The Boy Scouts of America has reported that the camp may recently have become a refuge to exotic “critters”. It was reported that last evening Eagles were flying over the Reservation in a “Inverted V” formation, several Owls were spotted nesting on the rafters of the Dining Hall and even Bobwhites were seen flying paper kites at some place called Gilwell field.

Additional reports indicated that several logs had been gnawed upon by large mammals (purported to be beavers). There were also scattered reports of “Grizzled Bears” moving into tents at camp.

In a seemingly unrelated report, there were several reports of “Yipping” in the woods; sounds like only foxes make, but the Official comment from the National Wildlife federation says this is highly unlikely.

A herd of Buffalo was seen stampeding toward the Camp, all with a single purpose. Antelope were seen leaping the fence at the edge of the property.

Nevertheless, the Humane Society is investigating and is warning residents within a 10 mile radius of the Camp to stay indoors at night, as a precautionary measure.
The Cub Scout Promise
I (Your Name)
Promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack

The Law of the Pack
The Cub Scout follows Akela
The Cub Scout helps the pack go
The pack helps the Cub Scout Grow
The Cub Scout gives goodwill

The Boy Scout Oath
On My honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to Obey the Scout Law;
To Help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally straight

The Boy Scout Law
A Scout is
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

The Venturing Oath
As a Venturer
I promise to do my duty to God
And help strengthen America,
To help others, and
To seek truth, fairness, and
adventure in our world.

The Venturing Code
As a Venturer, I believe that America’s strength lies in our trust in God
and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair plan and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.
Staff Stuff

Your Conference Staff is here to serve you. We can not be a resource if we don't know your needs. If you need an item, please request it, we will do our best to provide it.

The History of Wood Badge

When Gilwell Park was purchased for the Scout Movement in 1919 and formal Leader Training introduced, Baden-Powell felt that 'Scout Officers' (as they were then called) who completed a training course, should receive some form of recognition. Originally, he envisaged that those who passed through Gilwell should wear an ornamental tassel on their Scout hats but instead the alternative of two small beads attached to lacing on the hat or to a coat buttonhole was instituted and designated the Wood Badge. Very soon, the wearing of beads on the hat was discontinued and instead they were strung on a leather thong or bootlace around the neck, a tradition that continues to this day.

The first Wood Badges were made from beads taken from a necklace that had belonged to a Zulu chief named Dinizulu, which B-P had found during his time in the Zululand in 1888. On state occasions, Dinizulu would wear a necklace 12 feet long, containing, approximately 1,000 beads made from South African Acacia yellow wood. This wood has a soft central pith, which makes it easy for a rawhide lace to be threaded through from end to end and this is how the 1,000 beads were arranged. The beads themselves in size from tiny emblems to others 4 inches in length. The necklace was considered sacred, being the badge conferred on royalty and outstanding warriors. When B-P was looking for some token to award to people who went through the Gilwell training course he remembered the Dinizulu necklace and the leather thong given to him by an elderly African at Mafeking. He took two of the smaller beads, drilled them through the center, threaded them onto the thong and called it the Wood Badge. (to be continued)

Exhibit Area

Be sure to visit the staff/participant exhibit and static displays area near the stage. This area will open today at 1:00 PM through Noon Saturday. If you brought an item with you, that you would like to share with the participants and staff, please utilize this area. Display items might include: course items (like name-tags, pictures, exhibits, cd-rom’s, activity shirts, belts, notebooks, cups and other “Nice to See” items)
Definitions: (for schedule)
TLA - Troop Learning Area
PLA - Designated Patrol Area
PLC - Patrol Leaders Council
Gilwell - Gilwell Field

