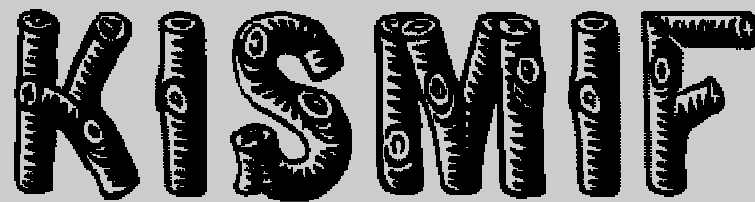


# Schedule & Field Notes

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## Staff Development Meeting 1 Schedule

<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Optional Breakfast</b> Bring your own or eat before you come	(Bill, Harry)	<b>2:10pm</b>	<b>Leading EDGE / Teaching EDGE</b> Feedback	(Phillip) (All)
<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Opening/Invocation</b>	(Everett)	<b>3:10pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>7:35am</b>	<b>Welcome and Quick Review</b> Welcome and course news Report feedback from last meeting ASM-TG update ASM-S update Agenda for the day	(Mark) (Craig) (Mark) (Charlotte) (Bill) (Mark)	<b>3:20pm</b>	<b>Support Issues</b> (looking ahead) Quartermaster Scribe	(Bill) (Harry) (Steve)
<b>7:50am</b>	<b>Values, Mission, Vision / Ticket</b> Feedback and discussion of ticket concepts	(Mark, Bill) (All)	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Discussion of keepsakes</b>	(Craig)
<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Break</b>		<b>4:10pm</b>	<b>Review of Day Three</b> Gilwell Interfaith Worship Troop Meeting Patrol Leaders Council meeting Break-down Closing Gilwell	(Mark) (Scott) (Everett) (Scott) (Harry) (Scott)
<b>9:20am</b>	<b>Review of Day One</b> Check-in Activities during check-in/TG topic Gilwell Blue and Gold Crossover / Troop Meeting Patrol Leaders Council meeting Opening Campfire	(Mark) (Bill) (Everett, TG) (Mark) (Mark) (Scott) (Scott) (Catherine)	<b>5:20pm</b>	<b>Stop, Start, Continue</b>	(Mark, Craig)
<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Stages of Team Development</b> Feedback	(Hutch, Steve) (All)	<b>5:35pm</b>	<b>Scoutmaster's Minute</b>	(Craig)
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; small team huddles</b>	(FQM)	<b>5:36pm</b>	<b>Back to Gilwell</b>	(Scott)
<b>12:40pm</b>	<b>Review of Day Two</b> Gilwell & Troop Meeting Patrol Leaders Council meeting Patrol Chaplain's Aides meeting Rockets Wood Badge Game Show Win All You Can Flag retirement ceremony	(Mark) (Scott) (Scott) (Everett) (Mark) (Craig) (Craig) (Harry)	<b>5:40pm to 6:00pm</b>	<b>Goodnight</b> Don't kick too many rocks in the parking lot	



## Gadsden Flag



In fall 1775, the United States Navy was established to intercept incoming British ships carrying war supplies to the British troops in the colonies. To aid in this, the Second Continental Congress authorized the mustering of five companies of Marines to accompany the Navy on their first mission. The first Marines that

enlisted were from Philadelphia and they carried drums painted yellow, depicting a coiled rattlesnake with thirteen rattles, and the motto "Don't Tread On Me." This is the first recorded mention of the future Gadsden flag's symbolism.

At the Congress, Continental Colonel Christopher Gadsden was representing his home state of South Carolina. He was one of three members of the Marine Committee who were outfitting the first naval mission. It is unclear whether Gadsden took his inspiration from the Marines' drums, or if he inspired them himself.

Before the departure of that first mission, the newly appointed commander-in-chief of the Navy, Commodore Esek Hopkins, received the yellow rattlesnake flag described above from Gadsden to serve as his distinctive personal standard.

## Baden-Powell's Last Message to 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 now 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.

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from 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 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 come 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" in this 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 do it.

"All the News That Fits"

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WOOD BADGE COURSE SR966, HEART OF VIRGINIA COUNCIL

SDM1 Edition

Today, dry and warm under mostly sunny skies, high 91. Tonight, clear and muggy but dry, low 66. Tomorrow, partly sunny with chance of late-day storm, high 88.

