

WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

THE GILWELL GAZETTE

SR917 Day 3

HEART OF VIRGINIA COUNCIL, BSA
WOOD BADGE SR917

September 21, 2008

THE ALL IMPORTANT SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment
8:00 AM Gilwell Field Assembly
8:30 AM Inter-Faith Worship Service (Troop Activity)
9:20 AM **Break**
9:30 AM Troop Meeting
10:50 AM **Break**
11:00 AM Leading EDGE / Teaching EDGE
12:00 PM Lunch / PLC / Chaplain's Aid Meeting
1:30 PM Conservation Project Planning
2:20 PM **Break**
2:30 PM 'October Sky' (Troop Activity)
4:30 PM Closing Gilwell Field Assembly
5:00 PM Patrol Meeting
6:00 PM **Depart**

ATTENTION ALL WOOD BADGERS

An offering will be taken at the religious services today, September 21, and Sunday, October 19 for the benefit of the World Friendship Fund. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.



Photo Orders

Proofs of the individual, patrol and troop photos will be on patrol tables first thing Sunday morning, along with order forms. Turn in orders at the table next to the Techno-Scribe table in the back of Gilwell Hall at breakfast, breaks, or lunch. Checks may be written to Bennie Good. Photos will be delivered the second weekend of the course. If you are prepared to pay this weekend, Bennie is willing to take your order – just remember to bring payment the next time.



Esteemed Scoutmasters of Gilwell Troop 1 SR 917

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.

Weather forecast: See
Weather Rock for details



PROGRAM PATROL: Beaver
SERVICE PATROL: Fox

Ammmaaazzing Antelopes

Bio: **Jud Shows**, of Buckingham County, has been involved in BSA for eleven years as a Den Leader and Cubmaster (Three years in the Tidewater Council and eight years in the Heart of Virginia Council). He enjoys working with young boys and watching their development through the Cub Scout program. Jud is especially proud of his leaders and cub scouts for crossing over several boys who have earned the Arrow of Light.

He has three grown children, two step-children and seven grandchildren. Griffin, one of his grandsons, just graduated from the Tiger Cub den in the Tidewater Council, of whom he is very proud. Jud enjoys working on his "retirement" farm with his quarter horses, his dogs and his wife, Nan.



The **Amazing Antelopes** enjoyed their second day of Wood Badge training. Most fun was assembling the rocket, which was well-designed and launched at the speed of an **Antelope!!** We looked great in our purple shirts on the launching pad!! A good time was had by all... We learned a lot in the morning game, and quickly learned that being a Dictator was NOT the way to manage a team, as our productivity was less than anyone's.

We ask everyone to pray for Jerry Daniels, who had to leave our patrol due to illness. Jer will be returning with the next Wood Badge group next year, and we wish him the best! We wish everyone a good night's rest at home tonight and may the singing quartet of the evening hours (snoring, etc.) not disturb you for at least another 30 days!!!

BEAVER

The Beaver Patrol welcomes its new Patrol leader, Greg Butz of Cumberland, Va. Greg is Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 6357 sponsored by The Rotary Club of Cumberland. He and his wife have 2 sons, both of whom are in the troop and are both currently Tenderfoots. One of the 2 boys is about to jump First Class. In real life he is a finance manager for a motor company. He has jumped feet first into the job and has led the Beavers with distinction.

The Beavers had a very good day. Although we had some struggles in some of the games (some of it due to the purpose of games), we had an excellent showing in the rocket building and flying competition. Our totem design was approved and we are ready to launch into tomorrow's activities. We are coalescing around our team, seeing glimmers of storming and norming at various times during the day.

THE WOOD BADGE TICKET

One of the great traditions of Wood Badge is the ticket. In Baden-Powell's day, those in the military were expected to pay their own way back to England at the end of their service. In order to economize, soldiers nearing completion of their duties would seek assignments at posts increasing close to home — a process known as "working your ticket."

