

The Gilwellian Flash

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

Wood Badge Course S7-602-13 Day 3 Edition

Day 2 Eagle Patrol

Today as the sun rose the Eagle Patrol welcomed a new patrol leader. His name is Dan and he led us through many exciting learning experiences. We really began to gel as a team, recognize each other's talents and learn to face whatever challenges the Wood Badge Team threw our way. We may not have been the fastest or the best but we had fun and cemented the lessons of the day.

Dave literally threw himself into the task of tossing the candy this morning, risking life and limb to help the team meet their goal! Jim walked us through the traps without even one being sprung and who could forget the Mighty Eagle Rocket that soared through the sky. Who would ever have thought that seven complete strangers could become a high performing team and have so much fun doing it!

As we settle back into our comfy nests tonight we can only wonder what adventures we will face tomorrow!



The Ole Wise Owl is Always Watching

As of 3-23-2013 at 6:30pm, John handed down his position as Patrol Scribe to Sean (me).

At 7:00pm the Owl patrol were given the task to "Adorn" the Golden Service Shovel with priceless and ancient artifacts. These artifacts are so rare, that if removed will cause a TABOO! Later that night the Owl patrol along with other of our brother and sister patrols were invited to a very special Camp-Fire program. The Wood badge staff put on a spectacular show with various songs and skits. The two most exciting parts of the program were the visits of Baden Powel and the OA Tribal Dancers.

As of 3-24-2013, the Owl patrol had a very good breakfast and discussed our patrol project. Shortly after breakfast, we all headed out to Gilwell field for our opening ceremonies which included the change of leadership. Tim passed down his title of Patrol leader to Jon. Sean passed down his title of Scribe to David.

Bob Whites

Day 2 was all Fun & Games for the Bob Whites. We began the day with the Zulu game, which reminded us the importance of focusing. Then we moved on to the Candy Toss. Even though Bob, our patrol leader was instructed to use dictator style, we still prevailed, with a high score of 78! Chuck led us through the blind mice trap game, with great communication skills. In the Scout game, we learned that "false" isn't always the right answer. We scored-700, along with a lot of laughs. Lastly in the Game of Life, we were the "maybe team." We all learned that the only way you can win is by being a good scout. We also had an awesome time launching the S.S. Bob rocket. Our Bob White Rocket soared to amazing heights.

In addition to all the fun we had we also made progress in plans for our next Wood Badge weekend. We have a plan for our patrol project. It is going to be really cool, and something all units can benefit from. We also began organizing for next months campfire. Each patrol needs to submit a skit for approval to the Bob White patrol. You can do that while you are here, or if you need more time to come up with an idea that is fun, appropriate, and not boring, you can email your request to Catherine.cary@gmail.com. Looking forward to another awesome day tomorrow.



Front End Alignment

	Style A	Style B
Score Totals	176	238
Leadership Style can make a difference for high performing teams!		

Antelopes

After a long first day of roaming the plains in search of truth and knowledge the Antelopes settled down for the night. Deploying their continuous “Snoring” defense mechanism all living creatures stayed away from cabin 8. The morning brought new opportunities to learn and grow from communication skills to project management. The highlight of the day is when the “Lopes” put one of their own into space. Utilizing our newly developed project management skills the Antelopes and the other seven Wood Badge patrols set out to build soda bottle rockets. The “lopes” had the opportunity to launch first and set the bar high with a near flawless high altitude launch. It is estimated the rocket will descend from the Earth’s atmosphere sometime next Wednesday! After a wonderful Palm Sunday Mass in the Handycraft lodge and some interesting life lesson games the day ended with a very solemn flag retirement ceremony.



Buffalo Musings

(Sung to the tune of “Home on the Range”)

Oh Day 2 was fun, we stood out in the sun
And to the Antelope, we passed the beads

We worked on our speak, and into buckets tossed sweets
And patrol ideas, worked on all day

<Chorus>
Gil-well is for me
Where our imaginations run free
Where daily we yearn, to compete and to learn
And our rockets flew higher than trees!



Beavers

It was an exhausting night of rest in the Beaver den, as the Thunder Beavers played host to their first annual Darth Vader convention. Night-time slumbers were intermittently permeated by robotic “Droid” announcements, and a torrential affair between E.J.’s Droid and SiRi on Stephen’s iPhone had us all begging them to get a dock.

Next big event for the Eager Thunder Pumping Beavers was the Rocket Competition. Unofficial results indicate Beaver engineer may have garnered the Beavers a top spot for distance. Utilizing the power of team work, and NATURE, the Thunder Beavers boldly slapped a tail where no tail hath slapped before.

Following a absolutely SMASHING dinner, Thunder Beavers suddenly found themselves in cahoots with former adversarial patrols. In true scout spirit Thunder Beavers stayed true to their team, and WON all we could. Beavers wish to specifically thank our Game masters – for a Mountain Top experience, and the all of the patrols who STUCK with us.



Bear Patrol Roundup _GRRRRR

Our Patrol Leader – Mike Mannion led us today. We played Zulu toss which required hand-eye coordination and staying focused on the task, avoiding distractions. A= grade given by Kathy our Guide. We all learned how to use a whisper light stove with great success.

In the candy toss we a directed supervision which allowed our patrol to achieve a high score.

Bear patrol was the service patrol. Bears – Beyond, Excellence and Requirements

Lunch was great thanks to the cook staff

We worked on our patrol project which is providing emergency preparedness training and awareness to the community. As a part of this project, cubs, scouts and ventures will be able to complete advancement requirements.

The Bears rocket soared above all thanks to the team work of the patrol in designing and building the rocket.

Dinner was great –thanks again to the cook staff.

The Game of Life taught us all lessons, the one with the most (win all you can) is not always the winner in life.



Fox Patrol-Day 2

Day two of Wood Badge and early to rise, full bathrooms with lines and people waiting, what is a Fox to do? A Fox is sneaky, sly and very smart, earlier to rise tomorrow.

Team building all day has brought us closer as a patrol and even though Foxes do not fly rockets, we have become a successful “Skulk” none the less. With an awesome lesson in living a Scout’s life and a very solemn flag ceremony our day ends and we look forward to our last day of this weekend. Bring on weekend #2



Gilwell Space Center