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Priceless

## SR966 STAFF CAN SHARE EXPERIENCES WITH FL "SISTER COURSE"

### SR965 ON SIMILAR TIMELINE

By STEVE HUTCHINSON

PORT ORANGE, FL — The Scribe staff thought it would be interesting (and fun!) to establish some ties to a "sister course" that was being held around the same time ours was so started looking at the other SR96x courses. We discovered a course that isn't just sequentially close in course number but the dates are close as well.

Wood Badge SR965 is being conducted by the Central Florida Council at Camp LaNoChe in Paisley, FL on the weekends of September 18-20 and October 2-4. We contacted Course Director, Debbie Long.

"I think it is always a great idea to share ideas and what you are doing" said Debbie in a recent email.

This will be the eighth (!) Wood Badge course that Debbie has staffed including both the old course as well as Wood Badge for 21st Century. She brings a wealth of experience with her as she has served as a Troop Guide three times as well as ASM for Program, ASM for Facilities, Assistant Quartermaster, and Assistant Scribe! Debbie is someone who certainly knows her way around Gilwell Field.

Over the coming weeks and months, we'll be sharing information about what's going on with the SR965 guys in Florida, posting copies of their Gilwell Gazettes, swapping stories and tips, and even sharing some memorabilia like patches, hats, trinkets, etc. Look for an SR965 update to become a regular feature in the Gilwell Gazette as well as on the SR966 blog!



CATHERINE HARDING / GILWELL GAZETTE

## Humility Not Essential for Wood Badge Course Director

### Craig Britt Praises Self for Selecting All-Star Staff, Challenges Team to Deliver Mountaintop Experience

By CATHERINE HARDING

RICHMOND — "My first job was to assemble a staff. I did a great job."

With bold words and a healthy dose of self-esteem, Craig Britt, Course Director for Wood Badge course SR966 opened the first Staff Development Meeting, SDMO. The remainder of the meeting followed Craig's tongue-in-cheek assertion as he set the standards he expected from the assembled staff of 23.

"We promised a mountaintop experience. We will deliver that promise." Craig reminded the staff that the 48 participants will take the knowledge and inspiration they receive from the course back to their Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing units to impact the lives of the youth they serve. He challenged his team to provide creative, personal presentations that come alive and energize the members of the patrols.

He then provided an object

lesson in stimulating presentations by beginning a painfully dull course overview, complete with a power point slide proclaiming Wood Badge would be "Fun". The staff yawned through Craig's model at first, but his natural enthusiasm could not be suppressed and by the end of his talk, there was laughter and a raucous round of party horn blowing. KISMIF was back.

Craig shared that the idea of using "Keep it simple, make it fun" as the overriding principle behind SR966 hearkened back to his days as a Cub Scout leader, entertaining and motivating a den of boys each week for several years.

"Keeping it simple and fun reduces the stress for everybody." Of course, sometimes the appearance of the course being simple is all that can be attained.

"We'll use the Duck Theory: calm above water, but paddling furiously below the surface."

In his trademark style, Craig amused and rallied his team, giving them inspiration and

## SR966 Staffers Honored with District Awards

### Four Staffers Recently Earn District Awards of Merit

By STEVE HUTCHINSON

RICHMOND — If anyone was looking for proof of the high caliber of the staffers assembled to lead SR966, they needed to look no further than this year's District Award of Merit recipients for the Huguenot Trail and Cardinal districts.

Some of our staffers had to miss the Huguenot Trail District Awards Dinner that was held on May 20th, the same night as our staff orientation meeting. However, we were treated to a surprise visit by Huguenot Trail district committee members who presented Troop Guide Cindy Morris and SPL Scott Street with the District Award of Merit.

Just a little over a week later on May 28th, two more SR966 staffers were similarly honored at the Cardinal District Awards Dinner as Troop Guide Ron Alexander and Assistant Scribe Steve Busic also each received the coveted District Award of Merit.

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a district can present to its volunteers. It is awarded to those that have provided outstanding service to Scouting in the District.

Congratulations to our staffers. You're doing us proud!

praise from beginning to end.

