



GILWELL GAZETTE

Last Night's Stag Hunt

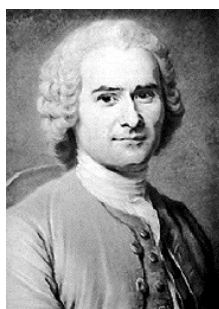
Spirits ran high last night as members of Gilwell Troop 1 played the Wood Badge Game Show and The Game of Life. Cheers and laughter erupted along with spirited competition.

However, enjoyment turned to frustration for some as The Game of Life revealed that no one is perfect and trust must be earned. The game is designed to help us see our own flaws and realize we can choose to change and grow.

Leaders that don't put others first are not effective for very long. They lose the trust of those who follow. Although none of us is perfect, we can change and improve ourselves if we choose to do so.

Some may have been familiar with The Game of Life if they ever studied game theory. The Game of Life is often associated with The Prisoner's Dilemma, but that's an incorrect association. The Game of Life is based on a game theory called Stag Hunt.

Swiss-born philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote about the Stag Hunt game in 1755. Rousseau described a situation in which a group of hunters go out on a hunt. Each can individually choose to hunt a stag or hunt a hare. Each hunter must choose an action without knowing the choice of the other.



If an individual hunts a stag, he must have the cooperation of others in order to succeed, as no individual is strong enough to subdue a stag by himself. An individual can get a hare by himself, but then only that individual eats. When a stag is hunted it feeds all the hunters and many others too. The situation is an important analogy for social cooperation.

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Sunday, March 22, 2015

DAY THREE SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m. — Breakfast / Assessments

8:00 a.m. — Gilwell Field Assembly

8:15 a.m. — Interfaith Worship Service

9:05 a.m. — Photo make-up

9:20 a.m. — Break

9:30 a.m. — Troop Meeting

10:50 a.m. — Break

11:00 a.m. — The Leading EDGE/The Teaching EDGE

11:50 a.m. — Break

Noon — Lunch

1:00 p.m. — PLC Meeting and Chaplain Aides Meeting

1:30 p.m. — Conservation Project Planning

2:20 p.m. — Break

2:30 p.m. — October Sky

4:30 p.m. — Closing Gilwell Field Assembly

5:00 p.m. — Patrol Meeting and Departure

Last Night's Stag Hunt - continued

Let's break it down with a bad haircut. It's late May, next to the last day of school. You and a friend decide it would be a great joke to show up on the last day of school with some ridiculous haircut. Egged on by your friends, you both swear you'll get the haircut.

A night of indecision follows. As you anticipate your parents' and your teachers' reactions to the haircut, you start wondering if your friend is really going to go through with the plan.

Not that you don't want the plan to succeed: the **best possible outcome** would be for both of you to get the haircut.



The trouble is, it would be awful to be the only one to show up with the haircut. That would be the **worst possible outcome**.

You're not above enjoying your friend's embarrassment. If you didn't get the haircut, but the friend did, and looked like a real jerk, that would almost be as good as if both of you got the haircut.

After mulling things over, you conclude that it wouldn't really be so bad if no one got the haircut. Maybe everyone will just forget about it. (This is what your mother says will happen.)

Of the possible outcomes, your first choice is for **mutual cooperation** (both get the haircut), second is **unilateral defection** (you don't get the haircut, your friend does), third is **mutual defection** (both chicken out), and fourth is **unilateral cooperation** (you get the haircut, the friend doesn't). Assume that your friend has the same preferences. The barbershop at the mall closes at nine. What do you do?

The peculiar thing about the stag hunt is that it shouldn't be a dilemma at all. You should certainly cooperate – that is, get the haircut. If both of you do, both will get the best possible payoff. What spoils things is the possibility that the friend won't be so rational. If the friend chickens out, you want to chicken out, too. That's why the Stag Hunt is often referred to as the Trust Dilemma or the Assurance Game.



Dear ~~Andy~~ SCRIBEY

Dear Scribey,

We started out on Day One by modeling the Cub Scout program. Then we had a crossover ceremony of the Webelos Dens into the Patrols of Troop 1 by midday. Why does Wood Badge not spend more time modeling the Cub Scout Program?

Signed - Slighted Cubby

Don't feel slighted Cub Leader, the reason is fairly simple. It goes along with the methods of scouting and what Wood Badge teaches: Leadership Skills. In order to get you actively leading, we need to get you into a patrol and using the Patrol Method.

