

Schedule & Field Notes

The Gilwell Gazette

Day 3.5 Schedule

all times are made up

8:00am	Staff begins to arrive at Camp T. Brady Saunders	1:00pm	Back to work!
9:00am	Staff works	4:00pm	... and works
10:00am	... and works	6:00pm	Dinner
11:00am	... and works	8:00pm	Venturers arrive and meet with TGs
12:00pm	Lunchtime! Yay for food!	10:00pm	Staff Meeting
		12:00am	Go to bed ... maybe?

Origin of the Axe and Log

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The origin of the axe and log symbol of Wood Badge is the camp emblem of Gilwell Park in England. A letter from Ken Stevens, former chief executive commissioner of the British Boy Scout Association discussed the subject with Don Potter, who was at Gilwell from the beginning as a staffer.

"I asked about the origin of the Axe and Log symbol which has been used by Gilwell since the early 1920's. His answer was exactly as I thought - it originated when Francis Gidney wanted a special "logo" to denote Gilwell Park as opposed to Scout Headquarters. You will understand that Gilwell Park has always been the property of Scout Headquarters. Gidney wanted to be sure that, although the Park was a part of Headquarters, it was quite different and much more associated with the outdoors and woodcraft side of Scouting rather than the "business" side. He, therefore adopted the symbol for use on all leader training publications and letterheads.

"Don reminded me that there was a great deal of practical activity during Leader courses run by Gidney and axes were as prominent as "billy cans." Great emphasis was placed on safety with tools and axes were always expected to be "masked" by burying the blade in a log of wood. Hence there were examples of axes properly masked all over the Training Camp and they clearly struck Gidney as an ideal symbol to denote all that the training courses stood for!"

Gidney was the first Camp Chief of Gilwell during the first Wood Badge course in 1919. He was known for his axe throwing exhibitions and training course in axemanship. Chief Gidney also invented the Gilwell scarf with the Maclaren Tarten.

"The generation now being shaped by Scouting will be strengthened by deserved self-confidence and molded with its own history of kindness, bravery, honesty, and its all-out pursuit of excellence."

—Earl G. Graves

The 'Scouter' in All of Us

Looking back, day three was the summation of numerous Scouting moments, not just the past couple of days but the experiences only years in Scouting can provide. There we were - an adult and a kid woven into one person encompassed by the heart of Scouting. We were surrounded by centuries of individual experiences gathered as a troop. We were surrounded by a program that had been faithfully hand carved by generations of 'Scouters' who believed in a program that was more than just camping or hiking or getting a badge. It is about core values and developing the best methods to instill these ideals in all who would open themselves to it.

Everywhere you look, you see a person whose life was affected, changed and carefully molded with the ideals we are taught in this great organization. We are taught not just in the lessons but in the lives of those who serve us. The title 'Scouter' is not worn on a name badge, or seen on a business card, but worn thankfully in the heart. May God bless each of you who have served and may God bless Scouting.

A SCOUTER
WOOD BADGE SR966

BP's Outlook: "Patrol Reports"

I feel that anything that can be devised for fostering the Patrol spirit and the responsibility of Patrol Leaders cannot but be valuable from the point of view of character training, apart from the fact that it also tends to relieve the over-taxed Scoutmaster of much minor work.

One suggestion as to this may be taken from the custom which prevails with best effect at Winchester, where every boy has to report to his prefect weekly that he has done five hours' "exercise" during the week. Exercise means the playing of certain games or practice of certain equivalents in the athletic line. I am glad to see that at least one Troop carries out a somewhat similar scheme, and I should like to see it more general.

My idea roughly is that each Patrol Leader should send weekly a report to his Scoutmaster to show to what extent each of his Scouts has carried out Scouting exercises, has attended parades, and has paid up his subscription during the week. It is expected of each Scout that he should do at least four Scouting exercises weekly. "Scouting Exercises" would include parades. Scout games, tramps or rallies, attendances at Scout instruction class, doing Scout work on his own, such as making a map or a report, or handicraft work, playing a recognised health-giving game, such as football, rounders, paper-chase, or basket ball, for an hour. Good turns do not count as "Scout Exercises," as they should be done every day in any case. They may, however, be noted in the report in addition to the exercises.

