

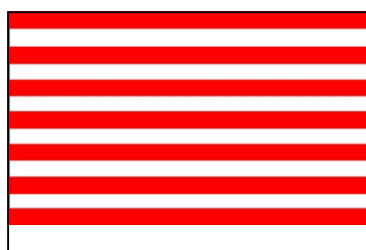
Schedule & Field Notes

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Staff Development Meeting 2 Schedule

7:00am	Optional Breakfast Bring your own or eat before you come	(Bill, Harry)	12:30pm	Review of Day Five Include reading following historic flag	(Mark)
7:30am	Opening/Invocation	(Scott/Everett)	1:15pm	Conservation Project Planning Feedback	(Greg) (All)
7:35am	Welcome and Review since SDM1 Welcome and course update Red Team update Green Team update Blue Team update Agenda for the day	(Mark) (Craig) (Charlotte) (Bill) (Scott) (Mark)	1:50pm	Break	
7:48am	Song: "America the Beautiful"	(Scott)	2:00pm	October Sky Selected movie clips (20 min) Movie debrief (15 min) Feedback (10 min)	(Rey) (Hutch) (Rey) (All)
7:50am	Inclusiveness Feedback	(Harry)	2:45pm	FQM & Scribe Stuff	(Bill, Harry, & Hutch)
8:35am	Review of Day Four Include discussion of working with Venturers	(Mark)	3:10pm	Review of Day Six Include reading following historic flag	(Mark)
9:20am	Break		3:40pm	Break	
9:28am	Song: "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean"	(Scott)	3:45pm	Instructional campfire (draft review)	(Catherine)
9:30am	Frontend Alignment & TG Debrief	(Scott & 3 TG)	4:15pm	Re-review of Day One	(Mark)
9:55am	Project Planning Feedback	(Bill) (All)	4:45pm	Review agenda for SDM3	(Mark)
10:45am	Zulu Toss & TG Debrief Concurrent setup for skit	(Scott & 3 TG) (Mark & 1 QM)	5:15pm	Stop, Start, Continue	(All)
11:05am	B&G Skit: "Legends of Scouting"	(Hutch)	5:40pm	Scoutmaster's Minute	(Craig)
11:20am	B&G Skit: "Cubmaster Joe"	(Everett/Mike)	5:41pm	Back to Gilwell	(Scott)
11:45am	Lunch and small team huddles	(FQM Staff)	5:45pm	Team meetings	
			6:00pm	Close Council Office	

Liberty Flag



In the years leading up to the American Revolution groups known as The Sons of Liberty formed throughout the colonies to protest against British rule. Their flag became known as the Liberty Flag. The flag took on several variations with two versions proving to be most popular. One contained 13 horizontal red & white stripes representing the 13 colonies. The other contained 9 vertical red & white stripes representing the 9 original colonies that first protested against the British through the Stamp Act of Congress in 1765.

Liberty flags were flown from Liberty Trees or Liberty Poles in towns throughout the colonies signifying a location at which those opposed to the British could meet with like minded colonists. The most famous of these was the Boston Liberty Tree. This tree was a magnificent elm that stood on the common green. During British occupation of the city the tree was cut down used for firewood to spite the opposition. Today you can find one of the original Liberty Flags on permanent display in the Old Boston State House.

Baden-Powell on Teacup Storms

"I SHAN'T play any more in your yard," was the refrain of a charming song, which was very typical of the child who does not, after all, like the way the game is played, so it "cuts off its nose to spite its face," and goes and tries for another game elsewhere, or goes and "tells Mother."

It makes the grown-up onlooker smile, but the grown-up himself is not always free from the same sort of self-centred conceit.

I have frequently figured in the part of "mother," and it is almost beyond belief that grown-up, or nearly grown-up, men can take little matters so seriously and so narrowly as some of them do. If they had only a sense of humor, or had a slightly wider range of view, so that they could see the other side of the question or its greater aim, they, too, would smile at the littleness of it all.

As "mother" I was appealed to the other day in a case which was evidently considered of vast importance by the contending parties, but which would have seemed ridiculously simple to an outsider who saw both sides and the higher motive which was supposed to be their joint aim.

My reply to them was one which might apply to many similar cases where the contestants cannot at once see the right line to take. It was this:

"It is curious to me that men who profess to be good Christians often forget, in a difficulty of this kind, to ask themselves the simple question, 'What would Christ have done under the circumstances?' and be guided accordingly."

