

## WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

SR917 Day 2

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WOOD BADGE SR917

### *THE ALL IMPORTANT SCHEDULE*

- 7:00 AM Breakfast and Patrol Self-Assessment  
8:00 AM Gilwell Field Assembly  
8:30 AM Troop Meeting  
9:45 AM Inter-Patrol Activity  
10:15 AM **Break**  
10:30 AM Inclusiveness  
11:00 AM Stages of Team Development  
11:50 AM **Break**  
12:00 PM Lunch  
Patrol Leaders Council Meeting  
Chaplain's Aid Meeting  
1:10 PM Photos  
2:10 PM Communication (Patrol Presentation)  
3:00 PM **Break**  
3:10 PM Project Planning  
3:40 PM **Break**  
3:50 PM Inter-Patrol Activity / Reflection  
5:20 PM Patrol Meeting  
6:20 PM **Dinner**  
7:00 PM Inter-Patrol Activities  
9:00 PM Flag Retirement Ceremony  
9:30 PM **Cracker Barrel**

### SR917 Course Patch



Traditionally, each Wood Badge course staff creates a patch unique to their course. A course color, often prominent in the patch design, is chosen for the Activity Uniform, and is incorporated as the border on a special council strip, which is

only given to Scouters participating in that course. The council strip with the purple border of SR917 is unique to this course and not available for sale elsewhere.



### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Along with your daily articles for the Gilwell Gazette, please share your Wood Badge photographs with your fellow Troop 1 Scouters! View your photos and copy the best ones into your Patrol Photo folder on a Scribe computer using the attached card reader. (PLEASE be selective as to what you share, and avoid 'dumping' your entire card onto the staff computers.) Your photos may be used in the Gazette or in the end-of-course slide show presented the final day. Photos intended to be used with a patrol article should be included with the article itself.

Submit your articles and photos to the Troop Scribes by **9 PM** each evening.



Although the weather is generally perfect here on Gilwell Field, it is best to be prepared. Troop 1 has a state-of-the-art, mission-critical technical device for obtaining up-to-the-minute daily atmospheric condition readings. Data is collected daily and communicated to the Troop each morning at Flag Ceremony and can be updated at any time during the day as needed.



**PROGRAM PATROL: Antelope**  
**SERVICE PATROL: Bear**

## Wood Badge has Five Central Themes

Those themes, and the presentations that directly support them, are as follows:

- **Living the Values**  
Values, Mission, and Vision
- **Bringing the Vision to Life**  
Listening to Learn  
Communication  
Inclusiveness  
Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity  
Coaching and Mentoring
- **Models for Success**  
Stages of Team Development.  
The Leading EDGE™  
The Teaching EDGE™
- **Tools of the Trade**  
Project Planning  
Leading Change  
Problem Solving and Decision Making  
Managing Conflict.  
Self Assessment
- **Leading to Make a Difference**  
Leaving a Legacy

## Thought for the Day

There are two days in every week we should never worry about, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed, nor erase a single word we've said. Yesterday is gone. The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its impossible adversaries, its burden, its hopeful promise and unknown performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds -- but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is as yet unborn. This leaves only one day -- today! Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives people mad. It is the remorse of bitterness for something that happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Make TODAY the best day it can be, and live one day at a time!

## Gilwell Pennant

One of the Wood Badge tokens that dates back to the early days of Gilwell Field is a red pennant from Gilwell Park. Patrols compete for the right to display this pennant on their flag staff during the course. There is one pennant available for each patrol, but each patrol must earn their pennant daily, based on the criteria established by Troop 1. The daily criteria include participation, punctuality, and enthusiasm, and eligibility will be evaluated daily by peer review at the PLC.



## YOU MIGHT BE A WOOD BADGER....

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

If you have to go to the restroom and you start looking for a buddy . . .

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you've ever been driving at 60 MPH and suddenly slammed on the brakes because you thought you saw a Patrol critter at a yard sale ...

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If someone asks for a volunteer and you find your hand is already in the air . . .

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If the only thing you remember from your honeymoon is the herd of Antelope you drove by in Wyoming ...

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*



## BEAVER

The Beaver Patrol is eager to learn all the great things offered here at WB-SR-917. – Wait, first off some proud slaps from the Beavers for our promotion to “Scout”. We overcame the challenge of making the woggles by coming up with our own

version. They all look great, slap, slap.

Congratulations to our newly elected Patrol Leader Scott Hooper. He hails from Charlottesville and is a member of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council Executive Board. He and his wife have 2 girls who have been in the Girl Scout program. After taking the prerequisite courses for Wood-badge in 1976 (yes, 32 years ago...), he is happy to finally be able to actually attend.

We heard some awesome stuff about how to hold a productive PLC meeting, started working on our totem and learned about missions, vision, values and goals. Our introduction to our “ticket” was interesting and we are looking forward to putting what we are learning into practice. We even built a chapel and heard about the Jamboree slap, slap. We are looking forward to a great tomorrow and hope to gnaw down a few more trees SLAP, SLAP, GNAAAAAAW!

## FOX PATROL

Jim Stallings attends TROOP 806 at Woodlake United Methodist Church. He holds a position on the Troop committee and has served as Troop Treasurer for 5 yrs, webmaster for 4 years, is a member of OA and helps with the Native American Dance Team with his son. His 17-year-old son was awarded his Eagle rank on September 17, 2008. He has a 21-year-old daughter is a senior at Randolph Macon Womans College. He lives in the middle of the country in Chesterfield County. He has been married for 26 years. He has worked as a Senior Systems Engineer for Bank of America for 20 years.