"At the start of this, I was given advice by a 4-Beader (one who has previously served as a Wood Badge Course Director). That advice was 'Have a vision and put together a great staff.' I've done that."

OPINION A2

### Dream Catcher

Course Director Debbie Long shares the story and the symbolism behind their choice of a dream catcher as the logo for SR965.

SCOUTING LORE A6

### A Gang of Boys

Read all about how Baden-Powell used the natural desire of boys to form gangs to create the building block for the Scouting program.

FIELD NOTES A8

### A Most Happy Life

That's how Robert Baden-Powell summed up his experiences with Scouting as he shared his thoughts in his "Last Message to Scouts."

### Get social with us online!

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CRAIG BRITT, SR966 Course Director

Founded in 1976

- BILL HUDSON, (1976)
- KENNY DAVIS, (1978)
- JIM COCHRAN, SE-422 (1986)
- TED MAJEWSKI, SE-499 (1989)
- GEORGE CRUTCHFIELD, SE-547 (1990)
- JIM COCHRAN, SE-594 (1992)
- BETTY COCHRAN, SR058 (1994)
- MIKE OXFORD, SR172 (1996)
- JOE PEACE, SR267 (1998)
- BOB RASMUSSEN, SR373 (2000)
- JOHN TURNER, SR501 (2002)
- STUART DUNN, SR604 (2003)
- RANDY HARRIS, SR677 (2005)
- GARY BRYANT, SR769 (2006)
- KARREN STREAGLE, SR809 (2007)
- CHUCK SMITH, SR917 (2008)

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- STEVE HUTCHINSON, Scribe & TechnoGeek
- CATHERINE HARDING, Associate Scribe & Wildlife Photographer
- STEVE BUSIC, Associate Scribe & Chaperone

### The Business Management

- MARK LARSON, Asst. Scoutmaster for Program
- BILL EGGLESTON, Asst. Scoutmaster for Support
- CHARLOTTE PEMBERTON, Asst. Scoutmaster for Troop Guides
- CHUCK NORRIS, Asst. Scoutmaster for Awesomeness
- SCOTT STREET, Senior Patrol Leader
- EVERETT WINN, ASPL & Chaplain's Aide
- PHILLIP MUMFORD, Professional Staff Advisor
- KARREN STREAGLE, Course Mentor

### The Quartermaster Staff

- HARRY DAVIS, Friendly Quartermaster
- MIKE ANDREW, Quartermaster Staff
- GREG BRESSON, Quartermaster Staff
- REY HALLION, Quartermaster Staff

### The Troop Guides

- RON ALEXANDER, Troop Guide
- ROBIN CHANDLER, Troop Guide
- SHAWN COFFEY, Troop Guide
- JEFF DEHOFF, Troop Guide
- KEITH DOWLER, Troop Guide
- JOHN LONG, Troop Guide
- CINDY MORRIS, Troop Guide
- LES THORPE, Troop Guide

## Training, Training, Training!

Almost 100 years ago, in Scouting History, Lord Baden-Powell had a conversation with a gentleman named Will F. de Bois MacLaren. Mr. MacLaren asked what the three most important needs in Scouting were. Baden-Powell replied, "Training, Training, Training!"

The result was that Mr. MacLaren gave Gilwell Park to the British Scouting Association to be a national training center. In September of 1919, 25 adult Scouters attended the first Wood Badge Course in Gilwell Park!

Since that time, Wood Badge has been the premiere adult training program for Scouters around the world. The Axe & Log and the Beads are a uni-

versally recognized symbol for trained leaders in every country that has Scouting!

Your decision to staff this high quality and dynamic training program demonstrates a dedication to serving our youth and developing our adults into confident and skilled leaders. Staffing a Wood Badge course is an intense leadership experience that should challenge you and build your people skills to make you a better person.

As we meet throughout the summer months, use this time well to develop yourself and build strong friends for a lifetime of fellowship as a Wood Badge Staffer! Your time, energies and resources will be greatly rewarded!

Editorial Observer / DEBBIE LONG

## Tradition, Honor, Vision, and Spirit

Debbie Long is Course Director for our sister course, SR965

SR965 has chosen a proud and historical emblem for its logo. Dream catchers are one of the most fascinating traditions of Native Americans. The traditional dream catcher was intended to protect the sleeping individual from negative dreams, while letting positive dreams through. The positive dreams would slip through the hole in the center of the dream catcher, and glide down the feathers to the sleeping person below. The negative dreams would get caught up in the web, and expire when the first rays of the sun light struck them.