Staff Spirit Award

Lee Adcock, Assistant Friendly Quartermaster, was awarded the coveted Spirit Award. This honor is given to the first-time staff member who best exemplifies the Wood Badge Spirit of cheerful attitude and service to others.



We are not just our behavior. We are the person managing our behavior. Author Unknown

YOU MIGHT BE A WOOD BADGER....

Take-off from Jeff Foxworthy's "You might be a Redneck":

If instead of a night out with the boys, you prefer a night out with the "Bears" or "Buffalos" or "Owls" or "Beavers", etc. ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you get disappointed at family reunions because no one wants to build a bottle rocket ...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

If you spontaneously break into strange songs in public...

You Might Be A Wood Badger!

FOX

The Fox patrol, under the talented leadership of their patrol leader, Frank McNeilly, displayed tremendous teamwork excelling through the 4 stages of team building to outperform the other patrols in the candy toss game. We also earned the Gilwell flag with our scout spirit, punctuality and all-inclusive participation. These crafty old foxes also had to “return” numerous lost articles – properly adorned of course courtesy of master illustrator Paul Gross. We have and continue to learn some great things for our respective troops and packs. We are also ready and eager to learn more and thank the presenters, troop guides and leaders for doing such a great job



Frank McNeilly, was born in Bucks County PA. At age 4 he moved to Baton Rouge LA. He began his scouting career in Cub Scouts where he earned the Arrow of Life and transitioned to Boy Scout eventually attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and 1 Silver Palm. He attended Louisiana State University (LSU) thus Purple and Gold is Great. Today, he resides in Chester, VA with his wife Teresa and 3 kids, Kayla(14), Ryan (10) Webelos II, Scout, and Kevin (8) Bear Scout. He is currently a Webelos II, Committee Chair, Asst CubMaster, Pack Trainer for Pack 2815 and a Brotherhood member of the OA.. He is enthusiastically looking forward towards his sons crossing over to Boy Scouts.

Regal Eagles Storm into Day Two

Rick Bragga assumed the role of Eagles Patrol Leader on Saturday. Rick is married to Debbie, and they have one daughter, Kelsey, who is currently a freshman at JMU (GO DUKES!). Rick runs his own fundraising consulting firm called Philanthropy 1, which he started in 2005. He serves on the Heart of Virginia Council Executive Board and as chair of the Council's committee for the 100th Boy Scout Anniversary Celebration. He has served on the faculty at Philmont during the last 8 years. His hobbies include photography and travel, and during the 100th World Jamoboree, he shot over 3,500 photos as 1 of 16 staff member photographers.

Day 2 of Wood Badge brought the Eagles new and exciting team building and leadership lessons. We learned a great deal about ourselves playing the “Most Afraid Of” and “Front End Alignment” games. We also learned the value of time management as we worked to use every available minute finishing designs for our patrol flag and totem, and planning our responsibilities for weekend number 2.

Wray demonstrated the “talon-ted” Eagle leadership with his story of Lord Shackelford during the Troop's team development segment. While the team learned earlier in the day how to use camp stoves to “cook with gas”, little did we know that a more realistic demonstration of this would be provided during the Troop's photo assembly.



As the Eagles continue to storm toward our ticket approval, we look keenly forward to what Day 3 will bring.

Ticket Key Concepts

1. Your ticket will include five significant goals.
2. The goals will be written in support of your current Scouting responsibilities and should be designed to provide maximum positive impact for youth membership.
3. At least one of the five goals will incorporate some aspect of diversity.
4. If you wish, one goal of the five goals may involve developing and applying a self-assessment tool to measure your progress and effectiveness in relation to the other goals on your ticket.
5. The goals written should follow the SMART principles.
6. For each goal, you will indicate: who, what, where, when, how measured, why, and how verified.
7. Your Troop Guide will help you to prepare your ticket and will approve it when it is completed.
8. You will have a ticket counselor assigned to you.
9. The five goals of the ticket must be completed within 18 months.
10. When you and your counselor have agreed that you have fulfilled all the items on your ticket, you will receive your Wood Badge certificate, beads, neckerchief, and woggle.

