

## WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

# THE GILWELL GAZETTE

SR917 Day 4

HEART OF VIRGINIA COUNCIL, BSA

October 18, 2008

### WOOD BADGE SR 917

#### *THE ALL IMPORTANT SCHEDULE*

- 7:00 AM **Arrive** Camp Brady Saunders Admin. Parking Lot  
Patrols back-pack into camp (*instructions below*)
- 9:30 AM Gilwell Field Assembly
- 10:15 AM Leading Change
- 11:20 AM **Break**
- 11:30 AM. Patrol Leaders Council Meeting
- 12:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity
- 2:00 PM **Break**
- 2:15 PM Problem Solving and Decision Making
- 2:45 PM Problem Solving Round-Robin (Patrol Activity)
- 4:00 PM Managing Conflict (Patrol Presentation)
- 5:00 PM Patrol Meeting
- 6:00 PM **Dinner**
- 7:30 PM The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)
- 8:30 PM Participants' Troop Campfire
- 9:30 PM **Patrol Cracker Barrel**



The Heart of Virginia Council Camp has reported that it has recently become a refuge to exotic “critters”. It was reported that last evening Eagles were flying over the Reservation in a “Inverted V” formation, several Owls were spotted nesting on the rafters of the Dining Hall and even Bobwhites were seen flying paper kites at some place called Gilwell field. Additional reports indicated that several logs had been gnawed upon by large mammals (purported to be beavers). There were also scattered reports of “Grizzled Bears” moving into tents at camp. In a seemingly unrelated report, there were several reports of “Yipping” in the woods; sounds like only foxes make, but the official comment from the National Wildlife Federation is that this is “highly unlikely.” A herd of Buffalo was seen stampeding toward the Camp, all with a single purpose. Antelopes were seen leaping the fence at the edge of the property. Nevertheless, the Humane Society is investigating and is warning residents within a 10 mile radius of the Camp to stay indoors at night, as a precautionary measure.



#### **DAY 4 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS**

Please load all your patrol gear into one pick-up truck. This will be driven by a staff member to your campsite. Keep your personal gear with you, and after all your patrol members are present and your gear is loaded, report to your Troop Guide, who will accompany you across the dam and up the road to the location of our opening activity.

#### Introducing our newest Assistant Friendly Quartermaster

Name: Dick Guilmart

Staff Position: AFQM

Current Scouting Position: Council Program Committee

Natural Habitat: Backwoods of Bethia

Reality Bytes: Retired USAF; Currently GS-14, US Army at Ft Lee, for 10 more months as of 1 Oct....but who's counting

Staff Trivia: Took my Wood Badge in 1975, NE-III-23 at Camp Freedom, GE



**PROGRAM PATROL: Bobwhite**  
**SERVICE PATROL: Buffalo**

## What the Scout Law Means to Me

*John Wayne*

A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp.

At this dinner, Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual. He said the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words". "Trouble is" he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things I have picked up in more than half a century since I learned it."

Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at the dinner, much like he would have for his grandson.

**TRUSTWORTHY:** The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look at any man in the eye. Lacking it, he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

**LOYAL:** The very word is life itself; for without loyalty we have no love of person or country.

**HELPFUL:** Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves; not to mention mankind. Be always full of help -- the dying man's last words.

**FRIENDLY:** Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood.

**COURTEOUS:** Allow each person his human dignity; which means a lot more than saying, "Yes, ma'am" and "Thank you, sir." It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

**KIND:** This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle, it's just no good unless you get out and use it.

**OBEDIENT:** Starts at home. Practice it in your family. Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

**CHEERFUL:** Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

**THRIFTY:** Means a lot more than putting pennies away; and it is

the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

**BRAVE:** You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day's work, and living the best life they know how against the law of odds. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

**CLEAN:** Soap and water helps a lot on the outside. But it is the inside that counts, and don't ever forget it.

**REVERENT:** Believe in anything that you want to believe in, but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

John Wayne then thanked those at the dinner for putting his name on the outpost camp and said, "I would rather see it here than on all the theater marquees the world over."

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## YOU MIGHT BE A WOOD BADGER...

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

If you always have hat hair . . .

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you always have a cup hooked to your belt...

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you've ever found yourself spending ten dollars or more playing a game of chance at a carnival because the top prize was a stuffed Kudu ...

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you were ever late for work because you could not find your patrol flag ...

