



Take Advantage Of This Time

I hope that your first day in your outdoor experience was grand. We worked hard to ensure that the weather was just perfect! Did you remember the lessons learned last month? Were you able to use your leadership skills and solve the problems of the day? What did you learn yesterday about yourselves and your patrol members?

I hope that you have taken advantage of the time to enjoy the day. There are so many

spectacular folks on this course, with so much experience and knowledge. I am learning more and more with every meal, every break, every lesson. I hope you are too! I so enjoyed the



campfire. Such talent! You continue to impress me more and more each day! I can't wait to see your patrol projects. I have heard so much about

them already.

This evening, the staff and I will depart at dinner to leave you for the night. This is your time, time to reflect, time to share, time to remember, time to enjoy! Again, take advantage of this time. You as a patrol and as a troop will never have this time again. It will pass all too quickly.

For today, continue learning and sharing. Keep your minds open and soak up the experience. Enjoy!

Today's Schedule:

- 6:30 Breakfast & assessments
- 7:30 Gilwell Field assembly
- 8:00 Interfaith Worship Service
- 8:30 **Conservation Project (Troop)**
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Self-Assessment (Troop)**
- 11:15 Break
- 11:25 **Coaching and Mentoring (Troop)**
- 12:15 **Lunch & Patrol Leaders' Council meeting**
- 1:15 Project set up
- 1:30 Project 1
- 2:00 Project 2
- 2:30 Project 3
- 3:00 Project 4
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Project 5
- 4:15 Project 6
- 4:45 Project 7
- 5:15 Project 8
- 5:45 Patrol dinners
- 6:00 Staff dinner
- 7:00 Patrol project self-assessment
- 8:00 Patrol campfires & cracker barrel



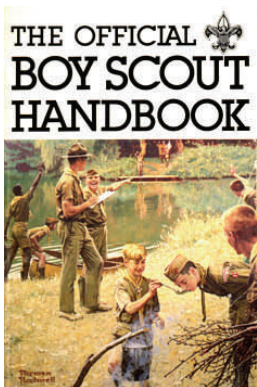
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Back to Basics

1979 - 1999

Representative of this period was BSA's change in direction which had engendered controversies over aspects of the Improved Scouting Program. Harkening back to Boy Scout's historic roots, this period is known for putting the "boy" back in Boy Scouts and putting the "outing" back in Scouting. The cover of the ninth edition of the *Official Boy Scout Handbook* exemplifies this approach.



This ninth edition of the *Official Boy Scout Handbook* was written by William

"Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt. Once again, emphasis was placed on the fun and adventure of Scouting and the desirability of using Scouting skills as a method to achieve the aims of Scouting. This approach was well-received even by those who had worked so hard to foster inner city and urban troop development. Emphasis was placed upon the extreme importance of traditional Scoutcraft as forming the foundations for Scouting's survival.

With the 1980s came a more conservative, patriotic culture exemplified by the election of President Ronald Reagan. In 1980, the Cub Scouts turned 50 reenergizing the entire organization which led to a decade of positive advancement.

With this change, there was a continuation of targeting hard-to-reach boys. Cleveland led the way in this endeavor. The Greater Cleveland Council went directly to various corporations and asked suitable executives from many of the company's ranks to become "executive style" Scoutmasters. As it turned out, many of these young executives were African American, to relate to and with the majority of Scouts who were also African American. Being a mentor and a role model is thought to be imperative.

As such, Boy Scouts continued to thrive and was revived. The downward trend which had been established since 1972 was reversed. In 1980, more than

50% of local councils saw an increase in membership making 1980 the best growth year on record.

In 1980, the Scouts helped with the National U.S. Census which made it one of the most comprehensive censuses that had been experienced to date. Millions of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers passed out reminders to American citizens.

During the National Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia in 1982, the BSA established a new program for younger boys, Tiger Cubs, which was made available to all 7-year-old boys. At this time, Tiger Cubs was considered a bridge to Cub-



scouting and was largely separate from the established Cub Scout program. The uniform for a Tiger Cub was simply a tee shirt, and there was no formal system of advancement. It was at this time that the Tiger Cub motto and promise were established: "Search, Discover, Share," and "I promise to love God, my family and my country, and to learn about the world." (It wasn't until 2001 that the Cub Scout promise replaced the Tiger

Cub promise.) By 1982, there were 85,000 boys and parents or guardians enrolled in the Tiger Cub program which reached 200,000 by 1985. This program grew in the 1980s and 1990s, and by 1983, local Cub Scout packs were authorized to include Tiger Cubs among their ranks. By 2001, Tiger Cub became an official rank of the Cub Scouts.

Exploring continued to thrive in the 1980s. By 1982, there were 600,000

participants in this program. At this point in time, about half of all Explorer posts were devoted



to specific career areas. Exploring benefitted from this time in America's history when a new spirit of confidence in the future had spread across the country. While this program flourished for older boys and girls, some Scouters felt that a program to serve older boys, who were more interested in Scouting's traditional outdoor activities, was in order.



