

THE Gilwell Gazette

The Wood Badge BSA-SR-430 Newsletter

Day 7 - Friday

June 8, 2001

Back to Gilwell, Happy Land!

Brown Sea Island is the place to be...it's quiet, has a cool lake, great scenery and few mosquitoes. All the patrol showed their creativity by presenting their Patrol Exhibits to the troop. Fun was had by everyone. At their patrol campfires, each patrol had an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned during the past week. New friendship, old friendships and new ideas all blended together into a wonderful experience. But now it's time to go Back to Gilwell!



A really Foxy Patrol Exhibit!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY 7 – FRIDAY, JUNE 8

- 6:00AM DEPART FOR GILWELL PARK
- 7:00AM BREAKFAST AND PATROL SELF-ASSESSMENT
- 7:45AM PARTICIPANTS' SCOUTS OWN
- 8:15AM GILWELL FIELD ASSEMBLY
- 8:45AM TRAVEL TO THE BEACH
- 11:30AM PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL
- 12:01PM BBQ LUNCH
- 12:30PM RETURN TO GILWELL PARK
- 1:30PM SUMMARY SESSION (TROOP PRESENTATIONS)
- 2:00PM COURSE ASSESSMENT
- 2:30PM BREAK
- 2:45PM LEAVING A LEGACY (TROOP PRESENTATIONS)
- 3:45PM PATROL MEETING AND TICKET REVIEW
- 5:00PM DINNER
- 7:30PM CLOSING GILWELL FIELD ASSEMBLY
- 8:00PM SONGFEST
- 9:00PM CLOSING
- 10:00PM CRACKER BARREL



Do you Remember the 5 Wood Badge Themes?

Back by popular demand, they are:

- **Living the Values**
Values, Mission, and Vision
- **Bring the Vision to Life**
Listening to Learn; Communication; Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity; Coaching and Mentoring
- **Models for Success**
High Performance Teams; Team Development Model; Team Leadership Model
- **Tools of the Trade**
Project Planning; Leading Change; Decision Making and Problem Solving; Managing Conflict; 360-Degree Leadership Assessment
- **Leading to Make a Difference**
Leaving a Legacy

Patrol Corners

From the Owl Patrol:

It's almost over! The Owl Patrol hopes that the other patrols enjoyed the midnight snacks made from the finest ingredients. Clear Lake will be sorely missed. It's frequent gusts of wind, abundant shade, and breathtaking night time scenery at the dock will remain a fond memory for all of us. The beach on today's itinerary however is eagerly anticipated along with tonight's feast.

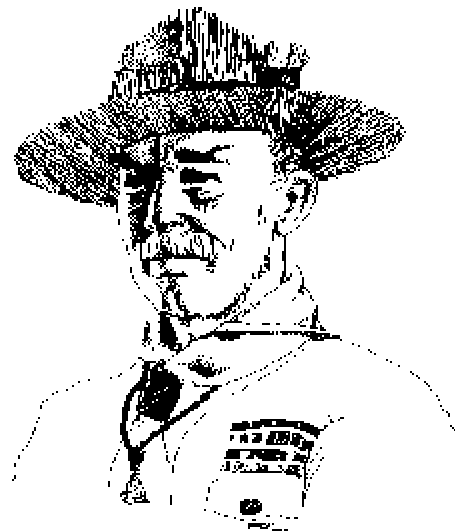
Today is the last day, technically, of Wood Badge. We'd like to thank the staff for being such good sports and putting up with all our antics. The Quartermaster's for providing much needed supplies and the kitchen staff for making such wonderful food. We'd like to thank the other patrols for not being sore losers when we beat you down in nearly every event. We'd like to thank our Troop Guide, Chieu, for being such a serious flexible guy (yes, it sounds like an oxymoron). He taught us so much and we appreciate his style.

It's been a long hard week, but at the same time it hasn't been long enough. Here at this camp we've forged bonds with each other; relationships that will last a lifetime. So much can happen in a lifetime. We all lead hectic lives and sometime the importance of a single event or a single person cannot be realized until much farther in the course of one's life. Tomorrow we go home. But who knows where we'll be in 20 years? What

will we think of this camp and of each other? Will we ever still know each other? No one can tell. We can only have faith. The seeds we've planted by staying here is only the first step. It is understood that not every seed can survive. That's just the way life and nature is. But as our seeds grow our roots will intertwine with each other that we may all come together as one.

Right now we're only a few scattered seeds, but who knows how big our forest can grow. Our week here is only the beginning, may we never forget the lessons we've learned from each other as we walk arm in arm towards the infinite possibilities of the future.

At this lake where the water's not clear,
I sit and feel the breeze blow through my hair.
New friends who over time have grown so near,
Keep me company with stories to share.
As hard as it is to let this moment go
Deep down I know this can never be my home.
I know nature will always be there for me,
But someone dear is back at home waiting patiently.

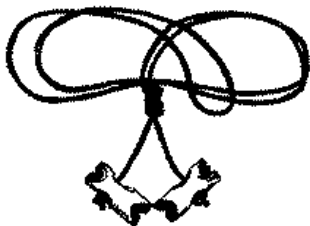


“In my dreams I'm going back to Gilwell
To the joys and happiness I found
On those grand week-ends
With my dear old friends
And see the Training Ground.
Oh, the grass is greener back in Gilwell,
And I breathe again that Scouting air,
And in memory, I see B-P,
Who never will be far from there.”

From the musical play,
“We Live Forever” by Ralph Reader

When is Your Beading Ceremony?

Although we come from all parts of the country, the staff would like to try and attend your Wood Badge Court of Honor ceremony to recognize your great achievement and present you with your neckerchief, woggle and beads.



As Scoutmaster De advises, once you complete the work on your ticket, before your 18 month time limit, call your coach/counselor (or support staff should you be unable to reach your counselor) to make the arrangements. Don't forget to invite the rest of your patrol and the staff to this wonderful event honoring your great achievement!

EDITOR'S FINAL NOTES:

This newsletter is the last official issue of the *Gilwell Gazette* for the course BSA-SR-430. As the Wood Badge program evolves in the years to come, feel proud you were part of history as a member of the first Wood Badge for the 21st Century course. With the help of the patrols and staffers, these newsletters will always remind us of our phenomenal experiences while at Gilwell Park. I am a better person having made our friendships this week. Keep the spirit of Scouting forever strong in your hearts and in your daily lives...

Thank you, thank you verrry muuuch! (Elvis has left the building)

Dave Iwana, Scribe and a Beaver

A Most Important Question

As we go about our business in the council we have many opportunities to search out those individuals who would be great participants and staff members. The following item from *Chicken Soup for the Soul* will help us be more successful in our recruiting efforts if we apply the lesson it teaches! The excerpt reads:

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of a joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward the quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say hello." I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy. -JoAnn Jones



Leaving a Legacy

- 1. It's a Palindrome**
- 2. Lead From the Inside Out**
- 3. Great Leaders Are Great Teachers**
- 4. Build Heart Connections**
- 5. It's in Every One of Us**
- 6. Leave a Legacy**