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That Fits"

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Priceless

RUSSIAN BEAR INVADES

DAY 3 MORNING'S

GILWELL ASSEMBLY

SPL EMBRACES CHANGE

GILWELL — An odd and frightening sight greeted Gilwellians on the morning of Day 3 and a large Russian Bear made its way onto Gilwell Field, approached the staff at the flagpoles, and proceeded to enthrall the entire audience for several minutes.

While most bears do live in the wild without clothing, the lack of clothing on this particular bear was most disturbing ... and troubling ... and downright frightening. Some of the staff were particularly apprehensive.

"Oh, this isn't right," said Staff Advisor Phillip Mumford. "Somebody needs to stop this."

However, the fear that had gripped staff and participants alike melted away into shock and awe as the bear spoke to the stunned crowd:

"In my country we kiss!"

Upon hearing these words, Senior Patrol Leader Scott Street, sensing a way to diffuse the startling situation, marched right up to the creature and entered into an embrace with it ... a bear hug, if you will.

The ploy worked as the bear eloquently, and with great detail, recited the duties of the service patrol. This done, he was content to be wheeled off the field.



OPINION A2

Back to Gilwell

Our Senior Patrol Leader, Scott Street, shares his thoughts about the upcoming weekend as well as patrol activities, tickets, vision, and goals.



Course Director Craig Britt presides over the closing Gilwell Field Assembly on Day 3

Day 3 Activities Signal the End of the First Weekend

GILWELL — Day 3 of Wood Badge Course SR966 began early with a great breakfast followed by a Gilwell Field Assembly that I think no one who was present will ever forget. View the article to the left for details.

After the excitement on Gilwell Field, the troop moved into Gilwell Hall. Before beginning the day's instructional sessions, John Turner returned to hand out the awards for the previous day's rocket competition. Patrols won unique awards such as "Most Likely to Maim or Cause Personal or Property Damage" and the "Flying on a Wing and a Prayer" award.

After all the awards were given out, Everett Winn led the troop in an instructional session on conducting Interfaith Worship Services in Scouting. The presentation was delivered with a great deal of passion and was followed up by an actual Worship Service that participants found to be very moving.

After a quick break it was on to the daily troop meeting that featured discussions on prepar-

PATROL REPORTS A6

A Day in the Life

Check the Day 3 reports from our patrols and find out which one was having a lovefest while another was fantasizing about Delaval nozzles.

ing for the outdoor experience of the second weekend, the Outdoor Code, and Leave No Trace. All of the patrols also got to participate in a Kim's Game competition.

Another short break ushered us into Phillip Mumford presentation of the Leading EDGE and Teaching EDGE strategies of leadership and skills instruction. Phillip was aided by the Not Ready for Gilwell Players (who looked suspiciously like our Scribes led by one of our friendly Quartermasters).

That session was followed up with lunch served by a prancing Antelope and other troop guides. During lunch, the troop's patrol leaders attended the daily PLC meeting.

Greg Bresson then led a discussion about Conservation Project Planning and introduced the troop to the actual conservation project they will be working on as part of the second weekend's activities.

Another quick break allowed the staff to setup for a movie presentation of "October Sky"

FIELD NOTES A8

The Scouter in All of Us

An anonymous letter from an SR966 course participant reminds us that the title 'Scouter' is not stitched on a badge but belongs in our hearts.

Staff Day 3.5 Edition

Today, cloudy, very cool and damp with periodic rain, high 49. Tonight, periodic cold rain showers continue, low 41. Tomorrow, cloudy skies with scattered showers, high 53.

Friendly Quartermaster Also Toots

Harry Davis Keeps
Kudu Tradition Alive

GILWELL — Not only is Harry Davis our Friendly Quartermaster but he also keeps alive the tradition of another Wood Badge symbol, the kudu horn.

