



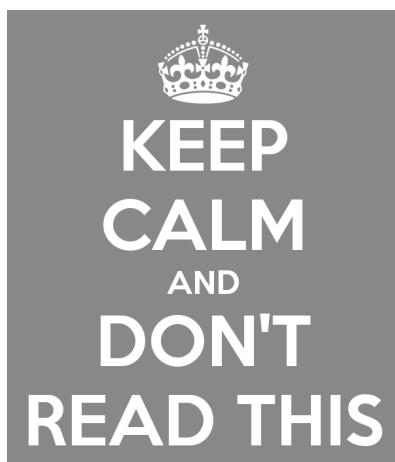
GILWELL

GAZETTE

Welcome to Wood Badge - You Don't Have Time To Read This!

Well, don't be surprised if you don't have time to read this. Seriously. There's a schedule on the right side of the page - look at it. Pretty full huh? Yep - and that's just the first day!

Each morning of the course you'll receive an issue of The Gilwell Gazette. At some point, you'll even be writing for it, but - you won't have time to read it. You'll do some skimming, but reading, processing, and reflecting on it is just not in the cards this weekend.



Don't worry about it - but save each issue in your notebook, you'll be glad you did. Between the two course weekends and after as you work your ticket, you'll find that your stash of Gilwell Gazettes are a great resource for information and reconnecting to that good ol' Wood Badge spirit.

Despite the fact that you're not reading this, the staff of Wood Badge Course S5-420-15 wants to extend to you the warmest of welcomes to Gilwell Field today. We are really glad you're here! Under the leadership of our Course Director, Kevin Duckworth, we've been working for over a year to put this course together.

We've gone over every aspect of both weekends of the course so many times that most of us can recite it in our sleep. That's not a complaint, we wanted to do this! All of us had a strong dedicated Wood Badge staff of our own when we took the course and we want to rise to that same level for you.

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Friday, March 20, 2015

DAY ONE SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. — Participant Check-In

8:30 a.m. — Orientation, Staff Exhibit

9:30 a.m. — Gilwell Field Assembly

9:45 a.m. — Break

10:00 a.m. — Course Overview

10:30 a.m. — Listening to Learn

11:20 a.m. — Break

11:30 a.m. — Blue and Gold Banquet

12:45 p.m. — Break

1:00 p.m. — Troop Meeting

2:50 p.m. — Break

3:00 p.m. — Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting

4:00 p.m. — Values, Mission, and Vision

5:00 p.m. — Patrol Meeting

6:00 p.m. — Dinner

7:00 p.m. — Who Me Game

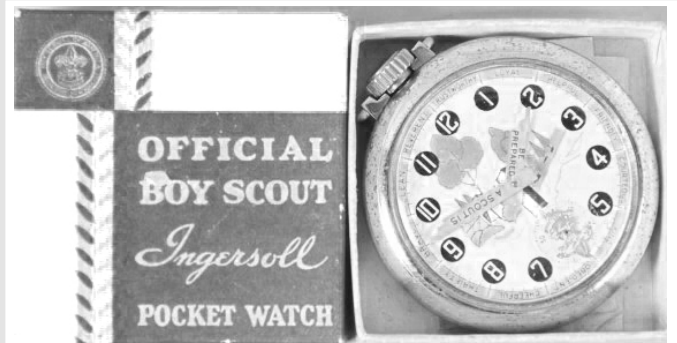
8:00 p.m. — Campfire

9:00 p.m. — Cracker Barrel

You Don't Have Time To Read This (continued)

Wood Badge is often referred to as a mountain top experience. You may have no clue what to expect, but whatever your expectations are, we hope that S5-420-15 will exceed them. You'll be spending the next three days meeting new people and making new friends from other units and districts; friends that you may have never met outside of this course.

You'll be learning things not only about scouting but also about yourself. You'll be learning new methods and approaches to leadership. And of course, you'll be working with your fellow Scouters to accomplish goals and sharpen your skills. Again, we're glad you've chosen to be here and we hope S5-420-15 is everything you expected and more!



Scoutmaster Time

About that schedule on the cover ... you need to know that here at Gilwell, we run on Scoutmaster Time. While we'll do our best to follow that schedule, if our Scoutmaster feels that something needs more time or less, he'll adjust accordingly. So *Be Prepared* to go with the flow.

Welcome to Gilwell!

