



GILWELL

GAZETTE

Troop 1 Welcomes 50 New Scouts In Massive Cub Crossover at Gilwell



Saturday, March 21, 2015

DAY TWO SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m. – Breakfast / Assessments
- 8:00 a.m. – Gilwell Field Assembly
- 8:30 a.m. – Troop Meeting
- 10:15 a.m. – Break
- 10:30 a.m. – Leveraging Diversity Through Inclusiveness
- 11:00 a.m. – Team Development
- 11:50 a.m. – Break
- Noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – PLC Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. – Communication
- 2:20 p.m. – Break
- 2:30 p.m. – Project Planning
- 3:20 p.m. – Break
- 3:30 p.m. – Rockets
- 4:50 p.m. – Break and Photos
- 5:30 p.m. – Patrol Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Wood Badge Game Show
- 7:50 p.m. – Break
- 8:00 p.m. – Win All You Can - The Game of Life
- 8:50 p.m. – Break
- 9:00 p.m. – Cracker Barrel

Dear ~~Andy~~ SCRIBEY

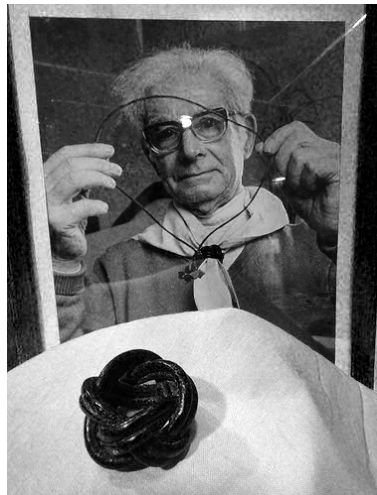
Dear Scribey,

Why in the world did we need to learn to tie a woggle?

Signed - All Thumbs

Dear All Thumbs - Tradition and to work with your patrol on a new skill. Originally, members of the Scout Movement in Great Britain tied their Scout scarves in a loose knot near the neck, but this caused the fabric to become very creased.

An 18 year old employee of Gilwell Park, named Bill Shankley, whose job responsibilities at Gilwell included developing ideas for camping equipment, heard that American



Bill Shankley photo at Gilwell

Scouts were using rings made of bone, rope or wood to hold their scarves together without knotting them. He made various attempts to come up with something similar using varying materials, and eventually settled on a Turk's Head knot made from thin pieces of sewing machine belting.

His idea was accepted by the Camp Chief, and probably Chief Scout Baden-Powell, as well. Shankley decided to call his neckerchief holder a "woggle", most likely a play on the name of the ring the Americans made called "boon doggles".

An article in The Scout of June 1923 by 'Gilcraft', called 'Wear a scarf woggle' made reference to the woggle having become very popular among Scouts who had been quick to imitate the fashion set by the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Troop (i.e., Wood Badge holders).

Baden-Powell used the term "woggle" in his 1929 (14th) edition of Scouting for Boys saying a scout's scarf

(neckerchief) could be fastened using a knot or a woggle. He used the



word to denote any kind of ring made of cord, metal, bone, or any sort of material.

Yesterday, you made a woggle right here at Gilwell to practice a new skill while working with the other members of your patrol. You'll wear that woggle while you work your ticket to complete Wood Badge. Once you've worked your ticket, you'll receive a leather woggle along with your beads and Wood

W&O



AN EXERCISE OF INTER-PATROL COOPERATION WAS NOT A GOOD THING FOR FRANK AND STAN.

What's An Instructional Campfire?

Last night's campfire was an Instructional Campfire. It had specific Learning Objectives. One of the most important learning objectives a campfire needs to meet: it should be FUN!

On the second weekend, you'll get your turn at a Troop 1 campfire, and every patrol will need to coordinate with the Program Patrol during the Interim before weekend two.

