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Bring Your Spirit To Light!

Welcome Back Troop 1! How wonderful it is to have you back at Gilwell! The time has flown so quickly – it feels good to be back.

Today starts a new adventure – the outdoor experience part of the course. You'll hike to your campsites, stopping first at the model campsite set up by our worthy Venturers. These are part of Crew 4929 and our National Youth Leadership Training youth staff. Don't hesitate to

ask them questions – they are very willing to help you learn from their experiences. This weekend should be a lot more relaxing than the last. Take time to enjoy it; enjoy your surroundings, your patrol members and the other members of your



Troop. These are the moments that will create memo-

ries of a lifetime.

Your camping experience offers you and your patrol the opportunity to further develop and sharpen your team building skills. Allow yourselves to soak up the information presented – participate – enjoy the experience and learn lots!

Your learning will continue. Remember, every lesson has a purpose and each is connected to one of the Wood Badge themes. These themes, when woven together are the full measure of Wood Badge.

Baden Powell said, "The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light."



Today's Schedule:

- 7:00 Participant check-in
- 8:00 Gilwell Field assembly/Venturing induction ceremony
- 8:30 Travel to overnight campsite
- 9:30 Outdoor experience assembly
- 10:20 **Managing Conflict (Patrol)**
- 11:20 Break
- 11:30 Patrol Leaders' Council meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 **Generations (Troop)**
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 **Leading Change (Troop)**
- 3:05 Break
- 3:15 **Problem Solving & Decision Making (Troop)**
- 3:45 Problem Solving Round-Robbins
- 5:00 Dinner Prep
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 Catholic Mass
- 6:45 Patrol meeting
- 7:30 **The Diversity Game (Patrol)**
- 8:30 Participant campfire
- 9:30 Patrol cracker barrel



Scouting in a Changing Society

1965 - 1979

During this period of time, former Eagle Scouts and Boy Scouts surfaced as outstanding examples of the benefits of the Scouting program and persons all Scouts could aspire to become.

In this regard, Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the surface of the moon, was an Eagle Scout. He was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio in 1930 and was a member of Troop 25 in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. He was also a part of Wapakoneta's Troop 14 after his family returned there.



Further, although President John F. Kennedy had achieved the rank of Life

Scout, President Gerald Ford was the first President of the United States of America to have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. President Ford was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1913 and grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he rose to the Eagle Scout rank in 1927 as a member of Troop 215. President Ford cherished this achievement throughout his life.

Lastly, baseball legend Hank Aaron shattered Babe Ruth's 714 career homerun record when he smashed a homerun off



Dodgers' pitcher Al Downing on the night of April 8, 1974 in the bottom of the 4th inning at the Atlanta Braves Stadium. Hank Aaron was

born in Mobile, Alabama in 1934 and was a member of Mobile's Troop 235. Although never becoming an Eagle Scout, Hank Aaron was proud of his time as a Boy Scout.



It was during this period of time that the post-World War II white flight to the suburbs was felt by Scouting in its inner city troops and in American cities across America. Similarly, rural America was also experiencing a crisis in population movement which affected Scouting.

Thus, in 1965, BSA's National Council

launched the Inner-City Rural Program. This program was meant to demonstrate that Scouting was not a program only available to white, middleclass youth, but also to boys who were

the most "at risk" in American society. This program was hugely successful, although it met with resistance in the late

sixties and early seventies on some of the mean streets of the inner cities of major cities across America.

Significantly, by 1968, the BSA responded to segregation in America by refusing to charter segregated troops. However, several more years elapsed before full integration was achieved.

By 1969, BSA's membership was a little over two million, representing a drop of almost 65,000 from the previous year. This was the first dip in enrollment in many years and a sign of things to come.

In part, the baby boom having ended, the decline in enrollment was a function of simple demographics. Further, Scouting was forced to compete with other youth activities. With the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., and America's involvement in Viet Nam, worrying trends overshadowed previous progress which had been made in respect to civil rights and tranquility.