Try it next time you are in any difficulty or doubt as to how to proceed.

"All the News
That Fits"

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Priceless

SR966 STAFF PREPARE FOR 1ST WEEKEND AT SDM1 MEETING

COVERED DAYS 1-3

By STEVE HUTCHINSON

RICHMOND, VA — The staff of SR966 held their second "all hands" meeting on Saturday, June 27th.

It was the first all day Staff Development Meeting known as SDM1. The purpose of the meeting was to allow staff to practice their presentations as well as cover in depth the schedule and activities that will take place during the first weekend of the course on September 18-20.

After a quick welcome from Mark Larson, he and Bill Eggleston made their presentations on "Values, Mission, and Vision" and the Wood Badge Ticket.

Mark then led a 90-minute review of all Day One activities which was followed by Scribes Steve Hutchinson and Steve Busic presenting "Stages of Team Development" where we saw them storming pretty good.

A great lunch was followed by another 90-minute session to cover everything on Day Two. Phillip Mumford then did a presentation on "Leading EDGE / Teaching EDGE" that also featured Karren Stregale racing to post items on the wall.

After a quick break, the Quartermaster and Scribe staff talked about their specific needs and fielded questions from the rest of the team. That was followed by a discussion about staff gifts and keepsakes. Afterwards, we had our last 70-minute session to cover the activities of Day Three.

The meeting wrapped up with a Scoutmaster Minute and a rousing Gilwell Song.



Troop Guides Receive Eagerly Anticipated Patrol Assignments

By CATHERINE HARDING

RICHMOND — As Day One of Wood Badge Course SR966 draws ever nearer, a major component of the staff preparation has been completed with the announcement by Course Director Craig Britt of the Troop Guide Patrol assignments.

Taking the first few minutes of the opening Troop Guide presentation practice session to distribute envelopes containing their patrol assignments to the Guides, Craig finally brought an end to the speculation among not only the Troop Guides, but the rest of the staff as well.

Jeff DeHoff, an Owl, was named the Beaver Troop Guide and immediately began showing off his incisors.

It's first-time staff member and Council Camping Director Dickie Coffey's better half Shawn Coffey who will preen her crest and help her Bobwhite patrol achieve greatness while Cindy Hunt Morris, a recipient of the 2009 Huguenot Trail District

Award of Merit and Wood Badge Eagle, will soar even higher by leading the Eagle patrol through SR966.

Bobwhite Robin Chandler laughed at suggestions that she dye the tip of her trademark ponytail white to let everyone know she'll be leading the Fox patrol in the upcoming course.

Les Thorpe, an Antelope from SR501, the first Wood Badge for the 21st Century course to be held in our council, will take on the Owl patrol for SR966 while another Eagle, John Long, will be trading in his wings for a set of really big claws as Troop Guide for the Bears.

SR809 Beaver, Keith Dowler will herd the Buffalo patrol across Gilwell (please curb your ruminant!) and Phantom Fox Ron Alexander will prance along with the Antelope Patrol. Everyone agrees that will be a sight to see.

Congratulations to all our new Troop Guides and we all look forward to watching you in action in the coming months.

Missing Boy Scout Earns Publicity Badge

Rare Merit Badge Awarded
at Court of Honor

ONION NEWS NETWORK

KAMAS, UT—Boy Scout Brennan Hawkins, 11, who received national media coverage after he wandered off during his troop's June camping trip in the Utah mountains, was awarded a merit badge for publicity Monday during his troop's summer Court of Honor.

"Brennan was successfully mentioned on every major network during all news cycles, and succeeded in increasing public perception of both himself and the Boy Scouts," said Scout leader Troy Feyton. "I am proud to award him this rare merit badge, and pray he returns to us safe and sound once he has completed the talk-show circuit."

Feyton confirmed that Boy Scout officials have revoked Hawkins' navigation, orienteering, and wilderness-survival merit badges.

Also honored at the troop Court of Honor was Timothy Wynake who almost saved fellow Scout Jake Turnbuckle this past June during the annual canoe trip at Sinkabottom Lake.

Scoutmaster Ken Billings presented Timothy with the BSA's new "Tried to Save Best Friend" badge.

"You can only try and Do Your Best" said Billings.



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OPINION A2

Destination: Moon

Read the 1962 speech John F. Kennedy gave a Rice University that galvanized a country and pointed us to the moon.