Baden-Powell first encountered the kudu horn at the Battle of Shangani, where he discovered how the Matabele warriors used it to quickly spread a signal of alarm. He used the horn at the first Scout encampment at Brownsea Island in 1907. It is used from the early Wood Badge courses to signal the beginning of the course or an activity, and to inspire Scouters to always do better.

Keep blowing those sweet notes Harry!



complete with popcorn! Viewing conditions weren't the best so our Friendly Quartermaster left into action by teaming up with Camp Ranger Tim Streagle to perform a quick cover-up of Gilwell Hall that plunged it into darkness.

The final official activity of the day was a closing ceremony on Gilwell Field led by our Course Director.

Patrols were invited to stay briefly to discuss the upcoming week's events while the staff broke down equipment and cleaned up in record time!

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- GEORGE CRUTCHFIELD**, SE-547 (1990)
- JIM COCHRAN**, SE-594 (1992)
- BETTY COCHRAN**, SR058 (1994)
- MIKE OXFORD**, SR172 (1996)
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Scribe Day Three: Nevermore

Once upon a midnight dreary,
Fingers cramped and vision bleary,
Gilwell Gazettes piled high
and wasted paper on the floor,
Longing for the warmth of bedsheets,
Still I sat there, doing news sheets:
Having reached the bottom line,
I took a floppy from the drawer.
Typing with a steady hand,
I then invoked the SAVE command
But got instead a reprimand:
it read "Abort, Retry, Ignore."

There I sat, distraught, exhausted,
by my own machine accosted
Getting up I turned away
and paced across the admin floor.
And then I saw an awful sight:
A bold and blinding flash of light -
A lightning bolt had cut the night
and shook me to my very core.
I saw the screen collapse and die
"Oh no - my hard drive," I cried
I thought I heard a voice reply,
"You'll see your document Nevermore."

Buffalo Not Beaver!

To the Editor:

Firstly, I would like to thank you very much for the wonderful publication that is ready and waiting for all of the Gilwellians each and every morning. Lord knows that a Buffalo enjoys something to read for that first order of business in the morning.

However, the purpose of this letter is to address the Day 3 issue of the Gilwell Gazette where the Patrol Report continuations had a glaring misprint; the Buffalo Patrol report was mislabeled as the Bear Patrol.

We accept the fact there aren't any Buffalo Patrol members on staff, even our Troop Guide has been observed toting a beaver around, but we don't like to be misrepresented, especially as an animal that dumpster dives for food. Though we may feel a little slighted, Buffalos don't hold a grudge, we'll just herd along to pasture near you.

Chips Ahoy!

BUFFALO BILL
SCRIBE TO THE CHIEF TATONKA
The Range, Sep 30, 2009

Editorial Observer / SCOTT STREET

It's Almost Time to Get Back to Gilwell

Greetings Gilwellians!

that makes everyone proud.

I can hardly believe that the intermission is nearly over-four weeks seemed like such a long time, but here we are preparing for our second weekend. I'm quite excited because of all of the fun activities that we have planned for our simulated Troop 1 camping trip, and I'm sure you'll have a blast.

It has also been interesting to learn little details here and there about what everyone is planning for the cooking contest meals. While only little hints about what it to come have been shared with me, I'm already impressed. Note that presentation, in addition to preparation, factors into a successful meal. However, remember that the contest's theme is not to be forgotten: "Keep It Simple, Make It Good!"

I've had the opportunity to speak with several of you over the past few weeks, and I've been very pleased to learn about all of the stuff you've been accomplishing at your patrol meetings. It seems like the patrol flags and totems will be outstanding this year. In addition, the patrol projects seem to be taking shape. Remember to get together and practice your presentation all of the way through several times before the actual presentation. Doing so will ensure a top-notch presentation

I do want to note that quite a few of you are still nervous about the Ticket. This is not uncommon; however, it can be overcome. Recall what was discussed during the first weekend and use this as your guide through finalizing your ticket. The primary focus should be your VISION. Where do you want to be in your Scouting position? How do you want to be able to summarize your contri-

butions to Scouting?