Every Wood Badge course held worldwide takes place at Gilwell Field, named for the original training center of the Scout Movement.

The property known as Gilwell was purchased in 1919 to provide Scouts from London's East End with an outdoor space to camp and practice to their scout skills and as a space for training leaders "in the formation and

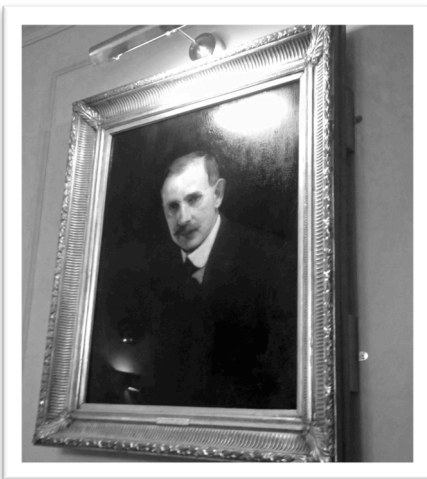


Gilwell 1919

training of troops, practical woodcraft and camping and the methods of Scouting generally".

William F. de Bois MacLaren, a Scout Commissioner from Scotland, donated the £7,000 to purchase the 55 acre site which, after having been originally owned as a farmland known as "Gyldiefords" as early as 1407, had fallen into disrepair.

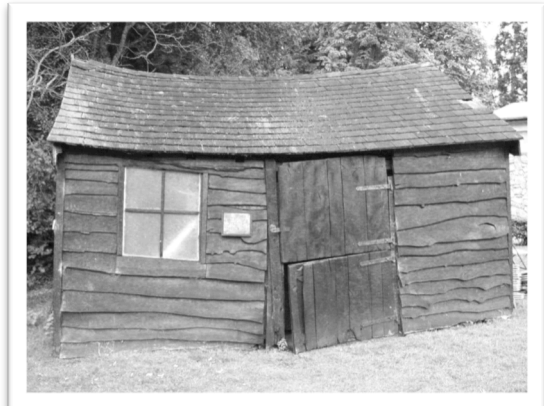
The derelict property lay about an hour from London on the edge of a forest and had been in need of upkeep for almost 20 years.



MacLaren Portrait at Gilwell

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Pigsty at Gilwell - 2015

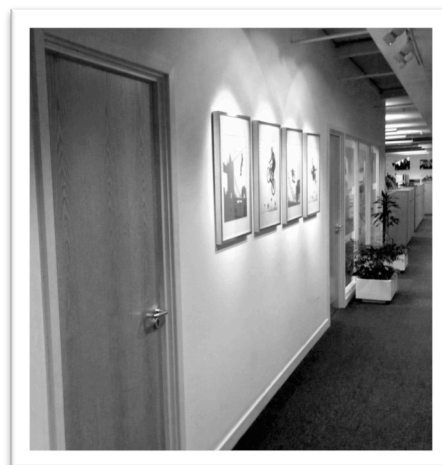
After its purchase by MacLaren for the Boy Scout Association, P. B. Nevill, the Scout Commissioner of the East End took his Rover Scouts to the estate to begin some renovations. The dilapidated gardener's shed where they slept during their first visit to the estates (the ground was too wet to pitch tents) was nicknamed "The Pigsty" and still stands.

MacLaren visited Gilwell Park and helped with repairs, eventually donating another £3,000 to aid the efforts of the Scouts in refurbishing the property. The first Scoutmaster's training course, what is today

known as Wood Badge, was held in September 1919 and was attended by 20 Scoutmasters from England and Wales.

During the 1920's, Gilwell Park underwent a significant amount of remodeling and construction, and Baden-Powell's vision of having a training center was realized. So great was the importance of Gilwell to Baden-Powell that in 1929, when King George V conferred the title of baron upon him, he chose Gilwell as his territorial designation to become 1st Baron Baden Powell of Gilwell.

Today, after purchases of neighboring properties have almost doubled its size, Gilwell Park is a premier location for scouts from all over the world to visit, camp, and enjoy the fellowship of their peers. It's also the home of Scouts UK



Bear Grylls Office at Gilwell
Chief Scout of Scouts UK -
2015

Patrol Articles



Patrol articles are due from the Patrol Scribe by the end of dinner each evening. Articles should tell us about your patrol, how you're doing, etc. There is a place to turn them in on the porch of the staff lodge.

