

THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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Day Three Events

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast and Self- Assessment
- 8:00 a.m. Gilwell Assembly
- 8:30 a.m. Interfaith Worship Service (Troop)
- 9:20 a.m. BREAK
- 9:30 a.m. Troop Meeting
- 10:50 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. **Leading Edge / Teaching Edge**
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting (WC)
- 1:00 p.m. Patrol Chaplain Aides' Meeting (HC)
- 1:30 p.m. **Conservation Project Planning** (DH)
- 2:20 p.m. BREAK (*LAST TRADING POST*)
- 2:30 p.m. "**October Sky**"
- 4:30 p.m. Closing—Gilwell Field
- 5:00 p.m. Patrol Meeting & **6:00 Departure**



Course SR809 Troop Flag Is Unveiled

For more on FLAGS see page 2. →

Founder of Scouting

Daniel Carter Beard

Woodsman, illustrator, and naturalist, Daniel Carter Beard was a pioneering spirit of the Boy Scouts of America. Already 60 years old when the Boy Scouts of America was formed, he became a founder and merged it with his own boys' organization, the Sons of Daniel Boone. As the first national Scout commissioner, Beard helped design the original Scout uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class Scout badge. "Uncle Dan," as he was known to boys and leaders, will be remembered as a colorful figure dressed in buckskin who helped form Scouting in the United States.



It Is All About Leadership and Teams!

PROGRAM PATROL = FOX
SERVICE PATROL = BEAVER



Scouting is FUN, and the game show on Scout Knowledge had everyone laughing in the Handi-craft Lodge.



Flags history

Flags are generally used to give people information. Knights, for example, carried flags in battle so they could distinguish friend from enemy. This was a good way to identify people covered in heavy armor. Flags are also greatly used as symbols and signals. A red flag represents a warning or danger. A white flag carries the universal meaning of surrender. Pirate flags usually feature some combination of a skull and crossbones. What flags are you familiar with?

Today, every country in the world has its own unique flag. Each Wood Badge troop creates a unique flag for the troop. Patrols in Wood Badge do the same and then carry that flag everywhere they go. Patrol flags will be presented on day four of SR809.



What's the name of the game?

How do you win? (staring Tom & Tom)

Beaver Patrol Shows Their (BIG) Teeth

The Beaver Patrol continues to devour all information that our leader Catherine bestows upon us in our quest for knowledge. However, we were unable to chew the nice, shiny coffee mug that was left on the beachhead by our resident Marine. Although we could not make a mark on the cup, we did manage to leave behind a pair of teeth and some beaver chips for added flavor in Mike's next cup of coffee.



Even though we were not very adept at mint tossing, we did manage a respectable showing in the Zulu Toss – some of our members are eagerly awaiting calls from Ringling Brothers for offers for juggling jobs.

Design work continues on the Beaver Patrol Totem. After much brainstorming, we have come up with a new twist on an old design that will no doubt be the envy of all that cast their eyes upon it.

Our rockets proved several well-known facts about beavers – we can stop the flow of water, and we are not aerodynamic in nature.

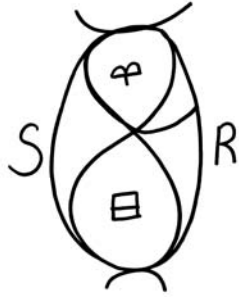


Entire Wood Badge Troop SHOT!

Thanks to the professional critter photographer, Tim Streagle, Course SR809 Scouts will have an opportunity to order (purchase) photos of their troop, staff, and patrols. Order forms will be made available on Sunday.

Owls Make Great Progress in Teambuilding

Day 1 proved interesting as the Owl patrol melded together as one. The team worked hard developing camaraderie and a common focus. As day 1 ended and day 2 began, the Owls have come to work together well in planning their project foundation, totem design, and teambuilding.



Day 2 began under the leadership of Henry Cathey as Patrol Leader, Christine Lovell as his assistant, Barry McDonald as Scribe and Tim Goodman as Chaplain's Aide. Henry has proved a very capable leader during the InterPatrol Activities and Stages of Team Development.



