youth Ceremony
	Chaplain's Aide Meeting	9:30pm	Cracker Barrel
1:10pm	Photos	10:00pm	Head to Fort to sleep

Serapis Flag

Serapis is a name given to an unconventional, early United States ensign flown from the captured British frigate *Serapis*.



At the Battle of Flamborough Head, U.S. Navy Captain John Paul Jones captured the *Serapis*, but his own ship, the *Bonhomme Richard* sank, and her ensign had been blown from the mast into the sea during the battle. Jones, now commanding the *Serapis* without an ensign, sailed to the island port of Texel, which was run by the neutral United Provinces. Officials from the United Kingdom argued that Jones was a pirate, since he sailed a captured vessel flying no known national ensign.

A year earlier, Arthur Lee, American commissioner in France, wrote in a letter to Henry Laurens that the U.S. ships' "colors should be white, red, and blue alternately to thirteen" with a "blue field with thirteen stars" in the canton. Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, ambassadors to France, wrote similar descriptions of US flags.

Apparently based upon this description, a recognizable ensign was quickly made to fly aboard the *Serapis*, and Dutch records edited to include a sketch of the ensign to make it official. The Dutch could, therefore, recognize the flag, solving the legal problem of Jones' pirated ship. The Dutch records survive and provide us with the original sketch of the ensign. The sketch is labeled "Serapis" and dated 5 October 1779.

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

MENU

Lunch: Pork BBQ (NC style), Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Salad Bar, Cookies

Dinner: Chicken and Vegetable Stir Fry with Fried Rice, Rolls, and Salad Bar

Cracker Barrel: DUTCH OVEN SURPRISE

Breakfast: French Toast, Sausage, Apples, Oatmeal, OJ

Gilwell's Shameful Math Deficiency

Beneath the shiny exterior of Wood Badge Course S7-602-12-1 lies a shameful secret. While the course is filled by bright and talented Scouters, apparently 50% of them cannot count to 150. Four of our eight patrols submitted patrol reports well in excess of the 150 words requested.

Perhaps the other patrols can get tutoring in mathematics from the Beaver, Bear, and Buffalo patrols which seem to be full of math whizzes and whose articles came in with word counts in the range between 125 and 150 as instructed.

If you have found it difficult to read longer patrol reports, it is not your eyesight. Fonts were decreased to accommodate excessive word counts and critters for those patrols have been put in "time out" on the Lifestyles page, A7.