Creating your vision is not always easy, but it is certainly difficult if you first create your goals and then try to craft a vision around them...it would be like trying to sketch a portrait of someone you've never seen and then adjusting it to look like the person once you've seen them-the result is never as nearly as good as what could've been created has you known what the person looked like in advance.

Once you have your vision, then the goals are merely the steps you'll take along to path to satisfying your vision. Create at least five goals (yes, you only need five, but having an extra goal or two approved in advance works well in case a goal needs to be adjusted/ replaced while you're working on your ticket). Be sure your goals are measurable and attainable. Avoid goals that rely on the decisions of others (e.g., 100% unit attendance

at the next district camporee), if the decisions don't work in your favor, then your goal won't be attained (e.g., one unit decides to visit Williamsburg instead of attending the camporee).

Once your vision and goals are complete, write them up neatly and bring them with you to the second weekend for your Troop Guide to approve. While there will be a little bit of time to make minor adjustments to your Ticket items, that time will be limited. Of course, if you're stuck on something, please check with your Troop Guide or feel free to contact me.

In the mean time, enjoy your final preparations on your patrol flags, totems, menu items, etc. Before you know it, 7:00 on the morning of Day 4 will roll around, and you will be with your patrol in the parking lot at Camp T. Brady Saunders ready to continue on with the program. And don't forget: KISMIF!

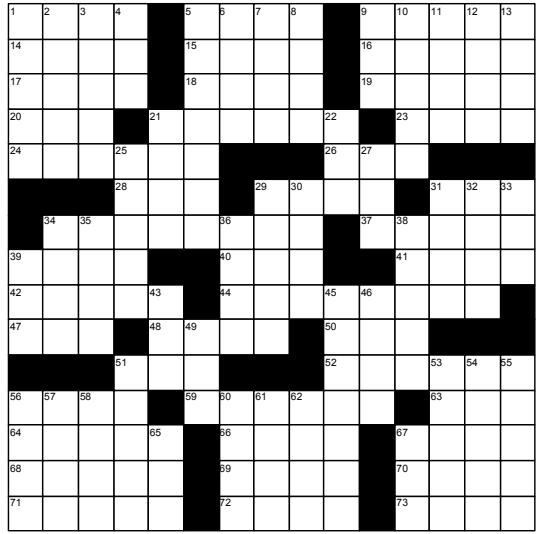
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Today's Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Talk back
- 5 Drum
- 9 BB player Kareem Jabar
- 14 Times
- 15 Pound
- 16 Saunder's campsite
- 17 Peter, for short
- 18 Charlotte Pemberton's patrol
- 19 Type of cat
- 20 Whichever
- 21 SR966 creed
- 23 Sticky black substances
- 24 ASM for Program
- 26 Extension (abbr.)
- 28 Whiz
- 29 Mongolian desert
- 31 Alpha _____ Omega
- 34 Due
- 37 Abraham's son
- 39 Island nation
- 40 Big truck
- 41 Get from the earth
- 42 Seasoning
- 44 Altering
- 47 Owl Troop Guide
- 48 _____ & Gold Banquet
- 50 Panama
- 51 Compass point
- 52 2010 Jambo location
- 56 Over
- 59 Charlotte Pemberton's ASM job
- 63 Grain
- 64 Eight
- 66 Scotsman
- 67 Space administration
- 68 Slat
- 69 Demonstration
- 70 On top
- 71 Number of beads worn by staff
- 72 A cozy room (2 wds.)
- 73 Rain buckets