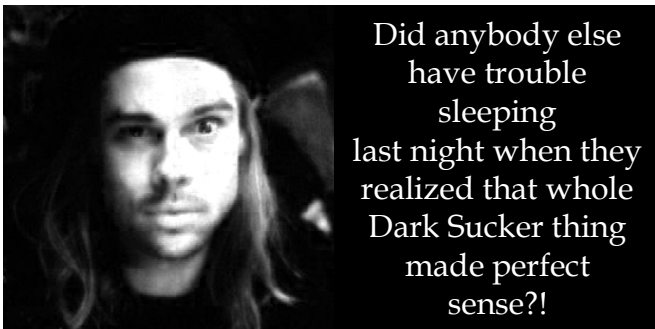
In planning your campfire, remember the four S's:

1. Showmanship
2. Songs
3. Stunts
4. Stories

It takes planning and practices to make a good campfire program. In your preparations please keep in mind that all skits, stunts, songs, jokes, run-ons, etc., must be appropriate for Scouts.

A campfire doesn't need to be long but it should move along more quickly as the fire grows, slowing down as the fire dies away, until you reach the Scoutmaster's minute and close the campfire.

And if you can arrange to have Baden Powell visit, then you can end on an even higher note!



Did anybody else have trouble sleeping last night when they realized that whole Dark Sucker thing made perfect sense?!

W O O D B A D G E
G A M E N I G H T

TONIGHT AT 7PM

Patrol Horoscopes

Beavers

Money is literally no object for you this week as you will lose all your money.

Bobwhites

Don't let others stifle your creativity. It's all right to make paintings out of ketchup and mustard.

Eagles

Feel free to share your inner most secrets. Your family and friends will adore your honesty and only exclude you from everything for the next decade.

Foxes

Today will be hectic and possibly traumatic, or wait, that could just be what I watched on TV and not what's going to happen to you. I don't know.

Owls

Plans for the future are put on hold today as a certain someone turns your head and wrenches your back.

Bears

The lights are on, but nobody's home and yet your power bill will be enormous this month. Have your meter checked.

Buffaloes

Vacation. Wouldn't it be nice to take a vacation? I could sure use one. Being an astrologer is hard.

Antelopes

Describing yourself in a job application as "A bad dude from the badlands" is a great way to invite ridicule upon yourself.

5 Patrol Method Fundamentals

Patrols are much more than a convenient way to divide a large group of Scouts into smaller, more manageable groups. Patrols are the single unique feature of Scouting and the indispensable method for achieving the aims of Scouting.

Most of us became Scouters as Cub Leaders. During the Cub Scout years the program depends on a lot of adult involvement and leadership in response to the age of the Cubs. We often mistakenly carry these habits and ideas into Scout troops. Scouting is a progressive journey of development, our role as adults changes in response to the age of the Scouts.

Once a Cub Scout reaches the age they enter a Scout Troop our response changes, it's time for them to take on responsibility and time for us to step aside.

Baden-Powell said 'the unit of Scouting is the natural gang of the boy, led by its own boy leader.' We are often guilty of complicating this simple principle and getting in its way.

Here are five patrol method fundamentals that must be present for our Scouts to achieve the aims of Scouting:

1. Forming Patrols

B.P. said 'six to eight' and that's a pretty good rule of thumb. We Scouters have fallen into the habit of assigning Scouts to patrols according to our idea of what best serves our concerns, almost to the exclusion of what a Scout wants. Scouts ought to choose their patrol. When adults make these decisions Scouts are managed like so many widgets instead of being individuals with the power to choose.

2. Real Free-Handed Responsibility

Patrol leaders must have actual, 'free-handed' responsibility. They must be allowed to think and plan for their patrol. This is a delicate business. Too much training, mentoring and oversight will smother the flame of initiative; feed the fire slowly! Partial responsibility will

only bring partial results.

3. Independent, Distinct and Autonomous Patrols

Patrols need to stand on their own. They need their own identity. This extends to every aspect of the program. When camping each patrol has their own area, their own food, their own leadership and their own program.

