

# The Gilwellian Flash

Current News and Daily Reports from Gilwell Park, Goochland, Virginia

Wood Badge Course S7-602-13 Day 2 Edition

## Antelope PLAY!

Antelope patrol started their Wood Badge journey and what fun it was on day one! In addition to meeting and forming the best patrol in S7-602-13, we crossed over to Boy Scouting, made woggles and earned our McLaren Tartan neckerchieves. We look so good.

We are a forward thinking group who already has a great idea for a Patrol Project and Some ideas for our tickets.

The leadership classes and communication classes will help us in our lives inside and outside of scouting, making this a great investment of our time. Keep going and remember, it may be tiring, but this is for our troops/packs!

Antelopes play and make excellent campfires!

## Beaver Report

It was a day of firsts for the prestigious first patrol – Beaver. The illustrious and industrious Beaver is the perfect totem for our hard-working patrol. The Beaver Patrol, henceforth to be referred to as Thunder Beavers, has already established itself as an enterprising group having been honored to lead in marches, being first at meals, and the first Patrol to submit (and receive) approval for the patrol project, not to mention destroying the competition at the after meal trivia (also correctly answering the first question).

The busy Thunder Beavers have had a smashing go at Day1 ambitions. Already, the totem has been designed, refined and perfected by all members. Be sure to watch for it on your personal and patrol belongings you may foolishly leave behind. The Thunder Beaver cheer has been well rehearsed, and promises to shock and awe neighboring critters as we form up our mighty muster. Plans for the Thunder Beaver flag have already been registered as TM or © - so don't even consider a design snipe (Buffaloes).

We in the Thunder Beaver patrol are all very eager beavers, and can't wait to gnaw down our next trees and build up a structure such as the likes of Wood Badge has never seen.



## Wood Badge Day 1

The Bear patrol was formed, and we had an awesome day!!! We, as a patrol, learned each others' names, places we were from, unit we were with, and what we liked about Scouting. We also learned how to make a woggle. We had made a totem and decided on a bear cheer. The SPL approved our patrol project, "bear essentials for an emergency preparedness."

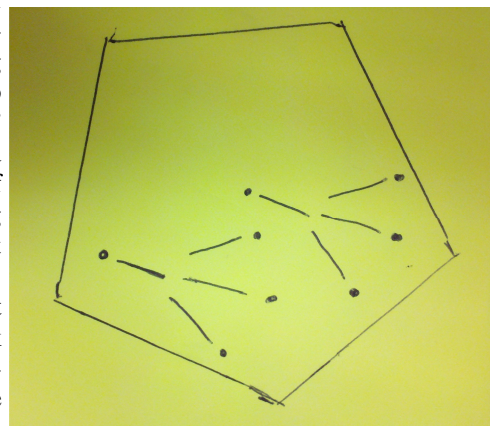
On another note our bear nose detected 7 different unusual odors.

## Wood Badge Day 1

The Bobwhite Patrol had an awesome first day. We enjoyed getting to know each other. We had fun in the morning as cub scouts, then we bridged over to Boy Scouts in the Bobwhite Patrol. We learned from patrol member, Larry that a Bobwhite is a type of Quail. He knows because he raises them on his property in Chesterfield. During our troop meeting we made woggle slides, worked to put together a puzzle with a missing piece, and held patrol elections. Chris was SPL, Bob was ASPL, Chuck became Chaplin, and Catherine became Scribe. We worked together to come up with a patrol project, a patrol totem, and a cheer. Chris had a great idea for patrol project that we think the other patrols will enjoy and learn from. Troop Guide, Bill & historian Kenny gave us some great insights on how to develop our Wood Badge tickets.

During our "Who Me Game" we learned all sorts of interesting facts about each other. Jeff doesn't like to talk about himself, but he does have a

great story to tell about his many pets, including a dancing pig! Chuck enjoys country music and is looking forward to seeing his son succeed in a musical internship in Nashville. Rick is proud to have served as a U.S. Marine. We all enjoyed the campfire, especially when Bill, our Troop Guide taught us that as Bobwhites, we should "Preen our crests & settle in our nests!" We look forward to another awesome day tomorrow.