DOWN

- 1 Forms flower calyx
- 2 Playing field
- 3 Half man, half goat
- 4 Compass point
- 5 Locker
- 6 Pros
- 7 Pillow covering
- 8 Lotion brand
- 9 College football conference (abbr.)
- 10 Course Director
- 11 Prima donna
- 12 Consumer
- 13 Allows
- 21 Saunder's campsite
- 22 BP's birth mo.
- 25 Epics
- 27 Roman twelve
- 29 Part of EDGE
- 30 Saunder's lake
- 31 Hurt
- 32 Put to death
- 33 Frozen water
- 34 Ancien German character
- 35 Wading bird
- 36 German "Mrs."
- 38 SR917 Scoutmaster
- 39 Calorie
- 43 Move away
- 45 Touring car
- 46 Raps lightly
- 49 Lower limb
- 51 Asst Scribe
- 53 Angry
- 54 Household cleaner brand
- 55 Sprung
- 56 Explorer unit
- 57 Pituitary hormone
- 58 Boy Scout rank
- 60 U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 61 Chilled
- 62 Stadium
- 65 Ball holder
- 67 Drowse

Solution to last issue's puzzle



Recipe Corner

Dutch Oven French Toast Casserole

I like this casserole, because unlike most French Toast Casseroles, it doesn't require you to prepare it the night before. When we're camping, I tend to forget to get breakfast going the night before as once dinner is done, I'm comfortably sitting at the campfire! This is quick and easy to make in the morning and is quite delicious!



- 1 large loaf French bread
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 1 cup milk
- 4 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 4 Tbsp. butter, cut into small pieces

Tear bread into 1-2 inch chunks. Put torn up bread in a 12" Dutch oven. Beat together all remaining ingredients, except butter. Pour over bread. Dot the top with butter. Bake with 9 coals on bottom and 15 on top. It should be done in 30-45 minutes, when eggs are set.



Ask Chuck Norris

Our ASM for Awesomeness answers your questions about life, the universe, and everything

Welcome back! Ready for weekend 2?

Of course I'm ready. I'll pretend you didn't ask that. I almost gave you a roundhouse kick for that oversight

Sorry. Did you do anything fun? I bowled with my troop.

I used to think I was a great bowler because I always bowled strikes but then I realized I was only knocking down one pin but the other nine pins would just faint.

Interesting. So no more bowling?

I still use my bowling ball quite a bit. I grab it and my waffle iron and go down to the gym to play racquetball

Right. Is there any gentler game you play?

I like Connect Four. Of course, it's hard to find competition as I can win with only three moves

Baloney! No one can win in only ... OW! SORRY!

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OWL PATROL

After spending the night having nightmares about their rocket, the Owl patrol woke up the morning of Day 3 full of excitement and energy. Maybe it was because they knew they were getting closer to the halfway point of their Wood Badge experience? Perhaps it was because they slept in an extra 10 minutes because they weren't the Service patrol that day? Either way, the patrol was looking forward to another wonderful day.

After breakfast and flags, The Owl patrol participated in the camp vespers service and training, which was led by Everett Winn. The patrol learn edabout Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code, which will provide us with knowledge that we will use during our Service project on the 2nd weekend, as well as other scouting functions.

Another presentation on the

Leading Edge provided us with the background information needed to learn from the movie October Sky. This movie gave the Owl Patrol lessons on leadership, team work, perseverance, the proper use of the term "prodigious" (Definition: exciting amazement or wonder, befitting of a prodigy), and finally, but most importantly, proper rocket building procedures. The latter being something that would have been wonderful to have the day before. After the "lovefest" that was the closing assembly, they planned there next meeting. The tired, but spirited Owls returned to their homes that night, where they immediately passed out for approximately two to three days.



BEAR PATROL

It's been two weeks since we left Gilwell Field to go home to rest and relaxation! Wrong, no bear in this Bear patrol was hibernating! Not under the leadership of our Russian Bear, Andrei Rodin. Everyone in our patrol had assignments and we were all on task. We all continue to do our troop and committee meetings and roundtables. We have started forming our vision statements and goals for our "Ticket". After watching the movie "Autumn Skies" it is clear that adults and children alike can have a positive effect on each other. The trickle down effect is so clear in scouting; we all affect each other.