The Cub Scout program is led by adult leaders. Adults do all of the planning and directing. To continue modeling the Cub program would mean keeping participants as Cubs and having the staff direct everything you do. There's a lot you could learn from our staff, but Wood Badge is designed to be an active, hands-on program.

By crossing over into a Boy Scout troop, we're able to model the Patrol Method. Individuals in each patrol are given the opportunity, throughout the course, to take on different leadership roles and use a variety of leadership skills in a small group setting.

Your patrol will go through the stages of development and use the corresponding styles of leadership that go with each stage. But don't get comfortable, because then we'll change again and the Troop will become a Venture Crew.

A crew is self-led, defines its own goals, and plans its own activities. As the course proceeds, your Troop Guide will take on different roles with your patrol.

At first, he or she will direct what happens, leading the patrol around to get them where they need to go. Fairly quickly, they began to advise the patrol leader to fill that role. By the time we are in full Venture mode, they will act as advisors or mentors to the crew during and after the course.



Why Is It Called A Ticket?

During Baden-Powell's career, soldiers were expected to pay their own way back to England at the end of their service. The British Army would, however, pay for travel tickets for transfers to other posts.

In order to economize, soldiers nearing completion of their duties would seek assignments at posts increasingly closer to home - a process known as "working your ticket."

We use the same principle in Wood Badge. Our ticket is the road map we follow. Going from point to point in achieving your goals, we are "working the ticket" to get closer to home in the challenge to become better Scout leaders.

Wood Badge Around The World

Wood Badge is the ONLY training course common to ALL Scouters that are part of the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM). Each member association of WOSM is autonomous and answers to their own directors, but Wood Badge courses around the world are very close in their aims and methods. If you attended a Wood Badge course in Italy, Germany, or the Netherlands, you'd find it remarkably similar in scope and nature to the course you're taking now.

In many countries, Wood Badge is done in a two-tiered scope. During tier one, you receive what we in the BSA would call "basic training" and with the completion and application, would receive one bead. The second tier is what we'd call "advanced training" and after this second tier, the Scouter would receive their certificate, second bead and card which "certifies" him or her as a "fully trained" Scouter.

When you've completed Wood Badge, there are two events to you can attend at Gilwell Park in England. The annual Gilwell Reunion is held in September each year, and the BSA's Transatlantic Council hosts a Wood Badge course at Gilwell - next one is August 6-12, 2016. Talk to the Piedmont Council's International Representative (aka your course Scribe) for more information.

World Friendship Fund

At the end of World War II, Scouts of all ages in war-torn countries had lost everything and needed help to restart their Scouting programs. In response to these Scouts' needs, the Boy Scouts of America created the World Friendship Fund.

Fundraising efforts were successful and the contributions of the members of the BSA purchased and shipped equipment, uniforms, insignia, program material, and camping gear all over Europe. As a result, Scouting was soon flourishing again in many European countries.

Since that time, our world has seen the development of new nations and the democratization of many others. These nations want their youth to have the benefits of Scouting. They need funding and materials for training, camping, manuals, and uniforms. The largest needs right now are in Central and South American nations where often the entire Scout uniform is a neckerchief.

The Cub Scout Promise and the Boy Scout Oath ask for a pledge "to help other people." The Venturing Code encourages Venturers to "recognize and honor the dignity and worth of all humanity."

Challenge yourself and your Pack, Troop, or Crew to fulfill the promise and commitment they've made to help others by giving to the World Friendship Fund. Our course director for Wood Badge S5-420-15, Kevin Duckworth, has set a goal of raising \$1,000 during our course for the World Friendship Fund.



WFF donations should be taken to Pat Barber at the Council office or mailed to:

Piedmont Council, BSA
Attn: Pat Barber
PO Box 1059
Gastonia, NC 28053

When you send your WFF donation to the Council office, half of your donation will go to the Piedmont Council International Committee to help bring an International Scout to Camp Bud Schiele for Summer Camp. The balance will be sent to the WFF in the name of your unit or district or self.

PATROL ARTICLES

Beaver Patrol

Shhh ... What was that? Do I hear a woodpecker? What's that sound? A tree falling? It's the Beaver Patrol winning the "thusm" bucket as promised. A beautiful plan with a Bountiful follow through lands the Beaver Patrol on top yet again!