So far the Fox Patrol has enjoyed getting jiggy with their Patrol Call, designing their new Corporate Image, and male bonding during the Teddy Bear game. We’ve learned one important fact – you can’t introduce yourself as “Hi I’m Joe, I’m a fox”. Doesn’t go over too well with other campers.

## BUFFALO

The Thundering Herd of Buffalo won the puzzle contest yesterday. They have started soaking up all kinds of knowledge on history and traditions of Gilwell. Joe Rauguth was our ASM. He is from Troop 533 of Mechanicsville. He is married to Linda, a nurse, and they have two children. A 1<sup>st</sup> Class son and an 18 year old daughter. Our ASM for today is John Blackmore from Troop 777. He has been involved in scouting for 20 of his 26 years. He is daddy to a Black Lab named “Scout” and is employed by Luck Stone.



## BOBWHITE

Tom O’Keefe has the impressive honor of being Bobwhite’s first patrol leader. He was such a good crybaby that we thought he deserved it, role playing, mind you. Tom is a Bear Den Leader with Pack 720 in Short Pump and a Committee Member with Troop 763. Tom can be found chasing after his four kids and other times he is working in Finance at Dominion. There are three interesting bits of trivia about Tom, he is a second generation Eagle Scout, he has spent time under the ice of the Arctic Ocean on a submarine, and he worked at Disneyland for seven years but not as Goofy.



Friday:

The Bobwhite Patrol had a great first day at Wood Badge. We crossed the road seven times to get to the other side! We saw a Bear eating anything and ran away. We heard a buffalo dropping chips, and hid in the underbrush, not to mention the close call we had with a fox. Whew! We only lost one tail feather. Tom, Matt, Chuck, Pat, Dywana, and Jim have planned their menu for the second weekend, lobster tails and steak will be the lesser of the our two dinners. Our totem is almost built, and it looks just like the “Birdnest” from the Olympics.

## EAGLE NEWS

Sonja Myers SPL of SR 917 Eagles.

Her husband Martin is also here at Wood Badge in the owl patrol. Sojna is Cubmaster of pack 740 and has been in Girl Scouts for over 20 years also a Girl Scout leader. She is also a pilot and plays guitar at church for 35 years. She has three children Dana 18, Colin 10, and Brianna 8. Her brother Eric is also a wood badger from the eagle patrol.



## OWL PATROL

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Patrol Leader: Steve Porter  
Asst. Patrol Leader: Dean Beuglass  
Chaplain: Martin Myers  
Scribe: Robert McLemore  
Patrol Guide: Felicia Ferrigno  
Patrol Members: Bill Janis & Brian Long



Bio of the Day: Our Steve Porter was railroaded this morning into being our P.L. He is from Midlothian, Virginia where he is the ASM of Troop 876. He comes to us with 12 years in scouting. He has two boys – one 13 who is a “Star” and one 15 who is a “Life”. In his off time he enjoys hunting, fishing and playing the piano.

After meeting up with our new Den Guide Felicia, we started into a long, full day of lessons, team building and role-playing. Den 5 repeatedly rose to the occasion and was advanced with full honors into the Owl Patrol. We quietly bonded as a common team of mischievous, like minded Scouters. Our first coup was “finding” and liberating the lost Den flag of Den #4.

One of the best lessons of the morning was the one that we all sorely needed – Listening Skills. Felicia had her hands full trying to keep us listening, but did a fantastic job.

Bill established himself as our resident artist. Most of us draw stick figures – he drew the pig roasting on our campfire. Most of us can repeat jokes – he can recite poetry.

The Scribe keeps falling asleep in the Gilwell Hall during the presentations. It is either the acoustics or he is getting a bit long in the talon and hard of hearing.

We settled on a totem, project, team cheer, and more. Hopefully we can pull all of our budding team talents together and pull these off.



**Gilwell Field is officially open!**

## AMAZING ANTELOPES

A – Awesome  
N – Naturalist  
T – Thrifty  
E – Energetic  
L – Leaders  
O – Obedient  
P – Preparedness  
E – Empowering



Bio: Kelly Cummings, Scribe

Kelly Cummings is serving her fifth year in scouting, rising through the ranks as a Den Leader with her son, Matthew, who started as a Tiger. Matthew is now preparing this year to cross over into Boy Scouts. A single parent of three children, Matthew is her only son; he is the brother to Dani, 17, in her first year of college and Kyla, 6, who is in first grade. Kelly spent 15 years in the shopping center industry serving in management positions as Marketing Director and General Mall Manager for companies like Prime Retail and Simon Properties. For the past eight years, Kelly has been teaching Business and Information Technology at Buckingham County High School. She enjoys computers, traveling and spending time with her children. Kelly currently serves as Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Pack Trainer and is a certified Day Camp Director.

Our Contribution to “You Might Be a Wood Badger if....”

You might be a Wood Badger if the only decorations on your Christmas tree are the totems you have exchanged at scout training over the years.



**Troop 1 in fine formation!**

## BEARS

The bears have migrated from Ashland to Saluda to feast upon the tradition of Wood Badge SR 917. When we are not hibernating our professions range from emergency services, to design engineer, to marketing to driving the big brown truck to bean counting. Watch out patrols – we may have been stretching from a long nap and lost our last competition but under our guide’s tutelage we are sharpening our claws and will be ready next time.