Our dream catcher has all of the traditional elements plus some with additional meanings. The eagle feathers represent the boys in the scouting program and the highest rank that we all want them to achieve. There are four of them representing the

different programs in Scouting: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing and Sea Scouts. There is a word on each of the feathers that are our guidelines for this course: Tradition, Honor, Vision, and Spirit.

Tradition. This is the 90th anniversary of the first Wood Badge conducted by Lord Robert Baden-Powell at Gilwell Park in England. We still strive today to train and give our adult leaders the tools to provide the best program they can to all of our youth. Wood Badge has many time honored traditions and will be using them throughout the course.

Honor. One of the most respected virtues that we can in-



still in ourselves and each other. Our military members live this each and everyday and we as Scouters should always reflect it.

Vision. I have a direction for this course, to provide the

best training program for all of our participants. For them to go back to their units and share the knowledge they have learned and complete their tickets. I want both participants and staff have that mountaintop experience which will be remembered for a lifetime.

Spirit. The Scouting spirit is in the hearts of all of us and burns ever brighter when it is fed. The spirit of Wood Badge is the fuel for that fire. At the center of our dream catcher is a

## PETA Protests

To the Editor:

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), denounce the traditional friendly ridicule given the Bobwhite patrol members in Wood Badge courses across the Central Virginia area.

Our new taskforce, the Stop Offending Bobwhites campaign (SOB), shows there's nothing funny about threatening to eat members of Bobwhite patrols. Even if they are juicy and deliciously meaty ... wait ... can we edit that?

Bobwhites learn early on in the course that they have to stick together, almost like a flock, or they'll be torn apart by the other patrols. The Eagles, Foxes, Bears, Owls, just about everyone but the Beavers want a piece of them. Even the Buffaloes and Antelopes keep stepping on them – and they're supposed to be vegetarians!

On the plus side, while the rest of the patrols are wasting time storming, Bobwhites watch out for each other right from the get go.

ROBERTO BLANCO  
Richmond, Va., June 15, 2009

## Critterscopes

### Beaver

Your creativity will be at an all-time high today. Take advantage of this by purchasing a second, larger bag of Popsicle sticks.

### Bobwhite

You will finally settle into that cute little red-brick house this week, but beware: The wolves have made great strides recently in the field of huff-and-puff technology.

### Eagle

Earth magick is strong in the Eagle patrol this month. However, it is only useful for getting out those tough stains.

### Fox

Life will continue to feel like a juggling act this week when you're forced to balance work, family, three plastic rings, a bowling pin, one of those soft juggling balls, two chainsaws, and your team meeting.

### Owl

For reasons known only to the stars, your next three weeks will be drab, joyless and utterly without a source of quality jokes and satire.

### Bear

Frankly, the stars don't understand what your problem is with calamari. So what if it's tentacles? It's delicious! Eat it already!

### Buffalo

The stars were considering warning you about next Friday, but they've decided it would be funnier if you found out about the goats yourself.

### Antelope

In your explanation to the EMTs, you get no further than the part where you were "just trying to get the badger back into the mason jar."

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



A Webelos Scout told his friend:

"My den leader sure does like me. I heard him tell another leader that it would be the happiest day of his life when I crossed over into the Boy Scouts."