SCOUTING LORE A6

Ultimate Sacrifice

The story of a Richmond Scout who, during the flu epidemic of 1918, sacrificed everything in an attempt to ease the suffering of others.

FIELD NOTES A8

Teacup Storms

Advice in Robert Baden-Powell's own words on how to avoid making a mountain out of a molehill. Pretty simple as it turns out.

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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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- 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

- JEFF DeHOFF, Beaver Patrol
- SHAWN COFFEY, Bobwhite Patrol
- CINDY MORRIS, Eagle Patrol
- ROBIN CHANDLER, Fox Patrol
- LES THORPE, Owl Patrol
- JOHN LONG, Bear Patrol
- KEITH DOWLER, Buffalo Patrol
- RON ALEXANDER, Antelope Patrol

Planning and Preparation Prevent Problems

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'"

Luke 14:28-30.

You'll hear a lot in the coming weeks about planning. There are a number of course presentations that touch on project planning and, of course, we are in the midst of our own staff planning.

Good planning is good stewardship. Success in any endeavor requires careful preparation and planning. Without proper planning and prepara-

tion, failure is almost guaranteed.

Anyone who has ever undertaken a complex task already has learned the importance of careful planning. In sports we see many examples of the need to plan. Often this involves a "game plan." A game plan is simply a series of steps which the team must follow in order to be able to accomplish its goal of winning the game. In fact, most winning teams are able to win, because they plan to win. Losing teams are often the team that had no game plan, or a poor plan at best. Failing to plan to win is the same as planning to lose. Or put another way, "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

Good planning conserves resources, prevents wasted effort, and saves time and money. Good planning prevents small problems from becoming big problems.

Editorial Observer / JOHN F. KENNEDY

We Choose to Go to the Moon

In this 1962 speech given at Rice University in Houston, Texas, President John F. Kennedy reaffirmed America's commitment to landing a man on the moon before the end of the 1960s.

Those who came before us made certain that this country rode the first waves of the industrial revolution, the first waves of modern invention, and the first wave of nuclear power, and this generation does not intend to founder in the backwash of the coming age of space. We mean to be a part of it--we mean to lead it. For the eyes of the world now look into space, to the moon and to the planets beyond, and we have vowed that we shall not see it governed by a hostile flag of conquest, but by a banner of freedom and peace. We have vowed that we shall not see space filled with weapons of mass destruction, but with instruments of knowledge and

understanding.

Yet the vows of this Nation can only be fulfilled if we in this Nation are first, and, therefore, we intend to be first. In short, our leadership in science and industry, our hopes for peace and security, our obligations to ourselves as well as others, all require us to make this effort, to solve these mysteries, to solve them for the good of all men, and to become the world's leading space-faring nation.

We set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people. For space science, like nuclear science and all technology, has no conscience of its own. Whether it will become a force for good or ill depends on man, and only if the United

States occupies a position of pre-eminence can we help decide whether this new ocean will be a sea of peace or a new terrifying theater of war. I do not say that we should or will go unprotected against the hostile misuse of space any more than we go unprotected against the hostile use of land or sea, but I do say that space can be explored and mastered without feeding the fires of war, without repeating the mistakes that man has made in extending his writ around this globe of ours.

There is no strife, no prejudice, no national conflict in outer space as yet. Its hazards are hostile to us all. Its conquest deserves the best of all mankind, and its opportunity for peaceful cooperation many never come again. But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our

Carping Complaint

To the Editor:

I would like to bring your attention to an issue being ignored within the current Wood-badger course: Lack of Diversity. Why no one else has had the courage to speak out on this is beyond me. As I look across the patrols I see Eagles, Bears, Bobwhites, and Antelopes. Magnificent creatures of the sky and land all of them. But where is the representation of the creatures of the water? For all of the talk of "diversity" there isn't a single representative from the greatest portion of our mother earth!

Therefore, I propose that a beginning with SR966 a NEW patrol be added to the Wood-badger ensemble. The Carp patrol! This seems like an obvious choice. Carp are abundant, well known, and well liked creatures. And just think about how having a Carp patrol would spice up the Gilwell song. "...but now I'm finished Carping and I don't know what to do. I'm growing old and feeble and I can Carp no more..."

It is my sincere hope that you will give this matter the full attention that it deserves. Thank you for your time.