As a result, the Varsity Scouting program was developed in 1980. This program was designed for boys aged 14 to 17 who were interested in activities which were more challenging, but not appropriate for younger Scouts. Additionally, this program did not cater to a career-based experienced

which Exploring offered. The term "varsity" referred to the fact that participants represented Scouting's "senior team."

At its inception, Varsity Scouting involved five-program fields, offering opportunities in advancement (including Eagle), High-Adventure Activities, Personal Development, Service and Special

Programs and Events. As can be seen by this description, this program

was not only sports oriented.

By the late 1990s, the BSA authorized another program for older youth, Venturing, which had previously been called Outdoor Exploring. This was an outgrowth of a historic meeting in Long Key, Florida in 1995 as an ex-

pansion of discussion begun by the Outdoor Exploring Committee. During the 1990s, Outdoor Exploring had exploded by 94% to almost 100,000 members representing one of the highest rates of growth in the BSA.



Venturing became an official BSA division in 1998. In its first year, it had 188,075 members. It continues to be a great success today offering a wide range of challenging activities, like high-altitude rock climbing, whitewater rafting, and seasonal activities, such as skiing and surfing. This program is mostly populated by youth between 14 and 19 with more 19-year-olds than 14-year-olds. As had been Scouting's throughout the

world, it remained an all-inclusive activity in the United States. The BSA reached out to Hispanic communities as the 1980s ended. With the benefit of a three-year grant from the Kellogg Foundation in 1990, the BSA promoted training for Hispanic professionals who were then placed in various councils in California and Texas by 1991. Ultimately, 608 packs, troops and posts in areas strategically targeted through this effort were established. Additionally, the Hispanic Emphasis program prepared and distributed Spanish language materials for Scout leaders and parents.

This effort was not confined to states bordering Mexico, but also targeted Spanish communities in major cities such as Chicago. The local Chicago area council banded together in the early 1990s and made a

strong commitment to minority recruitment, both in dollars and philosophy. As Cleveland had done, Chicago tapped its corporate community to assist in its Exploring program. Chicago area companies, such as IBM, Westinghouse and other local small businesses, participated in educating the youth about available careers.



While Scouting returned to its fundamental values in the 1980s and 1990s, it also blossomed throughout the world. In 1991, South Korea hosted the 17th World Scout Jamboree. More than 20,000 Scouts and Scouters representing 135 countries and territories gathered at Mount Sorak National

Park for a wonderful and spirited jamboree as the 20th Century was coming to a close. The theme of this jamboree was "many lands, one world." During it, a replica of the Brownsea Island Camp to celebrate Baden-Powell's first experiments in Scouting craft was created. Even though torrential rain and flooding

occurred during this jamboree (was Steve Ott there?), the

spirit of the campers was not dampened. During the remainder of the 1990s, renewed brotherhood among Scouts around the world occurred.

As the 1990s wore on, the success of the Boy Scout movement in shaping the values of American boys was recognized. By

1996, a study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates entitled “The Values of Men and Boys in America” validated what had been thought all along. Boys who participated in Scouting for at least five years “often demonstrate higher ethical standards and moral standards than those who were never in Scouting.” Almost nine out of ten men who were former Scouts participating in this pole agreed that “the values I learned in Scouting continue to be important to me.”

Prevention Council, the National Sheriffs’ Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police to deal with and face up to the issues of juvenile involvement in crime. The BSA’s crime prevention program had four main tenets: family, youth, community and unit. As such, crime prevention, incorporated into each facet of a Scout’s life, became a daily activity. A Crime Prevention Award was established for the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers.

As such, it is no surprise that Scouting focused on crime prevention as the 20th Century came to a close. A nationwide “war on crime” was launched in May 1996. The BSA joined with the National Crime

As the century came to a close, the eleventh edition of *The Boy Scout Handbook* was released again reflecting the issues of the day, including the Internet, GPS, AIDS and STD’s.

Back to Basics - 1979 to 1999

- 1980 - Cubscouting celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Up to this point in time, 30 million boys have been Cub Scouts.
- 1982 - The 1,000,000 mark has been surpassed for the number of Eagle Scouts since 1911.
- 1983 - The 15th World Scout Jamboree takes place in Kananaskis Country, Canada.
- 1984 - Varsity Scouting begins as a new program for older boys.
- 1985 - BSA’s 75th Anniversary is celebrated.
- 1987 - The 16th World Scout Jamboree is held in Sydney, Australia with the theme “Bring the World Together.”
- 1988 - The first Scouting for Food drive takes place and 65,000,000 cans of food are collected by 1,000,000 Scouts.
- 1989 - The 12th National Scout Jamboree is held at Fort A.P. Hill, VA.
- 1991 - The 17th World Scout Jamboree is held in Soraksan National Park, South Korea.
- 1995 - The 18th World Scout Jamboree, “The Future Starts Today,” is held in Dronten, Holland.
- 1998 - The Venturing Program is launched for young men and women ages 14 through 20. Also, BSA adopts “Leave No Trace” as Scouting’s guidelines for protecting the environment while conducting outdoor activities.

