

# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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## Day Six Events

7:00 AM	Breakfast and Patrol Self Assessment
9:00 AM	Gilwell Field Assembly
9:30 AM	Patrol Time Ticket Review Clean up/Load Vehicles
9:30 AM	Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
11:15 AM	Course Assessments
11:45 AM	Closing Luncheon
1:15 PM	Break
1:30 PM	Leaving a Legacy (Troop Presentation)
2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	Summary Session (Troop Presentation)
3:30 PM	Closing Gilwell Field Assembly
4:15 PM	<b>Participants Depart</b>



*Day Five on Gilwell Field the patrols displayed their flags as Scoutmaster Streagle presented their First Class Scout badges.*



## Stuart Dunn - Course Mentor

Officially, he is the mentor to the Course Director for SR809. Stuart serves as Council Vice President for District Operations and is a member of the Cardinal District Committee. An Eagle Scout and the father of three Eagle Scout sons, Stuart has been in Scouting for 48 years. He was a Buffalo in SR058 and is serving on his seventh (7th) Wood Badge staff. A retired attorney, he has been married to his wife, Patty, for 43 years and has four grandchildren. He helps maintain the conformity and integrity of Wood Badge through advise and consultation. But then sometimes when Stuart in his robes, did I mention, the decision of this 'judge' is final!



*Day Five's first program event was an Interfaith Worship Service run by the patrols.*

**PROGRAM PATROL = BEAVER**  
**SERVICE PATROL = FOX**



## Dam Drained; But Beavers Looking Forward

The Beavers are feeling somewhat drained since our friend and mentor Troop Guide has been under the weather. However, the Beavers continue to advance and grow toward their goal due to Catherine's tutorledge. Our project was completed and presented early which gave us extra time to fine tune our tickets. Now that we are winding down we are looking forward to a new and life long friendship that began at SR809.

## Puts Two and Two Together and Makes Association

### Light Bulb Goes Off in Head

Beaver Patrol member, Keith Dowler, has a mathematical mind. He has this innate ability to put two and two together that is astonishing. While at a class at VCU, he noticed a class member who is unique. The way she moved, talked, and acted gave her a certain flair. Through his deductive mind, he added up things—it was also helpful that he saw the class roster. Inquiring if she was related to an acquaintance, she did own up to him. That's how Keith met Faye, Rowland Creamer's daughter.



## Way To Go Foxes!

The Foxes have done it again! With the competition of Wood Badge Day Five, the Foxes have demonstrated what it means to be a high-performance team. They were awarded a pair of solid gold candles for their unmatched dinner presentation in the cooking competition. Who doesn't love a Cinco de Mayo beach party? They also did a Fox-tastic job on their presentation which explained the benefits and logistics of including shooting sports in your unit's program. Keep an eye on the Foxes For Future Success as they demonstrate what being a team is all about.



### Yip Yip Yip Yahoo!

*If you raise your hand to the Scout Sign at a heated business meeting ...  
You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

*If you bought that '89 Chevy Caprice for the fleur-de-lis hood ornament ...  
You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

## Assistant Scribe Abducted for Last Time: Aliens Enlightened

Rowland Creamer, Assistant Scribe for Wood Badge Troop SR809, while answering a call of nature Sunday night was grabbed by a tractor (castor) bean. The same aliens who had previously kidnapped him snatched him again. While captured on their ship, a brain scanner was implanted in his brain and began to transfer his knowledge to the other aliens. Suddenly the aliens began to strut their stuff, dancing the "Mango". They began hooting like owls, and telling great puns. Their leader realized how great Wood Badge is, siphoned all Wood Badge information from Rowland, and beamed him back to earth. As they sped away Rowland could hear the aliens singing the Gilwell Song. Wood Badge for the Universe!



## Bobwhite Patrol

### Growing in Many Ways

The Bobwhites report the infusion of concentrated experience and program wisdom resulted in a major "bulking up" of our personal and spiritual lives. "Incredible, rewarding and satisfying" are the words used to describe the Wood Badge program's effect on us all.