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



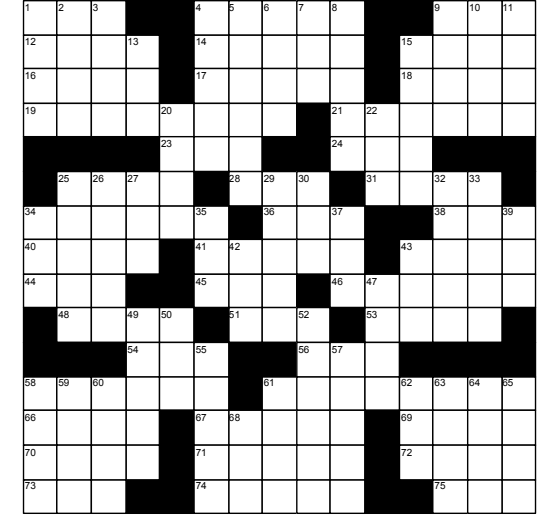
# Lifestyles

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## Today's Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Alternative (abbr.)
- 4 Loads
- 9 Tempo
- 12 Fibs
- 14 Cherished
- 15 Lotion ingredient
- 16 Far away
- 17 Fearing
- 18 Shoppers need
- 19 Paid your Wood Badge fee
- 21 Explodes
- 23 Moray
- 24 Scott, for short
- 25 Cereal ingredient
- 28 Acid drug
- 31 Sock's partner
- 34 Author of "Wuthering Heights"
- 36 Bunny movement
- 38 Knock
- 40 Covered with ice
- 41 General Ulysses
- 43 Company symbol
- 44 Snacked
- 45 Furniture wood
- 46 Ancient (2 wds.)
- 48 Dorothy's dog
- 51 What you want to do to Rowland, sometimes
- 53 Pronghorn, for short
- 54 Rowland's patrol
- 56 Shoshonean
- 58 Shakesporean city
- 61 Craig Britt's job
- 66 Teen hero
- 67 Type of cheese
- 69 Farm building
- 70 Aegis
- 71 Had
- 72 Seethe
- 73 New Jersey's neighbor
- 74 Hearing, for example
- 75 Deer



### DOWN

- 1 Winged
- 2 Boy Scout rank
- 3 Varsity unit
- 4 List of candidates
- 5 The P in BP
- 6 Eager
- 7 Number of SR966 Key Staffers
- 8 Teaching and Leading
- 9 Radar target
- 10 Explorer unit
- 11 Baseball team
- 13 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 15 Bobwhite's "thumb"
- 20 Home for 2nd WB weekend
- 22 Revolutions per minute
- 25 Course Director
- 26 Juliet's boyfriend
- 27 One of these
- 29 Greatest Zulu Leader
- 30 Wear
- 32 Boy Scout unit
- 33 Catherine Harding's patrol
- 34 Women's undergarment
- 35 Self
- 37 School group
- 39 Pea holder
- 42 Remnant
- 43 Sign of the zodiac
- 47 Satisfaction
- 49 WB theme: \_\_\_ of the Trade
- 50 Hold
- 52 Charlotte Pemberton's ASM job
- 55 Capital of Nigeria
- 57 WB theme: Tools of the \_\_\_
- 58 Contended
- 59 Inch
- 60 Churn
- 61 SR604 Scoutmaster
- 62 Central Standard Time
- 63 Equal
- 64 Tub spread
- 65 Capital of Italy
- 68 To be in debt



## Ask Chuck Norris

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

### It's been a while. Anything interesting happen this past month?

Yeah. You know how some people get lucky and kill two birds with one stone? Last week I killed four birds with half a stone.

### Um ... there's no such thing as "half a stone."

Those four dead birds didn't think so either. .

### Okay. How about entertainment? Any more movies in your future?

Definitely. I was reading a couple of scripts while finishing up my scenes in *Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen*

### Really? I didn't know you were in that one.

I was the stunt double for Optimus Prime. In fact, they're running a promotion with McDonald's now so you can get an even larger size than the Super-size. When ordering, just ask to be Chuck-sized.

# Scouting Lore

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## WOOD BADGE ELEMENTS

### The First US Wood Badge Scoutmaster

To familiarize the United States with Wood Badge, John Skinner Wilson, Gilwell Park Camp Chief, came from England to provide a Rover Scout Wood Badge Course for BSA at New Jersey's Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation.

Bill Hillcourt was a member of the Burnham Patrol on that WB Course, May 12-20, 1936. Four days later, May 24 to June 3, 1936, Bill was the Staff Troop Leader and "Dog's Body" (Senior Patrol Leader) for a second course. It qualified Bill to receive his WB Beads in 1939, and to become the national Deputy Camp Chief of the United States.

Early in 1948, the new Scout Executive who had replaced Dr. James E. West, appointed four national Staffers to get Wood Badge underway as a national training standard.

These four national Professional Staffers decided from the start that two BSA Wood Badge courses would be run in 1948. William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt was the Scoutmaster for both.