BOBWHITE

Wake, Wake! The early birds got the worm! Bobwhite patrol was up at the crack of dawn. When reporting for breakfast the Bobwhites found their patrol flag missing from the safe spot patrol table. Noticing four other patrols were also in the same pickle, the Bobwhites went off to search the underbrush. After searching high and low not one, not two, not three, not four, but all five flags were found and returned to the troop. Apparently, a flat tailed rodent may have been responsible for the disappearance and the resulting gnaw marks on the formally smooth flagstuffs. Traps may be set after the "The Guide to Safe scouting" is checked for authorized activities.

Zulu Ball was a blast the Bobwhites were able to get 12 balls in the air for three rotations. The candy in the can was done with the "slow and low" method which resulted in a second place finish for the bright-eyed birds. There were some ruffled feathers and a panicked flush brush when during the backpacking cooking demonstration someone said the pot was for "Bobwhite stew".



Bobwhite's Patrol Leader for Saturday was Charles Hooe, Jr., hailing from Troop 533 of Mechanicsville. Charles (or as we know him, Chuck) serves as the troop's Scout Master. Prior to scout master, Chuck served two years as a cub

leader and three in Boy Scouting. Chuck is the father to four children between the ages of 13 to 20. When Chuck isn't leading scouts you will find him building something as he is in the Construction business. Chuck served in the Marines from 1982-1986, serving at Camp Lejeune and Okinawa Japan..

BEAR

Bio of the Day from the Bear Patrol: Our Patrol leader is Steve Kraft. He has been involved with Scouting for Twenty years. While in his early years of Scouting he advanced to the rank of Eagle. Steve has been married for fifteen years to his wife, Anne. They have three children; one daughter who is in her first year at UVA, who attained the Gold Award in Girl Scouting, Twin son's who have advanced to the rank of First Class and are members of Troop 736. In his spare time Steve is a marketer for Dupont.

We, the Bear Patrol, are working hard to become a cohesive team. With all the instructional material that is delivered to us, we are putting it to good use in developing our team, from games to building rockets.



Speaking of rockets, how about that bear that went for a flight today ?

Patrols who want to submit articles or photos for the Day 4 Gilwell Gazette can e-mail them to Carol Pilgrim at pilgrim1410@comcast.net



Scoutmaster Chuck Smith is going places.

A Wood Badge Ticket Is:

- A Commitment.
- A vision of personal improvement.
- A vision of how the Scouter will lead.
- A series of goals.

Specific
Measurable
Attainable
Relevant
Time-based

Your Ticket should be Guided by:
Your Personal Values.
Your Personal Vision.
Your Personal Mission.



**Back to Gilwell—Part Two
 SR917 continues
 October 18, 2008
 Drive safely!**

BUFFALO

Hello from Thundering Herd. The day has been great especially the professional staff members and aren't those cooks the best. I have already gained 7 pounds.

If this information doesn't make since, it's because I am in information/communication overload. Information and communication runs the scouts and today we found out by who, when, where and how. We started the day out by sitting the example in Color Guard performance. How about those Buffalo's. Check out that picture, my, my ain't they just the icing on a Scout Cake.. Phil Victor, out Patrol Guide sure does know how to pick them and with his guidance and leadership we are on our way in carrying the torch for the Wood Badger cause. How about those rockets wasn't that fun, again everybody won.

Patrol Leader, John Blackmore kept each Buffalo grazing and was always out front assuring that we were always on time for all events, which is how we obtained the award. This young and proven "Eagle Scout" really provided what was need to get the team to unify and moving as a unit for a specific cause e.g., improving scouting for the young men we lead, each other, the district and the Heart of Virginia Council.

Tomorrow, we also have a proven leader stepping up to Patrol Leader and carrying the Buffalo's into the next dimension. Mrs. Robin Rush, Office Manager for Virginia's BSA premier Heart of Virginia

Council. Robin is married (34 years) and has two children and two grandchildren and has been in scouting for 22 years. Boy does she add value to our team and to the Council, not a dull moment in that job. We sure have the edge with her on our team, and when I say our team I mean all the patrols in Wood Badge.