GILL CYPRINIDAE
Bumpass, Va., July 20, 2009

Critterscopes

Beaver

Due to conditions beyond fate's control, Beavers will be required to repeat February 1992

Bobwhite

A secret admirer will leave you an unexpected note this Thursday, tempting you with both their heartfelt prose and impressive lock picking skills.

Eagle

Your worldview will be turned upside down this week when you learn that a gasoline's octane rating has nothing to do with its flavor.

Fox

The wrath of the Gods will fail to descend upon you yet again this week. Perhaps stealing the secret of fire just isn't that big a deal to them anymore.

Owl

Today is not, in fact, the first day of the rest of your life. That was a few weeks ago. Today is Saturday.

Bear

You will panic next Wednesday at 8:21 p.m. when, without warning, the sun disappears from the sky.

Buffalo

We're sorry. Last week's prediction of "a night journey over water" should indeed have read "waterfall." Best wishes for your speedy recovery.

Antelope

Come on, now: Are you really going to let some silly trio of colored lights tell you how to drive your car?

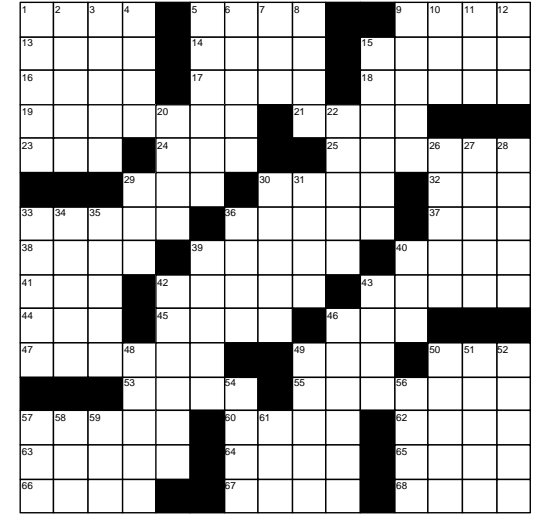
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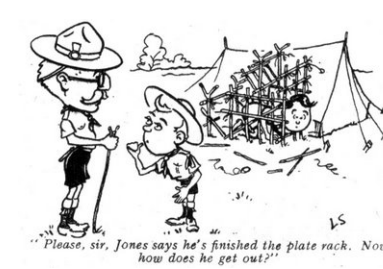
ACROSS

- 1 Boy Scout rank
- 5 Poke
- 9 Compass point
- 13 Carved Polynesian pendant
- 14 Had on, as clothing
- 15 Demonstrations
- 16 Garner
- 17 Austin novel
- 18 Explode
- 19 Mark Larson's ASM job
- 21 Tactic
- 23 ___ Francisco
- 24 Eye infection
- 25 Hutch's job
- 29 ___ league school
- 30 BP's war
- 32 Married woman
- 33 Interpreter
- 36 Scout Executive from 1985 to 1990
- 37 Scar
- 38 Citizen
- 39 Takes
- 40 Extravagant party
- 41 Reverend (abbr.)
- 42 Serves meals
- 43 Stops
- 44 Employ
- 45 Pen fillers
- 46 Ron's patrol
- 47 Karren Streagle's job
- 49 This time
- 50 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 53 Brand of cookie
- 55 Prohibited
- 57 Drench
- 60 Cub Scout unit
- 62 De ___ (from the beginning)
- 63 Girl's toys
- 64 Wiels
- 65 Venturing unit
- 66 Gets older
- 67 Lively
- 68 Parlay



DOWN

- 1 Terraced walkway
- 2 Jeweled head-dress
- 3 City in Ohio
- 4 Telephone sound
- 5 Perspiring
- 6 Little boy's name
- 7 Fortify
- 8 Charlotte
- Pemberton's patrol
- 9 Dried up
- 10 Flightless bird
- 11 Hit
- 12 Fast plane
- 15 Catch sight of
- 20 Invitation abbreviation
- 22 Drug doers
- 26 Propel
- 27 Course Director
- 28 Painter Richard
- 29 Three
- 30 Wood Badger's goal
- 31 Globes
- 33 Thrum
- 34 Not those
- 35 Nevermore WB patrol
- 36 Star ___ (tv show)
- 39 Literary composition
- 40 Telecommunication
- 42 Narrow sea inlets
- 43 Dog sound
- 46 Informal
- 48 WB theme: ___ of the Trade
- 49 More friendly
- 50 Oak seed
- 51 Type of cat
- 52 Harriet Beacher
- 54 Mr. Holland's
- 56 Ancient Indian
- 57 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
- 58 axe holder
- 59 Bullfight cheer
- 61 Poisonous snake



Solution to last issue's puzzle

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Three racehorses were in the stable waiting for the big race.