Four years ago today we lost a member of the Bear Patrol from SR501, many of us thought about giving up on scouting. Fortunately we didn't give up! When I went into Roundtable

and I saw three boys I have worked with present for their Eagle Boards and one was from our old troop I knew it was worth staying in the scouting program. Seeing these boys showed me the trickle down effect. Seeing the boy who wanted to quit scouting make it to his Eagle Board on the night his Scoutmaster died reconfirmed why we all make a difference in each other's lives. It was like the Bears eating from the honey pot seeing this scout succeed, it was so sweet and so was the timing!

In memory of Scott Cahoon, SM Troop 895, SR501 Bears live on!



BUFFALO PATROL

On Day 3 the Buffalo Herd stamped their way to the Perfect Gilwell Square that is Gilwell Field. The morning ceremonies were certainly ones to remember with the Bear Patrol leaving us all roundly confused and entertained by a Russian potentate. What a creative exchange of the Service Patrol shovel!

Much time was spent formulating our second Wood Badge weekend. Menus were cooked up, campsite plans were laid out, and patrol gear was decided upon. We are looking forward to our weekend in the woods as our hypothesis is that it will be fun squared!

After taking part in the interpatrol activity, it was clear that all were no match for the Elephant patrol, who wrapped up 60 of the items on the table. I guess what they say about Ele-

phants is true.

The Day 3 Matinee was October Sky, the story of a boy who followed his dream out of his coal miner destined life to the life of a NASA engineer. Any mathematician worth their salt should love this movie! With a certain degree of rocketry involved in the movie we wondered; why we didn't get to watch this movie before we constructed our rockets? We may have worked on constructing a Delaval nozzle for maximum power (insert Tim Taylor man grunt here). In all seriousness, what a great movie to summarize and illustrate all of the tools we learned the first 3 days of the Wood Badge course.



ANTELOPE PATROL

The Antelope Patrol is on the move! Emulating their majestic mascot, the Antelope Patrol "hit the ground running" at its first patrol meeting a mere 3 days following the first SR966 Weekend. Minimizing the steps of "forming" and "storming," the "A" Team quickly began applying its diverse talents in the "norming" and "performing" stages, under the visionary leadership of Patrol Leader Tim Gaylord and Assistant Patrol Leader Wendy Starke. Each member "stepped up to the plate" to lead on a variety of assignments... patrol project, totems, flags, 2d weekend meal planning, equipment inventory, tickets, etc.

Most gratifying to each of us was the nearly "falling into place" of such a diverse team of individuals, ranging from their 30s to their 60s, each with very different work and personal

backgrounds – but all of whom were moving quickly to serve the team mission. That was particularly true at our patrol meeting, where different ideas and suggestions, particularly about the 2d weekend, merged into a concise roster and game plan. As the multitude of e-mails and discussions have ensued, each one of us has learned from the other, and "take up the slack" when one is temporarily down – knowing full well that the tables will turn again.

GO ANTELOPES!!!



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BEAVER PATROL

"Castor primoris in carmen, primoris patronus, primoris inter amicitia." This famous Latin phrase summed up the Wood badge experience for the beavers as we began day three on the hallowed fields of Gilwell at the same frenetic pace as the previous two days. Each tired beaver reflected on the events and lessons they had learned as we appreciated how fortunate we are to be participants in this incredible learning experience. Every beaver was excited to go home and reunite with their families, but each member of our patrol also understood that life-long friendships had been forged at Gilwell.

This enthusiasm was apparent each time we sang "Back to Gilwell". As the first patrol, the beavers sang with an enthusiasm that only a beaver can truly sum-

mon. Under the tutelage of our wise troop guide, Jeff DeHoff, the Beavers grew from five separate men, each working with troops or packs in the Heart of Virginia Council, to a cohesive team. "Mentor's Mentor" shared his wisdom with each of us and quietly encouraged us to do our best. We knew that we were now part of an elite group of Scouters; challenged by the prospect of developing a ticket to take this training home to improve our own scouting units.