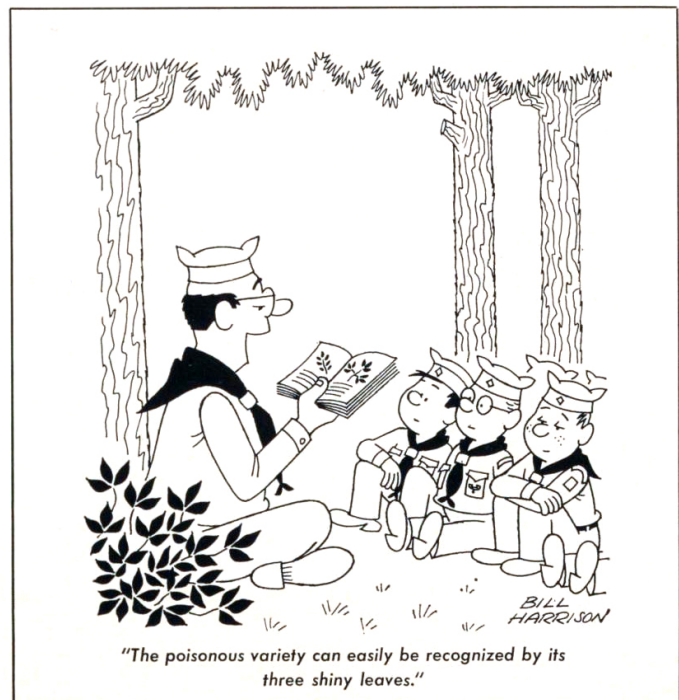
4. Emulation and Competition between Patrols

Spirited, good-natured competition among the Patrols helps patrol spirit grow and flourish. Games and contests among patrols build individual as well as group character. Scouts realize that their individual contribution adds to his patrol's honor and spirit.

5. The Patrol Leader's Council

Everything the patrol does is driven by the patrol leader's council exercising real authority and decision making in choosing and preparing for activities based on the goals of Scouting.

Is it really that simple? Yes. Is it easy? No, and that's the best thing about it! It takes study, practice and resolve to apply the patrol method - but what a wonderful challenge it is!



PATROL ARTICLES

Beaver Patrol

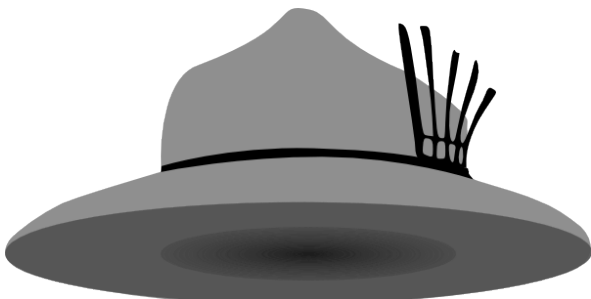
Beaver Patrol is off to a great start here at S5-420-15. It should be noted they didn't receive the highly prized "Thusem" bucket, but why? We're Beavers, we love wood, this is Wood Badge, who could be more enthusiastic than us? Never fear, it will be awarded to us soon.

In other news, no one lost any fingers in the "turk head" tying. Us Beavers can get a little quick and before you know it the teeth takeover. I'd imagine the rest of the weekend will go great.

As far as projects I'd say we'll have a good show of it. We also managed to keep ahold of our flag. Now I'm not mentioning names, but some groups lost theirs before lunch. More to come tomorrow, and speaking of "lost" flags, the Eagles need to turn in the one they stole.

Bobwhite Patrol

We started our Wood Badge journey today as a diverse set of individuals looking forward to increasing our Scouting experience. Like Cubs, we were joined together to form Den 2 where we formed a group. We grew as a group today and became a covey represented by the Bobwhite, following in the tracks of Baden Powell.



Eagle Patrol

Early in the morning, after weeks of anticipation, six anxious and weary Scouts started along the path to discovery. After several hours of bonding and self discovery, the six hardy lads arose to the challenge and were awarded for their efforts by the Spirit of Wood Badge Past.

Fate has decided for us that we would soar into Troop 1, Gilwell, on wings of Eagles. As we soared high above our fellow patrols, where only Eagles dare, we banked away from our lower dwelling counterparts and bravely faced our destiny.

- Patrol Scribe, J. Rudisill

Swamp Fox Patrol

The Swamp Fox Patrol has found themselves quiet at home in the wet cold surroundings at Gilwell. Covered in a warm coat of fur has made many of our feathered friends envious. Eager to learn and to lead, the Swamp Fox Patrol will be setting the pace for others to follow.

PATROL ARTICLES

Owl Patrol Leads Puzzle Challenge

The Owl Patrol enjoyed a great start to Wood Badge Day One. In the afternoon puzzle challenge, they quickly took flight, winging into first place.

Chuck Heavner, Patrol Leader for the Owls, jumped into action and guided his patrol to find the missing pieces. "Great job, all!" said Chuck.



Who Dat?