In other news, well I guess it's not news since it was obviously going to and continue to happen, the Beavers dominated all day in Wood Badge activities, the bobwhite couldn't take the weight of service, the fox got trapped, the owl hit a tree, buffalo got taken out by indians, antelope stuck its horns into a tree and is still stuck, the eagles crash landed because the Beavers cut their tree down, and the bears don't count because they still couldn't find their flag.

Beaver are the best, Beavers above the rest. We're super excited about tomorrow and for the next "thusm" bucket winners. They will be so thrilled, they just won't be able to bear it. Beavers out.

the owner showed him a display of many shovels, but was unable to assist him to find the right one.

Finally, he found the Performing Store where the owner asked him his plans and sold him a rake.

Eagles Day 2 Poem

Six eggs all together in one nest
We all came from different pasts
We hatched as Eagles
Learning about each other fast
Growing with each long day
Building friendships that sure will last

Learning to listen to others the best
Successful fire programs before lights out
Diversification training to use the rest
Absorbing knowledge without a doubt
Thinking about tickets is a test
Bettering ourselves and others is what
Wood Badge is all about

- Gary Fesmire

Bobwhite Patrol

Tom was looking to buy a shovel.

The first store he visited was the Forming Store where he asked the owner for a shovel. The owner indicated they were new in business and had no shovels. He left without a shovel.

Next, he visited the Storming Store. There were two owners offering to help him, but when he asked for a shovel, they disagreed on location and prices of shovels. He left without a shovel.

He proceeded to the Norming Store where

Swamp Fox Patrol

The Swamp Fox Patrol is coming together in our Den. We have setup our rotation for Alpha male and are now ready to hunt. There are a lot of prey animals wandering around here. We look forward to having your for lunch.

PATROL ARTICLES

Another Owlstanding Day

The Parliament rose early enjoying Iron Chef Doug Hancock's pancake prowess and Starbucks Via. The patrol began planning for their offsite meeting and Day Four program activities. We will contact you soon for talent help to make sure the evening program is a hoot.

We are pleased to report that Steve Dalton designed and will use his woodworking skills to create our totem.

The highlight of the day was when the "Hoo-Tang Rocketeers" took flight in the rocket challenge. High, dry, and ready to fly, were the keys to victory.

Bears Day Two

Bud's Bears slept well through a chilly night using what's left of our winter coats. The Bears are proud to have taken part in the ceremony honoring previous Course Directors. We were clearly the best singers during the Gilwell Song.

Bud's Bears are "performing" under the sharp eye of first rate Troop Guide John Lattimore. We all learned a great deal from Mr. Newsome and Mr. Yeckley this morning.

Thanks again to the Quartermaster, the Senior Patrol Leader, and the Scoutmaster for a great day!

- The Bear Patrol

Mighty Buffalos

Beginning - Day 2

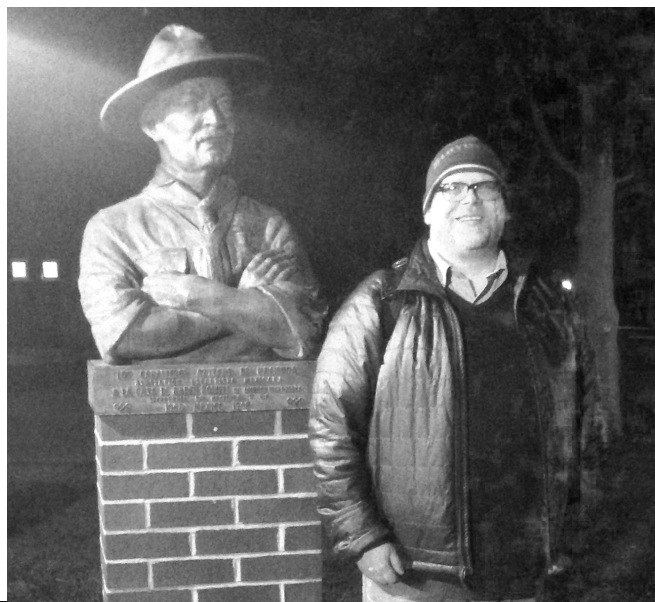
As the fog lifts off the lake we gather together united in our efforts to learn and protect. There is diversity in our herd but yet we share common purposes. Day 2 begins with reverence and respect for the needs of the group. We march on to green grass to grow.