Staff and brother patrols when you are camping by the stream, canoeing or rafting the whitewater, hiking the AP or the Yukon, crossing the Great Divide or just bedding down in some green meadow, remember that all THUNDER is not from the sky, it could be just us Buffalo's stampeding by, the Thundering Herd!!!. See Ya On The Trail.



Gilwell Space Center

The skies over Gilwell Field were filled with all manner of flying objects on Saturday afternoon as the eight patrols, staff and kitchen staff competed in ten categories of space flight (or not). Members of Troop 1 had the opportunity to use the latest in technology and engineering available in Goochland

County as they constructed vehicles that defied all odds and actually left the ground. Dr. Werner von Turner will be presenting awards at morning Gilwell on Day Three. While the results of the phenomenon are sealed, we are happy to announce that this year no one was clearly eligible for the "Failure to Launch" Award, though there was fierce competition. Rumor has it that some parties have challenged the legality of the Kitchen Staff entry on the grounds that not everyone had the advantage of the same resources used in their rocket. Possible Dr. von Turner will make an announcement as to whether future events will include leftover sausage links in the supply package.



OWL PATROL

Patrol Leader: Dean Beuglass **Asst. Patrol Leader: Bill Janis**

Chaplain: Martin Myers

Scribe: Robert McLemore

Patrol Guide: Felicia Ferrigno

Patrol Members: Steve Porter & Brian Long

Bio of the Day: Our Patrol Leader of the day follows the leadership from his teammate on the Scoutmaster Training course. Dean is the ASM T860; CM P809; Unit Commissioner of the Arrohattoc District with 12 years in Scouting. His son is a Star scout and his daughter is working on her silver award. When not scouting he can be found hunting, shooting, camping, and cooking. His favorite food is sushi which makes him well suited for Scout cooking. If he could go somewhere new it would be to the Valley of the Kings to see the Pyramids in Egypt.

We started the morning at Gilliwell Park. It was a great ceremony other than the discovery that our stolen flag was eaten. We had a ring side seat to view the planting of the Gilliwell Park sign. A most awesome gift. We were very entertained with the Scout Master's demonstration of his compass skills. WE also passed along our Service Shovel with dew in our eyes.

During the morning games we enjoyed throwing tennis balls at each other and finding fears. During the alignment we subtly improved our team owl with Felicia's lip stick.

Our team Cheer has been put to frequent use with "Who's your..." and whatever is appropriate. Usually we default to "Who's your Daddy." Infinitely adjustable to the activity.

During the morning's presentation on Inclusion & Diversity, we had a deep sense of enlightenment. One of our team members kept having trouble expressing themselves and getting us to listen to their suggestions. WE realized that Felicia needs to be more included in our activities and we rarely follow her.

For the photos we were up and center due to the good advice from our tour guide. We are still way too early in the four stages of a team to be standing that close to each other.

A minor mutiny allowed us to move our afternoon meeting from Sleepy Hallow to a nice shady & grassy spot near Aspenwall. WE had a very good learning and bonding experience discussing effective communication.

Brian was our resident rocket scientist today. We were all proud of our craft as it launched into the stratosphere. We may not have won, but the V2 rocket sound was a major hit.

Our team was VERY enthusiastic during the Jeopardy game. We had a blast, but came in at the back of the flight. We were much impressed with Bill's dexterity and Dean/Brian's knowledge base.

Closing the night was a flag retirement ceremony. It was the first one that I have ever attended and it was very impactful and relevant. I am sure to incorporate it into a future Pack meeting as it was a powerful event.



THANKS FOR THE FABULOUS FOOD, GRUBMASTERS !

Left to right:
Stuart Dunn, John Turner, Craig
Britt, Everett Winn, Randy Harris,
and Karren Streagle