Patrols failing to turn in an article run the extreme danger of having the staff Scribe write the article for them. Trust us, you do not want that to happen! He only recently started using verbs.

Baden-Powell on “Our Aim”

In the Army we have certain points to aim for in training our men; but in the long course of years the steps in training have become so absorbing and important that in many cases the aim has come to be lost sight of.



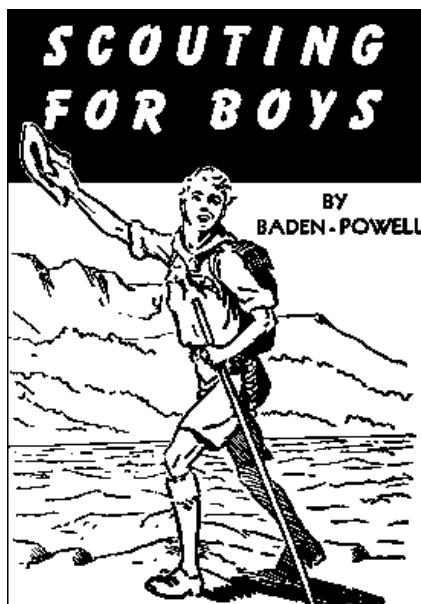
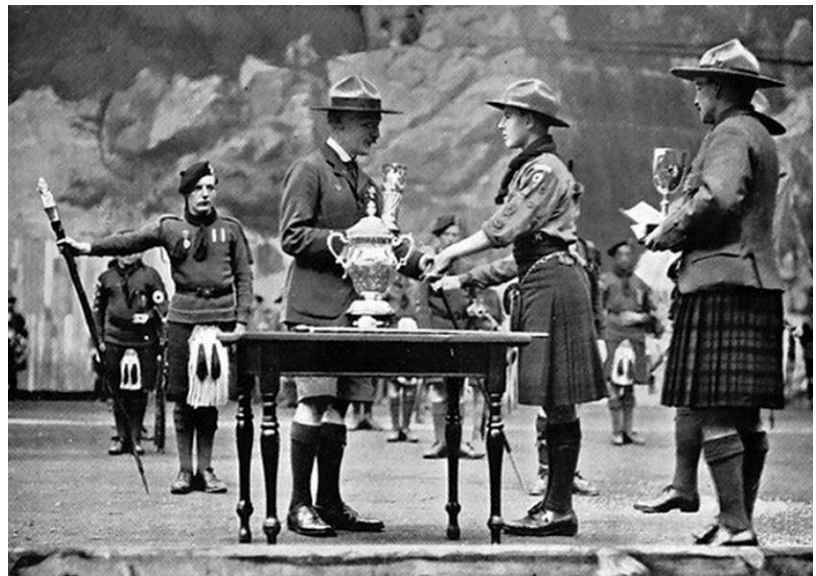
Take, for instance, the sword exercise. Here a number of recruits are instructed in the use of the sword in order to become expert fighters with it. They are put into a squad and drilled to stand in certain positions and to deliver certain cuts, thrusts, and guards on a certain approved plan. So soon as they can do this accurately and together like one man — and it is the work of months to affect this — they are passed as efficient swordsmen, but they can no more fight an enemy than can my boot. The aim of their instruction has been overlooked in the development of the steps to it.

I hope the same

mistake is never likely to occur with us in the Boy Scouts. We must keep the great aim ever before us and make our steps lead to it all the time.

This aim is to make our race a nation of energetic, capable workers, good citizens, whether for life in Britain or overseas.

The best principle to this end is to get the boys to learn for themselves



by giving them a curriculum, which appeals to them, rather than by hammering it into them in some form of dry-bones instruction.

We have to remember that the mass of the boys are already tired with hours of school or workshop, and our training should, therefore, be in the form of recreation, and this should be out of doors as much as possible.

That is the object of our badges and games, our examples and standards. If you would read through your Scouting for Boys once more, with the Great Aim always before you, you will see its meaning the more clearly.

- Baden-Powell, May 1910

Baden-Powell & Gilwell

What Does "S5-420-15" Mean Anyhoo?

S5 - BSA Southern Region, Area 5

The Boy Scouts of America is divided into four regions: Western, Central, Southern, and Northeast.

Each region is then subdivided into Areas.

The Southern Region covers all of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee, and parts of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.



Our Council is one of 10 BSA Councils in Area 5 of the Southern Region.