Friday's Schedule

Friday, October 11, 2002—Day 1
1:00 Check-in Begins TLA
1:00 Displays Open TLA
1:30 Course Directors/ Area Coordinators 
Meet (look for assigned room)
2:00 Opening Ceremony Gilwell
2:15 Introductions & Overview TLA
2:35 National & Regional Policies TLA
3:05 TBA TLA
3:30 Area Coordinator 
Roles -Responsibilities TLA
3:45 Syllabus Errata Sheet TLA
4:00 Training Continuum & 
Course Pre-requisites TLA
4:15 Uniforms (Staff & Part.) TLA
4:30 Religious Observances 
& Awareness TLA
5:00 Q & A—Optional Items TLA
5:30 Break for Dinner 
(Clear Tables for dinner)
6:00 Dinner Dining Hall
7:00 Staffing TLA
7:15 Youth Staff TLA
7:35 Staff Development & 
Schedule TLA
8:05 Q & A TLA
8:30 Wood Badge Game Show TLA
9:05 Pre-Course Comm. TLA
9:20 Course Directors meet 
with Area Coordinators TBD
9:20 Free time for others TLA
9:50 Cracker-Barrel TLA
10:30 Lights-OUT

Attention Course Directors

All course directors in attendance today should plan to meet with their assigned Area Coordinators at 9:20 this evening.

You Cannot Resist Change – Successfully

… If the 14th-Century Knight could adapt himself to gunpowder, we should have no fear of oil, grease, and motors.

Patton speech to the Pennsylvania National Guard, 1930, about infantry and cavalrymen adapting to mechanized warfare.

… Charles Darwin explained what happens to animal species that fail to adapt to changing circumstances. They cease to be. Here Patton uses historical precedent to prepare the next generation of soldiers for a new kind of warfare.

You cannot resist change-successfully. Part of a manager's job is to manage change, to lead his or her organization through it productively. This often involves addressing the fears of members of your organization. By all means, address those fears, but make it clear that change is a given and cannot be evaded. Rather, it must be used to its fullest advantage.

From the book - PATTON ON LEADERSHIP, by Alan Axelrod 1999 Prentice Hall Press.

Did you Know?

There are a total of sixty-eight Wood Badges courses that are scheduled to be held in the Southern Region during calendar year 2003. Of these courses, only five will be using the six day format (6x1). The balance will be the two / three-day weekend format (3x2).
The Gilwell Gazette is the newspaper published by the Wood Badge Staff daily during the course. Copies of The Gazette will be distributed each morning at breakfast. Our intent is to let you know as much as possible about the course. You will find the daily schedule, interesting stories, and articles submitted by you patrol scribe. Submit your articles to the Scribbling Scribe by 9 pm each evening.

Our Hosts

Kennesaw United Methodist Church has been a faithful sponsor of Scouting in North Cobb County for many years. Troop and Pack 220 are sponsored by this great Charter Partner.

The Mountain Lake District is one of the newest and most vibrant of the 17 districts in the AAC. 50 Crews, Packs, and Troops call Mountain Lake home. Ryan Little serves as District Executive.

The Atlanta Area Council covers 13 metro-Atlanta Counties. We serve a membership of over 75,000 youth and 13,000 adult leaders.

Drop in and visit the new 51,000 sq. ft. Council-Volunteer Service Center, complete with a large program center and a 5200 sq. ft. Scout Shop.

Remember—Drink plenty of water while you are here!

Course Directors Conference
Staff & Southern Region
Wood Badge Committee

Region Wood Badge Committee:
Regional Chairman    Bion D. Jones
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Committee At-Large    Wayne Pitts
Committee At-Large    Ellie Morrison
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Area Two-A             Dr. Jim Patton, PHD
Area Two-B          "Open"
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Wood Badge for the 21st Century - Icon.

The presentation of the five central themes of Wood Badge can be accompanied by visuals introducing the new Wood Badge icon. The icon is the shape of a pentagon around the official Boy Scouts of America fleur-de-lis. Each side of the icon represents one of the five central themes of Wood Badge. Likewise, each of those themes is represented on the icon and throughout the course by one of the five central colors of the MacLaren tartan. The themes are the threads of a course which, when woven together, form the pattern of the tartan and the full measure of Wood Badge.

Participant CD-ROM

It is our intent to not only distribute all handouts in printed form, but to also distribute them on a course CD-ROM. The CD will include items from all presentations and elective breakouts. In addition numerous “Nice-To-Have” files will be included. If you brought something that you think that we might want to “ADD” to the CD, please see Don Prince or Bion Jones before 8 AM Sat.