*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

## FROM THE EAGLE'S NEST

Wray Palmore has been doing an excellent job serving the Eagles as PL during the break between our times at "Gilwell Park". Wray is the proud father of two children. Rachele is 20 years old, on her third year at Macon and is a Phi Beta Kappa. Grayson is eight years old and is a Bear Cub. Wray has been involved in scouting for a total of twelve years and is currently serving Pack 544 as the Bear Den Leader. His many talents don't stop with father and Bear Den leader, he is also a Battlefield District Shooting Sports Instructor. When asked about his hobbies, Wray stated, "I gave up fishing for scouting." I want to personally thank Wray for choosing to serve boys instead of catch fish.

The rocket competition was a "soaring" success for the Eagles. The "talon-ted" Eagles earned the coveted "Best Use of Duck Tape" award.

We are continuing to prepare for outdoor portion of Wood Badge. We are also actively planning our ticket items to ensure we share our new leadership skills with our units.



## BOBWHITE PATROL

Sunday morning found the Bobwhite nest in the dark. Early riser Chuck found the power out around 5:30 am. At first it was thought that the Beaver patrol might be guilty of some nocturnal gnaw-ty behavior and perhaps dropped a tree on the power line. But Pat scouted out the scene and found a vehicle accident had broken pole on Maiden's Rd, and a Virginia Power crew working diligently. Kudos to the kitchen staff who had the coffee ready despite the outage. The lights were back on at 7:00 am and the Bobwhites were ready for the day.

The Bobwhites profusely apologize for the smell of the Weather Rock on Sunday morning...it was dark, and frankly when you gotta go..... The patrol flocked to the Inter-Faith Service and flew through the session on Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable. They also pecked more than a few bags of popcorn during the movie "October Sky".

The Day 3 Patrol Leader for the Bobwhite was the lady with the double last name from the village with the double name: Dywana Saunders-Confroy from Bon Air. Double plays an important part in Dywana's life, as she is the proud mom to identical twin Tenderfoot scouts in Troop 876. Before you think you're seeing double, Dywana is indeed affiliated with another unit, Pack 861. There she serves as a Webelos den Leader, the Committee Pack Chair, & Award Chair. Dwana also serves as Huguenot Trails Membership Chair. When Dywana isn't scouting, she peels saran wrap from DVDs at University of Richmond's Media Resource Center, where she has worked for 17 years. If you want a good story, ask her how she got her name.

The patrol will spend the next couple weeks working on tickets, their project, and planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Bobwhites are ready to roost in their campsite on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>!!



## AMMMAAAZZZING ANTELOPES

Bio: **Bill Kelly**, has been married for 27 years to Cathy and has 3 wonderful sons. The oldest son William and the next son John are both Eagles. His youngest son Thomas is doing well as a First Class in Troop 876. Bill has attended many summer camps at T. Brady Saunders and is looking forward to our next visit this weekend.

Professionally, Bill owns two businesses. One business is his painting company Custom Painting of Virginia and the other is his martial arts studio Shield Tae Kwon Do. All of his sons are Black belts.

The Amazing Antelopes had a great day 3 which began with a power outage. Our rocket won the prestigious "Most likely to maim or cause personal or property damage" award. During the day we firmed up our "Ticket" ideas and finished off our session with a touching end to the Flag retirement ceremony that began the night before. We are ready for day 4!!!!!!!

## BEAVERS ARE BACK

The Beavers are back and ready to go. We can't lose with our patrol leader at the helm Jeff Wrobel. He is currently serving as troop 1807 committee chairman and ASM. He has two sons in Troop 1807. In addition to Scouting he loves fly fishing (ask him about BOJC), skiing and taking car trips with his family.

We all have been busy working on our projects, totem and writing tickets. We are looking forward to this weekend. Watch out all you other patrols. We have a secret weapon with our patrol leader being a great cook. The Beaver are going to be louder and prouder!

## GREETINGS FROM THE BUFFALOES!

The Buffaloes are very excited to be back! We have been working very hard over the recess, preparing our project, planning our patrol camping experience for this weekend, and working on our skit and cheers. Our patrol leader during the interim, Robin, has kept the herd grazing and moving forward.

The Buffaloes were very proud of our rocket award presented on the morning of day 3. Out of the entire troop, ours was "the shortest flight"! It still brings a tear to our eyes when we discuss it.

By the time you read this, John will have competed in the Richmond Area Sporting Clays Classic with his boss. I'm sure he did very well, and hoping he didn't show him up too much.

Our day 4 patrol leader will be Randy Vaughn. Randy is new to scouting and is a new Pack Committee Chairman. Randy has 2 sons in scouting, a Wolf and a Webelos I. Outside of scouting, Randy is a stock broker, and is finding Wood Badge to be very therapeutic given the recent market activity. Believe it or not, he doesn't own a PDA and rarely uses a cell phone.