As we left on day three, each beaver knew they had been part of something great and eagerly planned for the next weekend at Gilwell. Each beaver living that famous Latin phrase, "Beavers – first in song, first patrol, first in friendship."



BOBWHITE PATROL

Greetings to all the patrols of Troop 1. I hope everyone is well. Write something about Day 3 we are told. Day 3, Day 1, Day 2 – was there really a separation? Our Wood Badge training weekend reminded me of the great celebrations of the Roman Empire when parties lasted for days, even weeks, with no distinction of days. Eat, drink, be merry, vomit. Although I did not hear of any incidents of vomiting, there was plenty of eating, drinking, and merry making and I can not imagine the Romans having had more fun than we did – and we didn't even have any ambrosia (or did we?).

Of course, with the theme being, "Fun With a Purpose," we left on Sunday, not only filled with popcorn and cake – and lots of coffee – but we also left with a plethora of information

designed to help us to be better people, better leaders, and better citizens.

Surely all of Troop 1 is looking forward to our return to Gilwell, Happy Land. I know the Bobwhites, Texas Rangers are. Chuck Norris would be proud.



EAGLE PATROL

The first days of Wood Badge came and went; a flurry of activity that left us excited, anxious, a little tired. Day two we discussed the stages of team development. It was interesting to watch these stages play out before our very eyes.

Day one, getting to know one another, identifying our goals as a patrol. Day two we learned that our interactions as a patrol could be classified into stages; yesterday we were "forming"; we're supposed to "be at odds" with one another at some point? As we discussed our projects, be it building rockets or the presentation for day five, we could see that we each brought different but valuable perspectives to our discussions. The test for us would be to channel these differences towards our common goals; the best rocket, an effective presentation, getting the

meal plan in under budget.

Welcome day three, where this began to take place. Through meetings, formal and informal, we began to pull together our ideas. Ideas would be our fuel as we began to "come around", "norming", accelerating towards our common goals. As we collaborated, it became obvious, some were graphically talented, were great speakers, or great listeners. But we were learning to use these differences as strengths. They did not drive us further apart but brought us closer together as a cohesive unit. The rocket flew, the presentation took shape, the meal plan...well, the rocket flew. It's onward and upward for the Eagle patrol.



FOX PATROL

Foxes rose to another wonderful Gilwell day after dreams of Wood badge danced in our head. During the morning's Gilwell Field Assembly we had the changing of the Service Patrols. The Golden Shovel and a bunch of brooms were passed over to us with the instruction to not "rush in" to anything as there were already enough Russians here.

After the morning assembly and opening ceremonies were complete, our Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Chaplain Aide Everett Winn led a very inspirational Interfaith Worship Service with his message of "Thy Rod and Thy Staff They Comfort Me" and described how the his walking staffs have comforted him in both his daily and spiritual life.

Before the start of the next session on Conservation and the project that will be worked on at

the next meeting of SR-966, the Foxes were awarded the "Most likely to be Involved in Litigation" award, as our rocket from Saturday hit the ground after a tremendous flight and broke apart on landing, rather hitting the ground that is, hard!

Then the den of Sly Foxes settled down and relaxed while taking in the movie "October Sky". The movie shows the different Leading EDGE and Teaching EDGE principles taught this weekend. After the movie and decision on the principles applied in the movie the foxes also noted "Great Popcorn." We bet that this is Trails-end popcorn. Those quartermasters ... they think of everything!



Today's Photos

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New Patrol Leaders take their oath



Oh my ... this is not going to end well



Two former OA Lodge Chiefs demonstrate Scout courtesy



John Turner comes to hand out his shiny rockets



The Eagle Patrol really loves their soda



What are those sly Foxes up to now?



Phillip Mumford gives participants that extra EDGE!



Lois diligently takes notes during the EDGE presentation



A couple of Antelopes herd together during a break



Charlie ponders the events of the day thus far



While her patrol memorizes, Cindy captures the moment



Troop Guides tally up the scores



You're smiling now ... but that name will be yours forever



The Big Brain Trust discusses WB courses present & future



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