Critter Corner



Change Happens To The Beavers

We're glad to be back. Sorry to report one of our members has withdrawn from the program. Everyone has stepped up to fill the void. We are excited about our outdoor experience and have a chance to try new food items. Thanks to Crew 4929 and NYLT for supplying crew members to share their Scouting experience.



Bobwhites are so Excited!

All our tickets are done. Our campsite is set up in our Bear Square and we are looking forward to eating our homemade chilli with homemade rolls and warm apple pie with whipped cream. (What are you eating?) Life as a Bobwhite is great!!!!

P.S. We always welcome new Bobwhites to our patrol once they have seen the error of their ways!!!

Critter Corner



The Eagles have Returned!

We couldn't have asked for a better day to return for our second weekend of fun and frolic. The sun was shining, we were able to leave our parkas at home. Once we were given our camp assignment, we gathered up our belongings and started on our journey to White Oak. Taking our training, we set up our camp site in the "BEAR-MUDA-TRIANGLE" fashion, putting our food in the bear bag. We were joined for lunch by Senior Patrol Leader Don Young, Assistant SPL Wayne Bergman and Instructor Theresa Baumgartner.

Fox Patrol Gets a Hug

Every Fox made it back to Gilwell and we were all greeted with a big hug from our guide(Thanks Nikki)! We all prepared for our short backpacking adventure and didn't make it more than 50 yards before gear shifted and had to be adjusted. Once back on track, we made it to our campsite and proceeded to unpack. Each Fox has his own den to scamper back to after a hard day of Wood Badging. The Fox Patrol would like to thank Scott, Chuck and John for the great lunch conversation. We are all looking forward to a great outdoor experience.



Critter Corner



Back to Gilwell!

The Owl Patrol is glad to be back at Wood Badge’s Gilwell Field. We met on a couple of occasions, both in person and via conference call, but we are especially glad to see our friends in the other patrols. The Owl Patrol would like to say we enjoyed all the patrol yells! With our new Owl “Hoot”, keep in mind we were going for an artistic “simplicity”. Simple works for us, as we continue to struggle with the dreaded “GRAY AREA”. And to answer the question asked by many, we met at Denny’s, not Hooters



Bears Won’t Hold Their Breath

The Bears stumbled into our camp today after yet another wonderful Gilwell opening. Once camp was set up we scouted the area and tossed the Frisbee around. We shared camping stories with our courteous guests at lunch. The Bears hope to have time to practice our skit, patrol project and flag ceremony.

But we won’t hold our breath...



Critter Corner



Buffalos Stampede

The Buffalos are back stamped-ing together. We set up our campsite and are working together well. We had an awesome lunch of salad and even our guests liked it. During our off time we met together twice and worked really hard on our presentations. We even celebrated a birthday during one of the meetings. We are very excited about our presentation.



The Lopes Instructor Is Proud

The Lopes started off the day renewing old friendships from last month. After an hour of socializing and a Gilwell field flag ceremony it was off to load up and head out to camp.

A quick stop to review LNT principles and the model campsite from the venture crew and it was off to set up camp.

Carol was proud of the Lopes for having all tickets complete and let the signing begin. With a few free minutes to spare, one of our guests enjoys the weather awaiting the lunch bell.

God's Work

Good morning! What a great day today will bring! Today we will focus on our environment with our conservation project!

We have all heard the story of creation as told in the Bible. I believe that from the Lord comes the earth and the beauty of its creatures.

We thank you O God! For this day, for morning sun and evening star; for flowering trees and flowing streams, for life giving rains and cooling breeze. For the earth's patient turning, the changing of the seasons, the cycle of growth and decay, of life and death. When our eyes behold the beauty and

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grandeur of your world, we see the wisdom, the power and the goodness of the Creator. We awake and behold! It is a GREAT DAY!

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. (Psalm 19:1)

The Chaplin's Corner



Dave Volek



Senior Patrol Leader
Don Young

The Early Bird May Catch A Shower!

Make sure you get up early enough to cook, eat, clean up your camp site and be on Gilwell Field "ON TIME" for assembly. If you get done early enough you may be able to sneak in a shower after you break down your camp!

This afternoon, we will all get to see the fruits of your patrol project efforts. Keep in mind

that we are looking for quality over quantity. All of the staff is anxious to see what creative things the patrols have come with.

Just as with our first weekend we have to break down the entire camp tomorrow. You all did such a great job helping the staff last month that I am hoping for much the same thing again after the closing Gilwell ceremony. If everybody can help a little, nobody will have to do a lot and we will all be able to get home earlier.

Did I just say "CLOSING CEREMONY?" Tomorrow is the last day of the course? I am just starting to get used to the people in my patrol! I actually have to start working my ticket? I am still trying to remember where my critter comes in during the Gilwell song! I enjoy the melodic sound of that Kudu horn..... So much to do; so little time! I am not sure that I am ready to be out on my own.... Where is my troop guide, we need to talk....