The buffaloes look forward to the campfire at the scoutcraft area on the evening of day 4. It promises to be a fun and enjoyable evening. See you there!  
"snort"



## BEAR

The bear patrol woke up in the dark on day #3. While searching for food, we discovered that the power was out. We assumed that the beavers had chewed down the power line pole again. In true bear fashion, we adapted, improvised, and overcame the obstacle. After enjoying our biscuits and gravy breakfast, we experienced the joy of worship with Tom Johnson.

Later in the day, we played Kim's game and discovered that working together as a team we were able to remember 30 items. We attempted to learn circle dancing and found that we are aptly named the "bears", as many of us have two left feet. What do you expect from dancing bears?

A highlight of day three was watching the movie, "October Sky". It was a great example of a team forming, storming, norming, and performing. This movie touched quite a few of us and the tissues were much appreciated. I am sure the message will remain with us for quite some time.

Terry McCann, our patrol leader for day 1, hails from Mechanicsville, VA. Terry got involved in scouting last year as a Tiger den leader. He credits his wife for "recruiting" him to that position. After leading the Tigers, he recruited a replacement and moved into the position of advancement officer for his pack. His son Jacob, 7, is a wolf in pack 544. When he isn't carrying out his advancement duties, he is putting out fires as a captain with Hanover Fire EMS.

Alice Nelson, our patrol leader for day #3, is from Middlesex County in Wake, VA. She has been a scoutmaster for three years. She started out in scouting as a member of a cub committee. The Nelson's make scouting a family affair. Her husband Todd is assistant scoutmaster and her two sons; Joe, age 14 and Hugh, age 12 are both first class scouts. When Alice isn't busy as scoutmaster of troop 341, she works as a business administrator for VDOT in Saluda.

## SWAMPFOX

The Fox Patrol arose out of the dark on Day 3 amazed by the unprecedented desire on the part of staff and other patrols to possess the elusive Swampfox totem. It seemed as if everyone wanted to be a Fox!

The patrol's nickname dates to Frances Marion (1732-1795) heroic militia general in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. The Swampfox was known for his daring, can-do attitude and unswerving patriotism. The patrol strives to emulate such an example.

In the interim between camp sessions, the patrol has been busy with planning the upcoming camping portion of Wood Badge, creating duty rosters, designing a Patrol Flag and totems, developing our patrol project and last but not least working together to ensure member's tickets are exceptional. The patrol looks forward to delivering a project that will offer every unit level engaging service projects.

As we prepare for the upcoming Day 4, we are under the very able leadership of our current Patrol Leader, Paul Gross.

Paul is an Eagle Scout who has served as an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 1807 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Midlothian. His 15-year-old son has just achieved his Life Scout Rank and is serving as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. His daughter is a 21-year-old senior at Grove City College north of Pittsburgh. His lovely wife has put up with him for 25 years. He is a Medical Illustrator with MediVisuals, Inc. (He draws guts for a living).

He is thrilled to be a member of the Fox Patrol. The Fox Patrol is thrilled with his design abilities evidenced in our Swampfox logo.



## OWL PATROL - GillOwl Gazette

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

Bio of the Day: Our Patrol Leader for the long break was awesomely fulfilled by Brian Long. He had his hands full with our Parliament of Owls (aka: Owl Patrol). He kept us on track and on focus through many a long day until the next Wood Badge Weekend. Brian is currently both the Committee Chair and the Webelos leader of Pack 832 - just across the river in Powhatan. Interestingly, his first car was a Honda Civic - now in the Smithsonian museum. Also there is a large microfiche file on all the tickets he got with that "bolt of lightning".

Many hours, several special courses, and even two personal training sessions went into helping us prepare for the second weekend of Wood Badge. Felicia has been very disappointed

with our quiet, shy, and meek performance the first weekend. We have vowed to step up and ensure that this time we are heard, full of the BP spirit, and come out of our shells. Apart from this personality training, we've been busy with our tickets. Lots of great ideas being cooked up to help improve the Scouting movement in our personal areas. I think everyone on the team is proud of what we are about to embark upon. Along the way, we've fit in an awesome flag that will impress, whipped together a smoking totem, set up our project, and have an incredibly funny skit - "Crouching Owl, Hidden Talent". Finally, we have all been practicing our cheer in order to remember "Whooo's Your Daddy?". For some reason, along the way several of us are having a hard time getting the Gilwell Song out of our minds...Oh I used to be an Owl, a good old Owl too....

Yours Hooly, Robert

## We need YOU. . . . to share your photos!

The staff is requesting that each Patrol provide copies of your photos from Weekend 1, and continue to supply the staff with your photos as Weekend 2 progresses. You can copy them to your Patrol flash-drive and submit them with your articles for the Gilwell Gazette each evening. A card reader is available for every type of memory card! We promise you will be glad you shared them 😊