## History of the Patrol System

The principles of the Patrol System were first introduced by the Founder, Baden-Powell, when he was with the British Army in India. The system he devised enabled soldiers to operate in small groups and use their own initiative within the overall plan of campaign.

To advance the idea within the Army B-P wrote a small book and at the same time practical that many members of the teaching profession adapted these principles to teaching.

When the Movement was founded and Scouting for Boys was published, the Patrol System became one of the basic elements of Scouting. The Patrol System not only gave a real adventure aspect to the program and responsibility to boys themselves, but it also blended perfectly with the natural desire in boys to form into gangs in their neighborhoods and schools. It was these very gangs which met in the streets who spontaneously formed themselves into Patrols and started Scouting.

What was it then which so appealed to boys and accounted for the phenomenal growth of the Movement? It was a combination of the appeal of real adventure offered by the program, coupled with the challenge it offered to the "Gang" to plan its own activities and to be responsible to itself for discipline, without interference from adults.

The Patrol System on its own will not work because of itself. For the Patrol System to have

meaning, adventure must be supplied also.

The Patrol System allows boys to form themselves into self-selected gangs and allows members of the Patrol to choose their own boy leader.

The Patrol and the Patrol Leader carry a responsibility to plan and conduct the activities and to take care of discipline within the Patrol. Each Patrol must know the fun of planning and executing its own adventures, it must make its own decisions and learn to profit by its own mistakes.

Thus, collectively, the Patrols are responsible for Troop standards and behavior. Responsibility for this falls squarely on the shoulders of the Patrol Leader, although each member of the Patrol must play his part.

When the first Scout Patrols were formed, there was no such thing as a Scoutmaster, but boys soon found they needed help and advice from someone older in order to carry out the more adventurous activities.

It is important that each Patrol makes its own plans and works out its own problems; turning only to the Troop Scouters for advice, new ideas and guidance: someone who can do things for them which are beyond the Patrol's powers.

You also need Patrol Spirit, that element that gets zip and go into everything the Patrol sets out to do. With Patrol spirit a Patrol becomes strong and permanent. Without it a Patrol is just a bunch of boys.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Richmond's WWI Scouts Respond to "Scout Call"

During World War I, Scouts in the Richmond area were available to the governor through Scout Call, a special code of fire bells in case of emergency. The signal was 7-8-9. One Saturday afternoon, shortly after war was declared, Governor Stuart issued a surprise drill, sending out a note to the fire department's electrician ordering the Scout Emergency Alarm.

Within 40 minutes the Capitol steps had filled with 700 to 800 boys in ranks, marched in by their deputy commissioners and Scoutmasters and "pledged their services in any emergency which may arise in the war between the United States and Germany."

The governor appeared and commended all present for speed and efficiency, adding that he would depend on their use if needed. No such need appears in the records of the day.

### First "Local Jamboree"

In 1964, the Robert E. Lee Council held the 50th Anniversary Council-Rama to bring the scope of the jamboree to every Scout, not just a "fortunate few" who could afford to attend those far-flung assemblages.

5,000 Scouts pitched 3,000 tents at Strawberry Hill where Scouts spent three days plying the gamut of Scouting skills and fellowship with other Scouts.

AMERICA'S FIRST COUNCIL JAMBOREE  
ROBERT E. LEE



APRIL 24-25-26, 1964  
Atlantic Rural Exposition Grounds  
Richmond, Virginia



William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt's Totem became a circle with "WILLIAM HILLCOURT" as its circumference; "Bill" was handwritten at an angle over a PL's two green bars inside the circle; at its bottom, two leather throngs came out of a WB Woggle; the left one held three beads and the right one, two beads -- Bill was a "5-Beader"!

# Patrol Reports

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BEAVER PATROL

Eight adult Beavers seek Beloved Beaver Boss. We pine for a Troop Guide who is eager and being wet behind the ears is actually considered a plus. The ideal candidate possesses a background in civil engineering, forest management, or dentistry and enjoys late night lumberjacking. Applicant must have strong swimming skills, be able to play "La Macarena" on the kazoo, and carry on the Wood Badge tradition of Beavers being first.

Famous Beavers include Mahatma Ghandi and SR966 Course Mentor Karren Streagle.