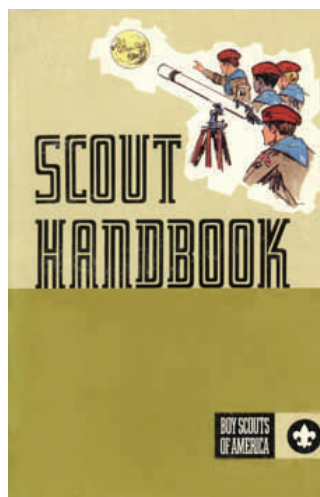
The BSA was experiencing a change in societal attitudes emblematic of a youth counterculture of the

baby boomers which rejected many values with which they had been raised. They were preaching distrust of government, organized religion and traditional values in sexuality and relationships while championing maximum freedom for individuals, including the freedom to take illegal drugs.

This attitude affected the Cub Scout promise which originally required Cub Scouts to promise to "be square." However, this language, which previously meant someone who was fair and honest, was now synonymous with someone who wasn't "hip" or "cool." As a result, the Cub Scout promise was changed to include the language "to help other people."

The BSA's National Executive Board commissioned a study in 1969, in

reaction to changing attitudes and in recognition of the criticism of many, that Scouting was "too organized" and "kind of out-of-date." This study led to major changes which have prevailed in Scouting.



Out of this program came the eighth edition (1972) of the *Scout Handbook*. Rather than showing Scouts in the out-of-doors, the cover of the Handbook showed Scouts looking through a telescope at the moon. Rather than being called *The Boy Scout Handbook*, it was called *The Scout Handbook*, deemphasizing

the word *boy*.

In the *Handbook* itself, signaling, mapmaking, canoeing, tracking and fire by friction was replaced with sections on drug abuse, family finances, childcare, community problems and current events. The section on hiking related as much to city streets as it did to backwoods trails.

In addition, the Improved Scouting Program changed the role of Scoutmasters and junior leaders, Senior Scouts became a part of a troop's "Leadership Corps," with their own separate activities and their own forest-green uniforms. (This group applied to Scouts age 14 and 15. Older Scouts were supposed to move up to junior assistant Scoutmaster status or transfer to Explorers.) Troop Leader Development (TLD) was introduced for youth leaders.

Scoutmasters now were designated “managers of learning,” required to hold “personal growth agreement conferences” with Scouts before they moved up in rank. Scoutmasters were also encouraged to master a “Cornerstone” leadership program based on eleven “competencies.”

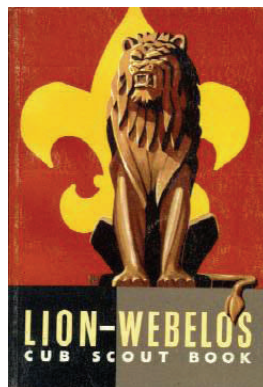
One of the single biggest changes arising from this effort was in respect to advancement. Now, Tenderfoot Scouts could earn merit badges. No time lag occurred between the earning of merit badges and the awarding of them. Rank advancement occurred in troop settings, later to be recognized in courts of honor.

A system of “skill awards” was developed and was distinct from merit badges. Skill awards were designed to be worn on a

Scout’s uniform belt and were a method to provide immediate recognition for achievement and motivation.

This new program was not without controversy. Some criticized it as allowing for advancement to Eagle without ever setting foot past the city line. Many felt that what made the BSA such an effective program was now being diluted.

Despite the decline in membership in the 1960s and 1970s, Cubscouting and Exploring had a better time of it.



The new Webelos Program of Cubscouting was developed and the Lion Rank

for Cubs was eliminated. Webelos Scouts engage in activities assuring their transition to Boy Scouts. The Arrow of Light Rank was developed in 1975 to honor Webelos Scouts who were 11 years old (or who were 10½ and had completed the 5th grade) and who had fulfilled the requirements needed to move up to the Boy Scouts. Camping activities for Cub Scouts were also emphasized and provided. Women in Cubscouting were encouraged to become Cubmasters and Assistant Cubmasters in addition to den leaders, their traditional role.

In the 1970s, the Exploring program also flourished. By the end of the 1970s, enrollment in Explorer posts was in the 500,000 range annually, seeing membership gains of approximately 25% per year. Young

women began to enter the ranks of Explorer. While some Explorer posts focused on hobbies, sports and outdoor activities, many of them focused on career awareness. The program for each post developed around the interests and capabilities of the adults in the organization with a shared purpose of Exploring - improvement of character, citizenship and fitness.