Our tasks, trials, - even trails, that we all travel lead to our centered well-being. Not always peace without conflict but we learn to circle up to protect our herd.

Learning about Inclusiveness and Diversity has strengthened us. We are a greater growing heard because of realizing our strengths and weaknesses. We now have opportunities to turn the weaknesses into power to march into the future. Go Buffalos!

Antelope Patrol

No article, so here's me and BP at Gilwell Park in London last month.

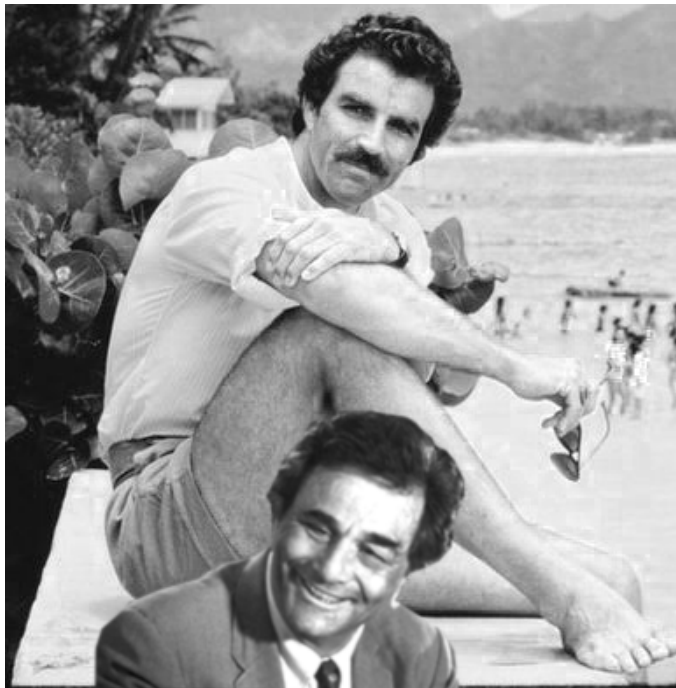


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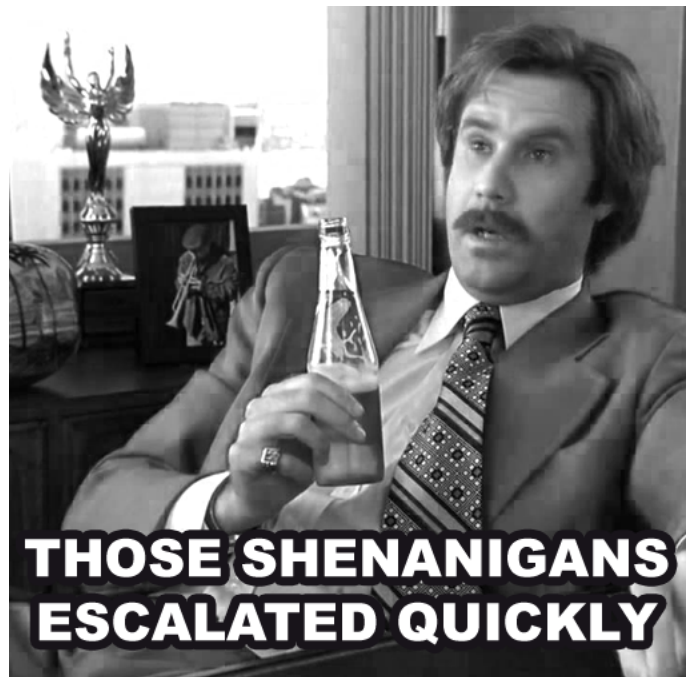
Weather Rocks!

The forecast until Weekend Two of S5-420-15 calls for decreasing light at sundown and darkness through the night with widely scattered light in the morning.



Gilwell Investigation

Two detectives are investigating the missing Den 6 flag. They are working in conjunction with the Gilwell District Attorney. Grand Jury charges are pending. One patrol has already retained legal counsel. Other patrols are encouraged to contact a legal professional.



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Photos: Margaret Crowell

As you leave today, please be careful driving home - you're more tired than you think! The staff of S5-420-15 looks forward to seeing you again soon on Gilwell Field on Weekend Two - April 17 - 19, 2015.



"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct. There is no teaching to compare with example."

- Robert Baden Powell