

THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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A Boy Led Troop

Gilwell Troop 1, shown marching to the handicraft lodge, is a true “boy led” unit. Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) Craig Britt , working through the patrol leader’s council, communicates and leads by example.

Founders of Scouting - BSA Thompson Seton

Born in Scotland, Ernest Thompson Seton immigrated to America as a youth in the 1880s. His fascination with the wilderness led him to become a naturalist, an artist, and an author, and through his works he influenced both youth and adults. Seton established a youth organization called the Woodcraft Indians, and his background of outdoor skills and interest in youth made him a logical choice for the position of first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910. His many volumes of Scoutcraft became an integral part of Scouting, and his intelligence and enthusiasm helped turn an idea into reality.

++ "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." -- Yogi Berra ++

Smarter Than Your Average Bears

Webelos Den 6, consisting of Billy Moore, Ira Partridge, Brett Smiley, Jim Young, and Craig Brown, crossed over to Boy Scouts today, forming as the Bear Patrol. Former Den Chief, David Estes followed the Bears as their new Troop Guide.

Ira was selected as the first Patrol Leader; Jim, as Assistant Patrol Leader; Billy, as Patrol Chaplain Aide; and Craig, as Patrol Scribe. Brett is dying to get his bear paws wet, tackling some unforeseen task.



Woggle Working Wood Badgers

Some Scouts got tied into knots, some got it their first try (way to go Jon) and all helped each other.



Rocking Weather Report

A developing storm from the south will bring rain to Virginia from late Saturday through early Sunday evening. Heavy rain is possible along with a few isolated thunderstorms. Winds will also increase Sunday with sustained winds 20-25 with higher gusts possible. Some drier will move in late Sunday as the storm moves northeast of the Virginia coastline. The Rock might be wet.

Bobwhite Patrol in Full Flight

The members of the Bobwhite Patrol arrived at Wood Badge program Friday morning as raw leadership recruits and ended their full, challenging day with enthusiasm. We made surprising progress towards our goals of leading improved Scouting programs.



From the start, we encountered talented, helpful Troop Guides and Staff Leadership dispensing knowledge, tokens and several prized symbols. Patrol leader Cindy Morris was presented with two "beads". "I thought they were huge wedges" said Cindy as she received the honor for the patrol.

To a person, we all remarked on the great weather, fellowship and useful guidance we received throughout the day. We discovered hidden talents as virtuoso singers, as massive consumers of auto-coffee and established a very distinctive Bobwhite whistle call by Jon Vaughn.

Troop Guide Bob Efrid declared "They're the brightest group I've had yet! Of course, they are my first but still I see great promise with this bunch."

After dinner, the Bobwhite Patrol prepared for Saturday's flag raising ceremony with a solemn practice to do honor to the tradition. Yes, we had a surprisingly full day and can see why Wood Badge enjoys its great reputation as a program where leaders are built.

Beavers Build Their Lodge

The "Beaver's" have bonded as a group and begun to gnaw away at our task. While some of the Beavers were eager, some were bored and others very attentive as we acted out different roles. We've now left our lives as Cub Scouts and embarked onward to Boy Scouts. While sometimes getting tied up in a knot we are coming together and growing in our new roles.

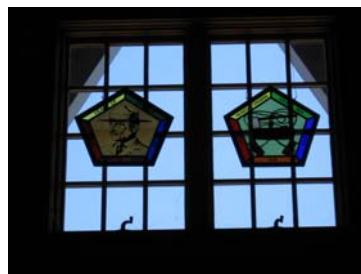


Members of Den 3 cross over and become Eagle Patrol.

Eagle Patrol, 2nd To None

Wood Badge SR809, Eagle Patrol all present and accounted for. With wings spread, the Patrol is soaring through the day. Our claws have taken hold of the course overview and walked the bridge to an exciting adventure ahead in Boy Scouting.

As a flock of 6, we've elected leaders, assistant leaders, and other leaders, we've screeched out ideas for a totem and a patrol project. As "Mighty Eagles", 2nd to none, we've even had time for a few meals.



Have you looked up? Where did these come from?

Some of the staff know the answer?

Can you find out?