Trying to psych each other out, they began bragging.

First horse, 'I've been in 38 races and have only lost twice.'

Second horse, 'Well, I've been in 47 races and have never lost.'

Third horse, 'Huh, I've never lost either and I even beat Secretariat twice.'

Just then, they heard a chuckle by the stable door, and there was a greyhound dog walking up to them.

The greyhound said, 'That's nothing. I've been in over 200 races and have won every one by at least 3 lengths.'

First horse, 'Wow! That's amazing - a talking dog!'



Ask Chuck Norris

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

I see you're packing Tabasco Sauce, every Scoutmaster's favorite way to spice up their food.

Actually I prefer pepper spray to add a little flavor. The Tabasco Sauce is in case my eyes get red and tired .

Of, course. Please excuse me. So the beef jerky is for dipping in the pepper spray?

I like to blow bubbles with it. Watch, I can blow a bubble shaped like a giraffe. You know, I invented the giraffe by accident

Really?

Yep, I hit a horse with an uppercut, you know – a punch under the chin.

I see. Will you be finding sticks to roast marshmallows with?

I usually just pull out my beard hairs and use them as skewers for kabobs, hot dogs, marshmallows, that sort of thing .

Scouting Lore

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WOOD BADGE ELEMENTS

The First US Wood Badge Course

The very first Wood Badge course to be held in the United States took place May 12-20, 1936 at Schiff Scout reservation in Mendham New Jersey. Baden Powell was on hand to help promote the Wood Badge concept in the United States. The Schiff Scout Reservation provided a much larger venue for the course (470 acres vs. Gilwell's 57) but the British Wood Badge syllabus was strictly followed. In the end the participants expressed disappointment and disapproval of the course and recommended that the BSA not adopt the Wood Badge concept for US Scout Leaders. The national office accepted and followed their recommendation.

In 1948, BSA Chief Scout Executive Elbert Fretwell was convinced to once again try out the Wood Badge concept in the United States. Fretwell drafted four national staff members to head the effort and the team modified the Wood Badge course to include specific American touches. Patrols were named after American birds, patrols were instructed to create a patrol flag and totem, there were program and service patrol designations each day, and of course, the singing of the song "Back To Gilwell" was introduced. The course syllabus focused almost exclusively on scout skills as well as portions devoted to patrol methods, troop organization & planning, and various activities from the Handbook for Scoutmasters.

The very first course of this new "American" Wood Badge was held on July 31, 1948. 29 men from 12 different states participated. Even though rain poured down for 4 of the 9 days the course was an immediate hit.

Though the course content has gone through several changes since 1948 the overall structure remains the same and the core goal of delivering the best trained leaders possible to America's youth scouts stands firm.



First World Jamboree

Baden Powell had always desired to hold a truly international scouting event. The post world war one timeframe proved to be an opportune time for his "International Jamboree". Baden Powell stated the jamboree would "...welcome to it Scouts from all parts of the world, if they can come ... not only those who were our close allies but also those who remained neutral and even those who were for the time being our enemies where they exist.". His philosophy being that scouting could transcend geographic boundaries to bring youth from all over the world together in a common purpose.

Thus the first World Scout Jamboree was held in 1920 from July 30th - August 8th in the London at the Kensington Olympia arena. In order to allow scouts to "camp" inside the 6 acre glass roofed arena, a one foot thick layer of soil was installed and covered with turf. The arena was able to hold 5,000 scouts, however, over 8,000 scouts arrived to participate in the event. An overflow camp was established at Old Deer Park in nearby Richmond and scouts were rotated between the two venues to ensure everyone was able to experience the full scope of the jamboree.

During the course of the event James West, the BSA's Chief Scout Executive made a light hearted suggestion that Baden Powell should be recog-

nized for his contributions as the founder of the scouting movement. West suggested awarding BP the title Great Indian Chief. Baden Powell thought the idea amusing and agreed to participate in an "initiation ceremony" before the scouts. However, during the ceremony a young scout from the audience shouted out "Long Live the Chief Scout of the World". Spontaneously the shout was taken up by others in the audience and soon thousands of scouts were echoing the call. From that day forward this became Baden Powell's official scouting title which he used until his dying day. No other scout has held the title since.