Gilwell Space Center, Goochland

Patrols engaged in friendly competition to rule the skies above the Cub Camp. All were successful. Some went higher, some went further, some went funnier, but all 'went'. And all returned to earth. The laws of physics were still intact—but some rockets were not.



A WEEKLY POW-WOW BY

SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL, K.C.B.

December 07, 1918

SCOUT STAVES

An officer from the Macedonian Front told me recently one good thing about having been a Scout was that he and some other old Scouts, having learnt the value of bare knees and staves, resumed these for their work on the frontier among the mountains, and found both most helpful to them. This was so much the case that other officers followed their lead, and now everybody is the happier for their use.

For mountain work and moving about over rough ground at night you can't well do without a staff, so no true hillman is ever seen without one. Then, if you are carrying a heavy pack, as you have to do in the backwoods, a staff is a great help; in boggy country it is invaluable; as a defence weapon it is better than a revolver, even in war, and most certainly in peace and streets, etc.

I needn't go into the many uses that a Boy Scout has for his staff; you know them well enough from the chart of staff work. But once a man has got fond of a staff that has seen him through many adventures or jolly trips, he will never be happy without it.

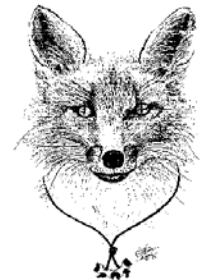
ROBERT BADEN-POWELL

CHIEF SCOUT

THE FAB FIVE FOXES

FANTASTIC PHENOMENA

"Who Me?" Yes, us! We've discovered the fox patrol has a great sense of humor. Sometimes it is even not at another's expense...



The clever foxes have made it obvious that if Scouting was rocket science, they would be the scout executives: foxes fly farthest.

In their spare time, fox patrol also provides fast fixes for found fauna, especially poultry and rodents.

What Is Scoutreach?

The Scoutreach Division gives special leadership and emphasis to urban and rural Scouting programs. Scoutreach is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

Today, young people are faced with many challenges including fragile families and disintegrating neighborhoods. Scoutreach meets the developmental needs of youth in urban settings as diverse as the Latino neighborhoods of South Central Los Angeles and the housing developments of Washington, D.C. The program also focuses on the U.S. rural population, which constitutes approximately 25 percent of the total U.S. population. Some rural communities are stable and growing, whereas others are characterized by decentralized, low-density populations and/or poverty.

Scouting, by emphasizing ethics and moral values, addresses many of the social concerns of parents and youth in our country. Scouting prepares urban and rural youth to be leaders, to accept responsibility, and to care about principles and causes beyond their own self-interest.

Our biggest asset in urban and rural neighborhoods is a well-defined program based on values, learning by doing, fun, and positive role models.

The Heart of Virginia Council has an active Scoutreach Division. Scoutreach units are organized at the council level not the district level. For more on our council activities contact the council office. Also see the national BSA site: <http://www.scouting.org>.



Scouts who need their eyebrows re-glued should consult with the Eagle Patrol.

Letter to the Editor:

Reference Canvasa Belta article on “Uniform Uniforms for SR809” on the 13th April 2007 edition where he/she says “The Campaign Hat is not approved headgear for SR809”. I was just wondering why?
++ An Owl ++

Dear An:

The BSA syllabus for all Wood Badge courses gives the course director responsibility for selecting a course cap. If a course cap is selected then all staff and participants must wear only that hat. Any other decision about hat selection is also at the discretion of the course director. Head gear for SR809 is any Scouting (BSA) hat other than the Campaign Hat. The editor actually has one of those—and wears it on occasion—and his wife laughs at him every time. - Ed Itour



The Holiness of Hilarity and the Hilarity of Holiness

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE EXAM

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah--he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter--she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

A. Ruth-less.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson--he brought the house down.

Q. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

A. In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and the Prodigal Son came home. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

Q. What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out?

A. They really raised Cain.

Q. Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a slingshot?

A. The thought had never entered his head before.