Owl Patrol, left to right: Chuck Heavner, Matthew Mode, Steve Dalton, Doug Hancock, Amy Green, Rich Zimmerman

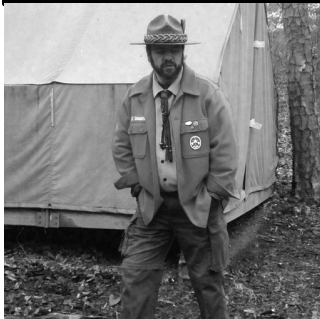


Photo courtesy of Owlstanding Troop Guide, JT Dimmitt

Bears Day One

It seems like it was just yesterday the 6 of us were just wee Cub Scouts following our trail to crossover. As Den 6, we blazed the trail for Scout Spirit. Although others will not admit it, they truly wish they were Den 6.

After lunch, we crossed over and became members of Troop 1. Placed in the Bear Patrol means we will "bear" the load of being the best. Under the wisdom and guidance of our Troop Guide, John Lattimore, we are sure to come out on top.

On another note, our horoscope was eerily accurate. We believe that the shenanigans against us were pre-planned. We will keep an ever watchful eye for other shenaniganizers.

We'd like to thank the Troop leadership for a wonderful day, especially our illustrious Scoutmaster, Mr. Duckworth and Senior Patrol Leader, Boyd Hoyle. Thank you Quartermaster staff for the great food!

- The Bear Patrol



1920 Cartoon of Scout Leaders by Robert Baden Powell



PATROL ARTICLES

Mighty Buffalos

Enjoying a packed full day of instruction and training. A whole lot to absorb but we as a herd work together to focus upon the health of our mighty breed. Listening to our Patrol Guide, Phillip Batten, we quickly learned our woggles and now proudly wear our neckerchiefs as part of Troop 1. Our herd is prospering and we continue to meet the challenges.

As we see our world changing, we realize we have to make changes and adapt to be successful as we grow. Our young are our future, we prepare to meet their needs. If we fail to protect and strengthen our own, we've lost our future. Tomorrow is bright because we choose to seek to be the examples they need to be the Leaders we need today.



Antelope Patrol

Night began to turn to dawn as fog was rising above the Piedmont Council Scout Reservation. Each of us wondered: What will the day bring? Who will be in our patrol? What will our patrol be?

All of these questions have been answered. The Antelope Patrol is comprised of six members from various troops and packs. Our Patrol Leader for the day was Eric Eaton, and 8th Grade Social Studies teacher and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 132 in Rutherfordton.

Assistant Patrol Leader is Caleb Lowrimore. Caleb is a BIM/CAD Tech and Scoutmaster of Troop 3 in Dallas. Our Scribe is Thomas Williams, a land surveyor and Cubmaster of Pack 363 in Statesville.

Chris Lister served as Chaplain Aide. Chris is a Firefighter and the Committee Chair of Troop 211 in Marion. Brian Medici a Lab Tech for Carolina Health Care is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 49 in Stanley. Greg Caldwell is a Control Engineer and the Scoutmaster of Troop 333 in Claremont.

You mess with the Antelope - you get the horns!!!



Origins of the Wood Badge

The first Wood Badges were made from beads taken from a necklace that had belonged to a Zulu chief named Dinizulu, which B-P had found during his time in the Zululand in 1888. On state occasions, Dinizulu would wear a necklace 12 feet long, containing, approximately 1,000 beads made from South African Acacia yellow wood.

This wood has a soft central pith, which makes it easy for a rawhide lace to be threaded through from end to end and this is how the 1,000 beads were arranged.

The necklace was considered sacred, being the badge conferred on royalty and outstanding warriors. When BP was looking for some token to award to people who went through the Gilwell training course he remembered the Dinizulu necklace and the leather thong given to him by an elderly African at Mafeking.

He took two of the smaller beads, drilled them through the center, threaded them onto the thong and called it the Wood Badge. The first sets of beads

issued were all from the original necklace but the supply soon ran short. So one exercise on the early courses was to be given one original Acacia bead and be told to carve the other from hornbeam or beech.

Eventually beech wood beads became the norm and for many years were made by Gilwell staff in their spare time. Today, the wood badge beads made at Gilwell are made from the Oak trees on the property.



Photo of Dinuzulu, c.1883