With the 1970s came an awareness of pollution, and the BSA responded. Project SOAR (“Save Our American Resources”) was the centerpiece of the BSA’s involvement beginning in 1970. This program encompassed all of Scouting and gained momentum throughout the 1970s. This movement was responsible for organized activities which included picking up garbage

along highways, planting trees to halt soil erosion in parks and campgrounds and to honor Keep America



Beautiful Day. During the 1970s, in addition to the outdoor experience involving New Mexico's Philmont Scout Ranch, three additional high-adventure bases were established: the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base (Northern Tier), near Lake Superior on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border, which featured canoeing; the Maine High Adventure program offering whitewater thrills and rugged camping; and the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys which featured sailing, swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving.

Of course, BSA

helped the United States celebrate its 200th birthday in 1976, including the campout on the Mall in Washington, D.C. involving 750 Scouts and Scouters during the entire summer. This was the time during which President Gerald Ford was in the White House. 137,000 Scouting units took part in special activities that year commemorating America's 200th birthday.



This period ended with the move of BSA's national headquarters from North Brunswick, New Jersey to Irving, Texas in 1979. Previously, BSA's headquarters had been in New York City for thirty-three years and in New Jersey for twenty-five years.

Scouting in a Changing Society - 1965 to 1979

- 1965 - The Order of the Arrow celebrates its 50th Anniversary.
- 1967 - The 12th World Scout Jamboree is held at Farragut State Park, ID.
- 1969 - Girls begin taking part in special-interest Explorer posts.
- 1970 - SOAR (Save Our American Resources) begins, encouraging Scouts to participate in conservation efforts.
- 1971 - The Maine National High Adventure Area opens.
- 1972 - Operation Reach is begun by the BSA to educate youth about the dangers of drug use. The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is formed.
- 1973 - The 8th National Scout Jamboree is held in Farragut State Park, ID and Moraine State Park, PA. This is the only Jamboree to have been held at two sites.
- 1976 - Scouts take part in many Bicentennial events celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the United States.
- 1977 - The 9th National Scout Jamboree is held in Moraine State Park, PA.
- 1979 - The Florida National High-Adventure Sea Base joins the family of Scouting's National High-Adventure Programs.

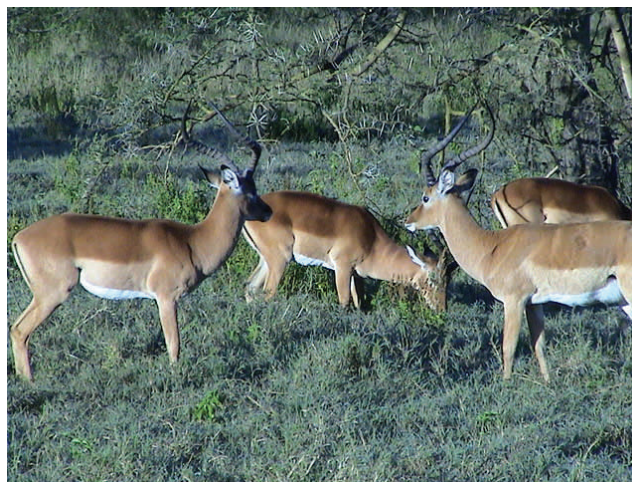


Critter Corner



Antelopes Herd Meet up at Local Watering Hole

The Antelope Patrol gathered together Wed 4/30 at a local watering hole for a few hours of teambuilding, idea sharing, work, laughs, and all around fun. Our patrol project, campfire program, tickets, faith service assignment, and backpack menu were discussed, planned and put in place. We look forward to the second weekend to continue the fun and learning of Wood Badge.



One-Handed/Hoof

Antelopes achieved setting up patrol tents with the use of only one hoof.

Together as a team/herd and not as an individual, we did it!

Much can be achieved by many as one.

To one and all the Antelopes we look forward to seeing you in May.

Buffalos Stampede...Grow...

The Herd is now running in full force much like a stampede. Our sense of teamwork soared far beyond our Rocket's maiden voyage. "The Game of Life" brought us back down to earth to help us make everyone a winner in scouting.

The next morning we grazed on our wonderful breakfast and discussed the day's events. We demonstrated cooperation by assisting the Eagle with the flag raising ceremony at Gilwell.

We continue to grow as a patrol with each passing day and find ourselves moving through the phases of storming, norming and performing with each new task. We singlehandedly set-up our tent and took in the great scent of victory that the tents provided.