420 - Piedmont Council

420 is the Piedmont Council's number. Each Council in the BSA has a number.

Did you know that there's another "Piedmont Council" in the BSA? There is - in northern California. The other Piedmont Council is the smallest council in the BSA and their number is 042.

Yep - that means there's a Piedmont Council 420 and a Piedmont Council 042. Somebody at National hates typos.

15 - that's easy huh?

It's obviously that 15 is the double factorial of 5, and there are 15 perfect matchings of the complete graph K_6 and 15 rooted binary trees with four labeled leaves, both of these being among the types of object counted by double factorials. Simple.

Or it could just be the year.

Patrol Horoscopes

Beavers

You have many more years ahead of you. If you are extremely tired, you may find that you fall asleep at some point.

Bobwhites

Lunch is your lucky word for today and is likely to be involved in some sort of belly-filling incident. Limericks are great, but avoid tall tales.

Eagles

You'll learn how to look really smart by wearing hats that are clearly too small for your head. Hearing clicking noises is not a good sign for you today.

Foxes

You are a cart and life is one big supermarket. Now that you're fully engrossed in that analogy, I want you to think of your SPL as the store announcer.

Owls

Robots are lucky for you today so don't be afraid to look one in the eye. If you're ignorant are you blessed? Only with ignorance.

Bears

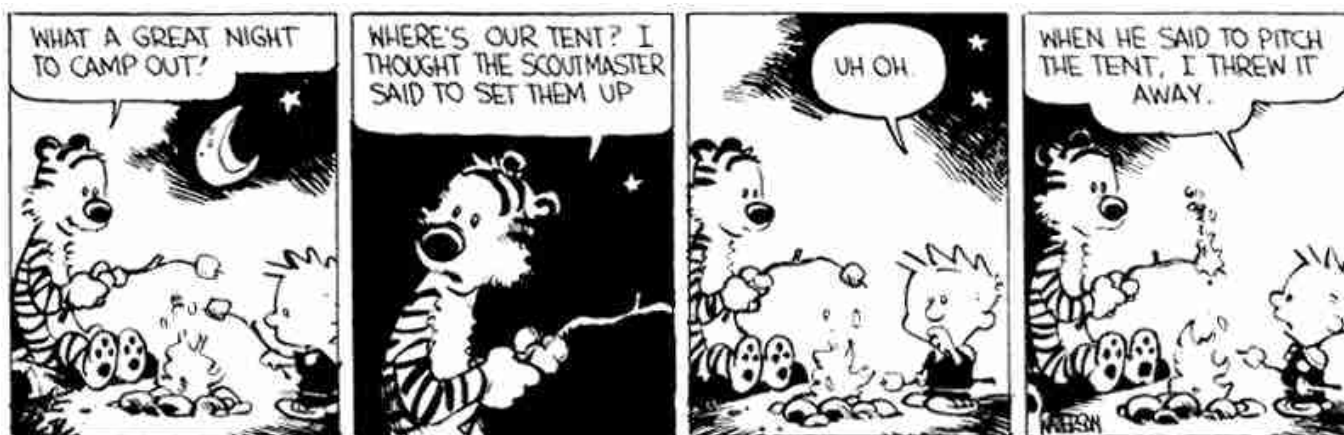
Your clumsiness today will be rivaled only by your embarrassment. Will there be a tomorrow? Signs point to yes.

Buffaloes

Pretending to pick fleas off a staff member may seem appealing, but the gag may be on you if you actually find some.

Antelopes

The law may be your friend today, or it might turn round and bite you. Either way the law is coming for you.



As the Embers Fade

Almost as numerous and bright as the summer stars are Scouting's campfires. In city parks and mountain valleys, on ocean shores and riverbanks, in desert and forest, the leaping flames light the faces of young people living the adventure of Scouting. For many, a campfire can be the high point of an outdoor experience.

Campfires are important not only because of the memories they build, but also because of the marvelous opportunity they give us for character building. Where else do we get the chance to say,

naturally and straight from the shoulder, "This is Scouting at its best. This is the trail a Scout should follow. These are the things that a person ought to be!"

Campfire programs are fun. They can add to any Scout adventure. All those things we'd like to accomplish in Scouting can be helped by the magic of an evening gathered around a flame. And can you think of a better place to catch character?

Sparks from your campfires may live in the eyes and hearts of young people for the rest of their lives.