If you believe you are the right person for this position, we want to hear from you! Especially your kazoo.



BOBWHITE PATROL

Small flock of leaders seeks guidance (and some protection). Troop Guide for Bobwhite patrol needed to assist with bullying from predators and to help finally win the Rocket Building competition. It is a common misconception that we are the least loved patrol. We are actually very popular, but that is mostly due to our plump and tender breast meat.

Typing skills are not necessarily required (hunting and pecking is adequate), but fluency in fowl language is a must.

There have been several Bobwhites who have flown in the face of their own nature and stood out: SR966 Troop Guide Robin Chandler as well as Levi Strauss.

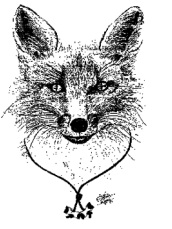


EAGLE PATROL

Over-achieving individuals with hair issues need assistance in becoming a cohesive team. Eagles are at the top of the organizational charts, but apparently need help solving the perplexing Wiggle Woggle challenge.

The Troop Guide who would make the best fit for our proud patrol likes to catch fish, deface images of Benjamin Franklin, and has a pilot's license.

Past Eagles who have soared above the rest are James Watt (inventor of the steam engine, not that other guy) and SR966 Assistant Friendly Quartermaster Greg Bresson.



FOX PATROL

The fun loving Fox Patrol is looking for a new Alpha to lead the pack. We are into staying up late at night, plucking at the Bobwhite patrol, and winning all WE can. You must be good-looking, sly and an excellent listener. Redheads preferred and the ability to raid chicken coops is a plus, but not as essential as your top score on Tetris.

Some notable foxes include Sir Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington and SR 966 Troop Guide, Ron Alexander.



OWL PATROL

While usually solitary, the laid back members of the Owl Patrol are on the look-out for a team leader who shares our passion for working the third shift, reading, and asking questions. Experience with winning the Zulu Toss game is a must, and limbo skills are highly desired. Those suffering from nyctophobia (fear of the dark) need not apply.

The Owl Troop Guide can look forward to acquiring new skills such as being able to look over their own shoulder and a 270-degree field of vision.

Owl Patrol members of note: SR Troop Guide Shawn Coffey and Christopher Marlowe.



BEAR PATROL

The Bears are digging around for a Troop Guide to help them in their never-ending quest to find more food and cozy living spaces, and develop innovative ways to prevent forest fires. Goals for the Bear Patrol during this Wood Badge course include earning the Golden Spoon awards (all of them), and taking naps -- really, really long naps. Sound sleepers will fit right in, as will applicants with an extensive collection of cookbooks. Beekeepers are especially encouraged to apply.

Among our more illustrious patrol members are SR966 Asst. Senior Patrol Leader and Chaplain's Aide Everett Winn and inventor Nikola Tesla.



BUFFALO PATROL

The Buffalo patrol is looking for a leader who avoids discouraging words but would be happy spending an afternoon watching the deer and the antelope play under cloudless skies. In return, the patrol promises you would have a great group of leaders who won't quit even when the chips are down.

A successful Buffalo Troop Guide should have advanced moseying and wallowing skills and enjoy sweeping majestically across vast plains. Must also look good in a shaggy, long, dark brown winter coat.

Other Buffaloes who are out standing in their field include Adolphus Greely but, sadly, no one on the SR966 staff.



ANTELOPE PATROL

The Antelopes are looking for a leader of their herd. The ideal Troop Guide for this patrol would be fleet of foot, quick-thinking, an be able to speed across the camp at the first sign of danger. Prancing ability is a plus (see SR809 staffer Michael Lynch for proper prancing procedure ... or just look him up on YouTube).

The Antelope Troop Guide should also have excellent interpersonal skills. You seldom see an Antelope alone as they naturally congregate with others of their kind at almost any Scouting event.

The Lope Leader will join such esteemed company as former Antelopes John Denver and SR966 ASM for Program, Mark Larson.

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Who can save us?  
Flava Street to the rescue!



They can bear no more!



A small herd of rare  
Singing Antelopes



The first SR966  
Troop Guide Meeting



A perfect Gilwell Square!



Just because we can't sing,  
doesn't mean we won't!



Toaster



Bill Eggleston ...  
ASM for Stuff