In Baden Powell's closing speech at the Jamboree, he told those present "Brother Scouts. Differences exist between the peoples of the world in thought and sentiment, just as they do in language and physique. The Jamboree has taught us that if we exercise mutual forbearance and give and take, then there is sympathy and harmony. If it be your will, let us go forth fully determined that we will develop among ourselves and our boys that comradeship, through the world wide spirit of the Scout brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among men".

World Jamborees are still held today every four years, the next one scheduled for 2011 in Sweden.

DID YOU KNOW?

Richmond Scout Gave Life to Save Others

In late 1918, Richmond Boy Scouts were on duty 24 hours a day with such endeavors as ambulance service to help victims of the Spanish influenza epidemic. With many doctors serving abroad during WWI, those at home were hard-pressed. The disease struck 38,000 Richmonders, leaving more than a thousand dead.

A newspaper summary for the Scouts' silver anniversary notes that "tragically enough the Scout who is credited with thinking of this service and who was probably among the most active during the epidemic died in the performance of this 'good turn' and today in St. Paul's Episcopal Church there is a memorial window dedicated to the memory of John Langborn Williams III, Troop 5, who in the ministry of mercy to others at the emergency hospitals at John Marshall High School and other places where hundreds lay ill, contracted the disease which proved fatal to him."

Scouts Give Richmond It's Own Statue of Liberty

In 1950, Boy Scouts in the Robert E. Lee Council raised over \$400 to purchase and erect a replica of the Statue of Liberty in Chimborazo Park where it still stands today.

The project was the brain-child of Kansas City businessman, J.P. Whitaker, who was then Scout Commissioner of the Kansas City Area Council. It was part of the BSA's "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" crusade.



BEAVER PATROL

Beaver Patrol Troop Guide Jeff DeHoff is spending an inordinate amount of time and effort in the planning and construction phases of building his dam, according to neighbors close to the project.

DeHoff has visited hundreds of other dams and drawn up detailed and extensive blueprints. He has researched topics ranging from advanced dome acoustics to the near-extinction of the North American beaver in the early 20th century, and plans to incorporate much of his research into his design.

Many in the area believe that DeHoff will fail and resort to burrowing a hole in the muddy ground where he will spend the rest of the season, as he has done the past three years.



OWL PATROL

Les Thorpe was stunned to discover that just days after being appointed Owl Patrol Troop Guide, Greenpeace decided the Northern Spotted Owl was "not worth the trouble anymore."

Citing "organization-wide disinterest in this mundane species of bird," Greenpeace announced Monday that it is ending its decades-long fight to save the endangered owl. "We devoted more than 30 years to trying to save this unspectacular little owl," Greenpeace associate director Tomas Lindstrom said. "Somewhere along the way, I guess we just came to our senses and lost interest." Lindstrom said the environmental group plans to shift its focus to "saving animals that people actually see every once in a while."



BOBWHITE PATROL

Bobwhite Troop Guide Shawn Coffey is furious over Gov. Phil Bredesen speaking out Monday in favor of changing his state's bird from the Bobwhite Quail to "anything else" following the ninth unprovoked quail attack this year.

"In light of last week's events, I strongly feel the Bobwhite is no longer a good representative for the state of Tennessee," Bredesen said, referring to Friday's tragic dive-bombing and pecking incident at a Nashville preschool.

"Maybe it's time we pick one of our more docile birds, like the robin or the magnolia warbler."

Bredesen also advised anyone hearing the quail's cries of "bob, bob-white" to run for cover immediately.



BEAR PATROL

John Long is using his new position as Bear Patrol Troop Guide to highlight a disturbing trend in America.

According to a report released Monday by the media-watchdog group Fairness and Accuracy In Reporting, U.S. media coverage of bear attacks is biased, with 98 percent of such reports taking the side of the attacked humans.

"The media in this country are blatantly anti-bear," John said. "Virtually every time a bear is taunted, harassed or provoked into lashing out at humans, the bear is depicted in the media as the aggressor."

The report states that out of the 411 cases of bear-human conflicts in the last year, humans were victorious in 410 cases.