Critter Corner



The Bear Necessities

We started our day off with a bear down, but we survived putting our tent up. We were energized with the discussion of food for our campout. It quickly led to the best practices of getting into a bear bag. Our discussion also included appropriate techniques to raid a camp. Always remember, if you aren't a BEAR, then you are dinner!

We are going into hibernation until May 17th. See you then.

Da Bears



An Owl's Vision

THE WISE OWLS HAVE FOUND THAT WINGS WORKING TOGETHER PROVIDE FOR BETTER FLIGHT. BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT OUR SUPERIOR VISION AT NIGHT WILL SOON BE BLINDED BY THE LIGHT. SO AS WE LEAVE HERE TONIGHT LET US REMEMBER WHAT WE HAVE DONE, BUT HOW WE USE IT HAS JUST BEGUN.



Critter Corner



Foxes in Communication

Making plans for separation. Fox Patrol has several plans for communication between camps. Conference calls, cell phones, Facebook and even a web page (Thanks Joe) will help us plan supplies and work on our tickets.

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We have some work to do on our Patrol Project and Outdoor Experience ideas that are between the storming and norming stages. All will be performing when we reconvene in May.

Fox Patrol proudly presented our Patrol Flag this morning at Gilwell Field.

Fox Patrol would like to thank the Wood Badge Staff, Volunteers, and other Patrols of Troop 1, Gilwell C-13-10 for a great weekend!



Greetings Fom The Soaring Eagles

Hello Gazetters,

This is the Eagle Patrol updating you on our second day at Wood Badge! It seems that soaring comes natural to us when we took to the sky in a rocket contest. We held the record for about fifteen seconds until the Antelope Patrol went for it. After that it was an all out air show!

After a fun-filled evening of lesson learning game shows we were taught a very important lesson, by working and communicating together "You all can Win". And I hope that everyone put that in the wish lantern.

P.S. Learn and understand handicap awareness



Critter Corner



Beaver Fever Continues to Rage

THE BEAVER PATROL CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH PERFORMING PATROL. WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR FIRST WEEKEND AT WOOD BADGE. THE FOOD HAS BEEN FANTASTIC AND THE TRAINING SESSIONS HAVE BEEN ENLIGHTENING.

WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR WOOD BADGE JOURNEY IN THE NEXT SESSION.

Bobwhites Have a Chant!

Hello Fellow Wood Badgers from the Mighty Bobwhites.

Chant: Bobwhite, Bobwhite, Bobwhite Splat!

After showing the rest of our campers our superior intellect in ref to the front-end alignment game, we have settled in to working and learning together.



The Chaplin's Corner



Dave Volek

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your month away and that you remembered to communicate with God while you were gone.

Today you will learn about your role in Leading Change, the impact that multiple Generations of people have on you, and how everything you learned so far will help you to solve problems and make decisions.

No matter what generation you find yourself in, "These are the best years of our lives!"

Sometimes it is easier to just pretend to listen rather than to hear, especially when dealing with old folks, or kids. I've learned that the value of listening to those who least expect it can reap unexpected rewards.

"How attractive is sound judgment in the gray-haired, and good counsel... wisdom... understanding and... rich experience." (Sirach 25:4,5,6)

God has blessed us with life. May we live it to the fullest!

Be, Know, Do!

Senior Patrol Leader
Don Young

Welcome back! Today begins the outdoor experience of the Wood Badge course. We have spent a couple of troop meetings getting ready for this and now it is time to see what we have learned.

The focus for leadership training revolves around the Be, Know, Do of leadership. It provides the adult and youth leaders in our council with the same tools that you will be getting during your time here at Wood Badge.

The BE of leadership –
Finding your vision,
setting goals, leverag-

ing diversity, leading yourself, and leading others.

The KNOW of leadership –
The skills of teaching and leading to help groups achieve their goals.

The DO of leadership –
A toolbox of methods for communicating effectively, solving problems, and resolving conflicts

Congratulations on your choice to attend Wood Badge, and good luck as you finalize and begin to 'work your ticket'. Wood Badge has been an exciting

journey full of discoveries, adventures, and new friendships. As you leave us on Monday, think about where you are on the Be, Know, Do trail and where you would like to be. You will become a better leader and person, while improving the unit and Scouting experience for the youth you work with.

I'll leave you with these words from author and philosopher Edmund Burke, who once said 'No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.'