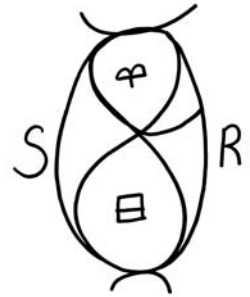
Even our biceps are bulging says one Patrol member. "I may take a martial arts class now", says one enthusiastic Bobwhite. The balanced blend of activities gave the Bobwhites several chances to do our best by completing exercises and challenges. Golf ball rolling, nail-stacking, tree knot tying: bring it all on. Bobwhite persistence and teamwork is helping this Patrol surprise themselves in some cases in record time.

We're thinking of ways we can keep the growing going. The Bobwhites took a long look at self assessment and diversity challenges and gave it our best shot. Do you know what happened? We all learned something surprising that was not getting through to us individually. But collectively, here we find a chance to express ourselves and get honest feedback from our trusted Patrol.

Speaking of confidence, the Bobwhites are considering options for more learning. So many ideas, so many choices to make on Wood Badge Tickets that will keep us thinking of SR809 for a long time to come. We'll keep you posted! You, too, may be surprised.

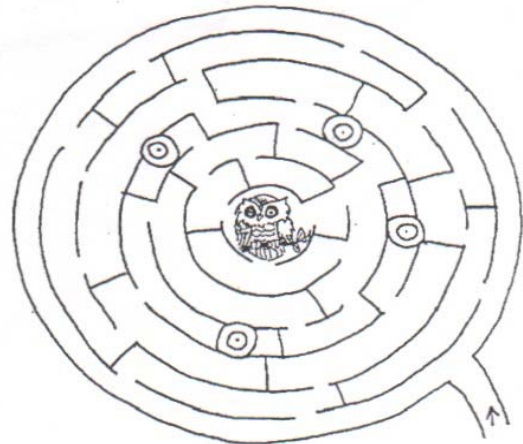
## Owls Grow To Go!

The Owl patrol members are pleased with our success, particularly the campfire program and our patrol project. We are also, naturally, disappointed with our rare missteps. We've all learned a lot during Wood Badge, although, in most cases, not what we expected to learn. We (brain)-stormed, formed fairly easily, normed, and performed successfully. We are beginning to embrace the change we started. We especially appreciate our Troop Guide for all her guidance. We have voted her an Honorary Owl! Who let the Owls out? We did! - Edwin Ray - patrol scribe -



Owl Puzzle

Hoo? Hoo? Who will be the wise owl to reach the perch in the center without running into a bull's-eye?



*If you hang your tent totem on the doorknob of the Holiday Inn while on family vacation ...  
You Might Be A Wood Badger!  
If your baby's first words were, "Back to Gilwell" ...  
You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

**Bear Facts On St. George** - Another fact not commonly acknowledged about Saint George. That he is the only Saint typically depicted mounted. It is very likely that LBP selected St. George as the patron saint of Scouting for the same reason that the US Army selected St. George as the patron saint of mounted warriors (Armor and Cavalry). That the élan shown by St. George displays a noble role model upon which to strive towards. PS ~ Bears Rule! (one member of our Bear Patrol is a member of the Society of St. George, knighted with a silver medallion).



## A Story of the Left Handshake

" During the summer of 1946, a young West African, named Djabonar, came to Gilwell Park to take his Wood Badge Training. He is hoping eventually to become Assistant Organizing Commissioner for the Gold Coast. When the Camp Chief was talking about the left handshake, Djabonar told him how at the fall of Kumasi, the capital city of prempheh, the Chief of the Ashanti people, his grandfather, one of the chiefs, came forward to B-P. And held out his left hand. B-P. Offered his right in return, but the Chief said: " No, in my country the bravest of the brave shake with the left hand." There is no reasonable doubt that among the many explanations of the left handshake of the Scouts and Guides this is the true original"



By Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout, British Commonwealth and Empire, 1948. Contributed by: Carlos Rodriguez, Wood Badge Scouter, Venezuela. The course director for the Wood Badge Course that Carlos attended was William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt. From: <http://usscouts.org/history/lefthandshake.html>

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David Estes says he has heard, and repeats, the story that B-P learned during the wars in Africa that when a warrior used his right hand to swing a sword or spear, and the left to hold his shield, shaking with the left hand was a show of real trust as one removes their shield from use to shake with the left hand. Greetings fellow Scouts.