EAGLE PATROL

A recent survey indicated that bald eagles would soon be taken off the endangered-species list. Newly appointed Eagle Patrol Troop Guide, Cindy Morris, asked SR966 staffers how they felt about it.

Senior Patrol Leader, Scott Street said "Damn it! Every time I memorize the endangered-species list, some bureaucrat changes it."

Assistant Scribe Steve Busic was also frustrated. "There goes any hope I had of my basement full of bald eagles appreciating in value."

Assistant Friendly Quartermaster Greg Bresson was somewhat philosophical about the decision saying "And with that, trout go back onto the endangered-species list."



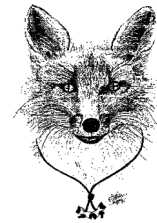
BUFFALO PATROL

German and Czech researchers have discovered that bison tend to align themselves in a north-south direction when grazing or resting. Buffalo Patrol Troop Guide Keith Dowler asked the SR966 staff what they thought.

ASM Bill Eggleston said "People, people, there's no need to panic. They haven't learned east and west yet."

Course Mentor Karren Streagle was surprised. "Only when they're grazing or resting? Are there other buffalo activities of which I'm unaware?"

Assistant SPL Everett Winn was disappointed "That's sad. If I could sit just one buffalo down and reveal to it the beauty of a sunrise or a sunset, I'd feel like I made a real difference."



FOX PATROL

Robin Chandler is using her position as Fox Patrol Troop Guide to combat changes to the state's school-lunch program, permitting a wider variety of fruits and vegetables to be served, including grapes, the consumption of which is a sin according to Fox patrol doctrine.

"Aesop makes it plain that the fox, in his anger at the unreachable grapes, cursed the offending fruit and made all grapes sour forever. They are plainly exposed as a foul, sour-tasting fruit which dirties both body and soul, and this is a strict tenet of our dietary code."

Robin said her patrol is prepared to go all the way to the Supreme Court if Virginia passes what she calls "openly hostile, blatantly anti-Fox legislation."



ANTELOPE PATROL

While Antelopes everywhere were thrilled to hear that Ron Alexander would be the patrol's Troop Guide for SR966, Ron is finding himself conflicted about his new role.

"To be perfectly frank, I think they're delicious," he shared in an interview shortly after receiving his assignment.

Course Director Craig Britt said he was unconcerned citing Ron's "long history of providing first class leader training and hardly ever eating any of the participants."

"I don't know," Ron said, "one of the most incredible meals I've had in the past five years was Saddle of Black Buck Antelope in Colorado. It's going to be hard not to imagine them in a nice rosemary-carrot sauce."

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Harry, Les, and Ron practice staring intently



Craig supervises the lunch line



Our Friendly Quartermasters commune during lunch



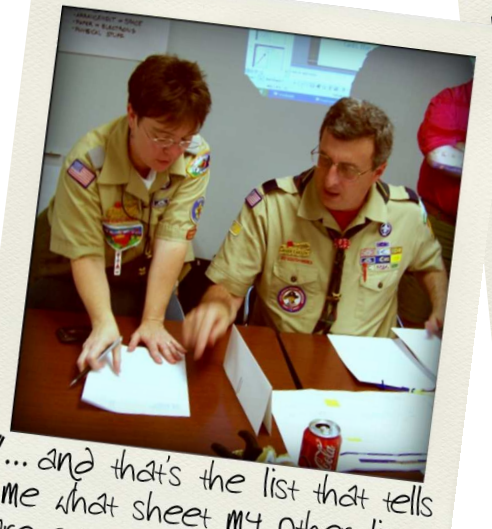
It's a picture of a picture-taker taking a picture of a picture-taker ... ahead!



Don't try this at home! Our ASMs are professionals!



The Blue Team practices the staring game ... no smiling!



"... and that's the list that tells me what sheet my other lists are on... and in which color."



Scott Street is ... Presentation Man!



"... and if you lean way back like this, it's really cool!"



Harry shows us the wonder that is the course shirt



A Scout is rude???



... and in a stunning move, Cindy Morris earns her wings



Take my picture and I'll stab you with this pen



Strangely, Hutch ditches his presentation and instead makes shadow puppets



Robin Chandler ... Troop Guide Extraordinaire!



Shawn Coffey flashes her brilliant smile



Whittlin' away the time ...



Craig suddenly realizes how much cooler it would be if he were an Antelope