## Woodbadge Day 1 The Eagle's Eye View

As the campfire of cheerfulness drew us together, the young eagles settled in their nest and enjoyed the nourishment of the learning environment and prepared to spread their wings.

We learned to be better listeners, to work as a team and make plans for a great flight. We discovered more about ourselves and others and even elected our first patrol leader, Jim Getz. Jim is from troop 303 where he serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Cubmaster of Pack 360 and also the Quartermaster mentor for the troop.

He loves to cook and teach scouts many essential skills.



Our Troop Guide Ben Lilly has been a wonderful help on our journey and we all look forward to having him help us on our Woodbadge journey. As each day unfolds, we will introduce you to a new member of our high flying team but for now, it is time to rest and prepare for a new day!

## A poet laureate arises to Honor the Buffalo

On page 56 of the scouting manual, the photo of Dr. Ralph Bunche, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize also shows he was honored with BSA's highest honor, the Silver Buffalo. The reason for the choice of this animal as a National Icon was owing to its near extinction and the creation of the National Park Service to secure their comeback as part of Teddy Roosevelt's grand plans. The Buffalo Patrol has already given voice to a new motto, shouting "We're Buffalo, we Roam!" Just as importantly, popular music did more to cement the popularity of this Noble Beast with the sentimental tune "Home on the Range." This is the first edition of this weekend's Gilwell Gazette so our resident Laureate, Scott Krell, invites all members of Troop 1 to submit couplets rhyming in meter to either "Home on the Range", "Ghost Riders in the Sky" or something suitable as a BSA campfire song. Submissions may be saved to the Buffalo Gazette entry folder on the Wood Badge server. If selected, you may be honored to hear your contribution woven into song from the Buffalo Patrol!

## Fox Patrol

What a wonderful first day of Wood Badge the new Fox Patrol has had. Scott, Gary, Chris, Ray, Mike, Doug and Debbie have become a close Patrol today and have started a great journey together. Our Troop Guide, Heather, has given us a great start and we all look forward to our trip together. Day one, the Woggle. Day two, our project presentation, lots of work to do.

Respectfully Submitted:

Debbie Golden, Scribe, Fox Patrol



## Owl Patrol

The Owl patrol was formed on March 22, 2013. The patrol consists of several great scouting leaders. Matt is District Representative, Sean is a Scout Master for Troop 533 in Mechanicsville, Jon is the Committee Chair and Treasurer for Pack 2042, David is a Merit Badge Counselor and ASM for Troop 706, Rory is a Cub Master for Pack 715 and ASM for Troop 799, Tim is a Scout Master for Troop 303, and the scribe, John, is an ASM and Treasurer for Troop 876.

The day started off with out a hitch other than the cool weather, but the Patrol braved the cold air. We met our Patrol Guide, Sandra, and she began to teach us the Wood Badge experience. We were assigned patrol number 5 and began our busy day.

We started our day as Cub Scouts, and we were challenged to construct a fire pit that is safe for all ages. We used tissue paper, paper towel cores, and paint to build the best fire ever. We were taken on tours of the immediate area, and learned how to bait and catch volunteers for scouting events.

Around noon we were fed a great lunch of turkey and fish. The food helped to ensure that we had energy to tackle what was ahead of us.

After lunch we engaged in additional arts and crafts and created a woggle for our neckerchief. We put a complex puzzle together. After the arts and crafts we assigned leadership responsibilities for the patrol.

The break after the arts and crafts was fantastic. We were fueled yet again with cookies, fruit and juice.

Next we were given a presentation on defining values, mission and vision. These concepts are cornerstones in helping us to define our Wood Badge Ticket. We were also given some historical lessons on Baden Powell's vision for Scouting and how his ideas are still active today. Our last afternoon speaker introduced to us the concept of defining our values and mission and wrapping this idea around our ideas for the Woodbadge Ticket.

Finally our patrol met to discuss our patrol yell, work on our totem, discussed our patrol's project and how to adorn the golden shovel.

This ends the update for March 22, 2013.



## The Bridge Builder

By [Will Allen Dromgoole](#) 1860–1934

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.  
“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

*As recited by Cubmaster Good at Gilwell Field  
Day 1, S7-602-13*