*The great American bird (Bobwhite) patrol put on a fun show of Jeopardy on Outdoor Knowledge.*



*"Techno-Scribe" also composed and printed all the Troop Presentation handouts, and the Course Compact Disc!*

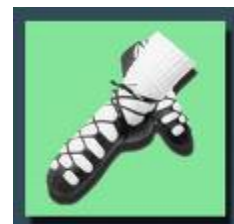


*ASM Street brought enough equipment to run a nice theater and recording studio.*

## Fox Patrol Member Tries "Dancing with the Stars"

### Claims Rain Makes One "Light on Their Feet"

John Stahl, Fox Patrol member, is currently auditioning for the national reality show, "Dancing with the Stars". With the showers coming through on Saturday night, he realized an excellent time to try his smooth moves. Slipping on his dancing shoes, he immediately began to do his zig and zag, trying to miss the raindrops while sliding from the Scoutcraft area to the dining hall. His movements were graceful, his dips outstanding, and his turns perfect. Alas, on his final dip, he made a zig instead of a zag and became soaked. But all is not lost. With his continuing enthusiasm, this free form practice will enable him to introduce the world to the "Mango" to worldwide television audiences when he appears.



## Articles Mysteriously Vanish!

Article submitted by the Fox patrol vanish in the 'Bermuda Triangle' as they travel towards Gilwell Gazette's printing press. Witnesses insist UFO's or Bigfoot must be to blame. Bigfoot refused to comment, as he was instructed by his lawyer. The Foxes wonder, will this mystery ever be solved?

## Kamp Answers You've Been Waiting For!

Reported By Everett Winn

I hope you had some fun with the questions yesterday. Karren Streagle picked Bill Givler's brain for most of the information. Here are the long awaited answers:

The original name of what is now known as the Heart of Virginia Council was the Richmond Council. It was first chartered in 1913. The council, which included Petersburg, Hopewell, and Colonial Heights, was called the Robert E. Lee Council. It merged with the Richmond Council around 1942, when it's Scout Executive went away to war. The Richmond Council's first president was John Bryant, Sr., editor of the local newspaper. Therefore the first Scout Office was located in the newspaper building.

The first summer camp was held the year after the Richmond Council was chartered, in 1914. There were two camps in the beginning because the camps were segregated: Shawondassee and Wakoda. They were located on each side of Pocahontas State Park. The council became integrated in 1971 and the camps were integrated in 1964 with the opening of Camp T. Brady Saunders. Camp Shawondassee is now owned by the YMCA and is called Camp Thunderbird.

The first Camp Ranger was named Partee. (Bill could not remember his first name.) While working at Camp Shawondassee, he hired a teenager named Amour DeChamps to work for him. When Mr. Partee retired, Amour took over as the ranger. John Hankins, now Reservation Superintendent, followed Amour in 1981, and Ranger Tim Streagle came on board in 1999. There have only been 4 Camp Rangers in the history of our council.

Camp Brady Saunders held its first summer camp in 1964. The renovated camp opened in 1984. Camp Brady Saunders has had 6 critters on its patches – (not in any order) Beavers, Bears, Chipmunks, Foxes, Bees, and Geese. The Cub and Webelos Adventure Camp held its first summer camp session in 2002. The first themes used by the Cub and Webelos Adventure Camp have been Western, Medieval, Circus, and Sea Adventure. This Summer's theme is Discovering Virginia - 1607.

The Scout Executive for the Heart of Virginia Council is Brad Nesheim.

If you have not already thanked that person who got you to sign up for Wood Badge - that is still on your list.



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## Baden-Powell's Last Message

Towards the end of his life, although still in comparatively good health, he prepared a farewell message to his Scouts for publication after his death. It read:

"Dear Scouts - if you have ever seen the play 'Peter Pan' you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly, when the time came for him to die, he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of goodbye.

Remember, it is the last time you will ever hear from me, so think it over. I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have a happy life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness does not come from being rich, nor merely being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so you can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. 'Be Prepared' is the way, to live happy and to die happy - stick to your Scout Promise always - even after you have ceased to be a boy - and God help you to do it.

Your friend,

*Baden Powell of Gilwell*

. . . Back to Gilwell happy land, I'm gonna work my ticket . . . YES I CAN!