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I KnowNow It's Your Turn!

In the 12 years that I served as Scoutmaster of Troop 176, it seems as though I always heard, “**I know.**” No matter what I said, it seems as though the Scouts already knew the lesson at hand. I often commented that I was going to write a book of the “I knows” which was going to make me a very rich woman! I know – they thought that was funny too!

I thought that I would share some of the “I knows” that I have learned.... for example:

I know that if you have a bowl of pancake batter, a couple of really cool Scouts and a large pan; it will result in a large pancake of sorts and an even larger mess.

I know If you let one person name the patrol “Density’s Child,” someone is going to get hurt! (Yes, this is true!)

I know if you have a table, a bunch of yarn and foamies – beautiful little cub creatures will appear for your blue & gold banquet.

I know that if you have a 2-liter soda bottle, some cardboard and 8 patrols, a fierce competition of showmanship and

craftiness will transpire.



I know that when you play a game of Jeopardy, it’s all about being the first to ring in, not necessarily the first with the right answer or even an answer.

I know that if you put a group of people in a patrol, give them a critter name, strange songs, yells, and gestures will occur! But.....

I know that it is a wonderful life and moments like these – our time with newfound friends is more precious than anything! Make a point to have lots of those moments.

I know that this day is the beginning not the end, to more fun and adventures – use everything that you have learned to guide you.

I know that you are the secret of your success.

Always keep your word and do the honorable thing.

I know that you do make a difference, every day and in so many ways that you never dreamed imaginable, don’t ever stop.

I know that you should always remember those who have supported, helped and pushed you and be appreciative and when it’s your turn you know what to do!

I know that if you dare to dream, dream big, believe in yourself and you can achieve it all.

I know that our time has ended. You will now embark upon your journey to complete your ticket. Although we all will not be with you as we have been on this part of the course, we will all be standing by cheering you on and watching you succeed!

I know that it has been my honor to serve as your Scoutmaster. My time to step aside has come. Now it’s your turn!



Today's Schedule:

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| 7:00 | Breakfast & assessments |
| 8:00 | Camp breakdown, load vehicles & return from over-night |
| 10:30 | Gilwell Field assembly |
| 11:15 | Patrol Leaders' Council meeting |
| 11:45 | Closing luncheon |
| 1:15 | Leaving A Legacy (Troop) |
| 2:25 | Break |
| 2:35 | Summary Session (Troop) |
| 3:25 | Closing Gilwell Field assembly |
| 3:55 | Break down rest of camp |
| 4:30 | Depart for home |



Congratulations to grandpa-to-be, Wayne Bergman, whose hands will soon be full

Scouting's Second Century 1999 - Present

With the turn of the century came a review of the past 90 years of Scouting in America. On February 8, 2000, the BSA turned 90 years old. At that time, during a yearlong series of celebrations, a reflection on the past was encouraged through programs, such as Salute a Leader and Rekindle the Spirit. During the Salute a Leader program, older Scouters nominated adult figures who served



as childhood role models. The Rekindle the Spirit program reminded all Scouts, both past and present, of the spirit of the BSA. This year of celebration ended with BSA's Great Leadership Search to recognize leaders at local banquets who instilled the very best values in young people exemplifying the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.

It should come as no surprise that as the new century took hold and the events of September 11, 2001 took place, Boy Scouts were there. In this regard, literally Scouts walked purposely through downtown Manhattan on the days after September 11. They were there to provide whatever assis-

tance they could by handing out bottles of water and blankets, collecting donations and other activities.

This event rekindled in some ways the patriotic mission of Scouting. Troops from all over America organized themselves into patriotic booster groups holding flag waving demonstrations and public displays of patriotism and national unity. In the thousands,

uniformed Scouts helped boost morale and stir up American patriotism.

Fulfilling BSA's service orientation, Scout troops throughout America also collected donations of canned food, clothing and supplies to be transported to the rescue workers at the various disaster sites in New York City,

Washington, D.C., and rural Pennsylvania.

By the end of 2001, more than 5,000,000 youths

had participated in Scouting and Scouting-related activities over the years. In part, this success in participation could be credited to BSA's new Scoutreach Division. This vital part of the BSA evolved from earlier programs, including the Inter-Racial Service in the Inner-City Rural Program. Again, this division sought to foster Scouting in underserved areas. Diversity was the touch-

stone of this division's mission.

As such, Asian American participation in Scouting dramatically increased in the new century. There were many Scout troops composed largely of Scouts of Japanese, Chinese and Vietnamese descent, especially in California where these populations had settled.



In 2002, the National Scouting Museum opened in Irving, Texas near the BSA's National Headquarters. This Museum was positioned on a 50,000 square foot campus-like facility, and is a home to the most extensive archive of Boy Scouts-related material in the world. Its Director Susan B. Hardin observed that "[i]t's not boring, it's not quiet, it's not dry. It's designed to provide the typical visitor with three to four hours of unique and exciting activities. Its goal is to present the story, values - and fun - of Scouting in the most entertaining and enlightening way possible."

As has been the case throughout the history of Boy Scouting in America, prominent individuals who had been Scouts came onto the scene. Significantly, Secretary of Defense Robert H. Gates was appointed to that position in 2006 after having served a distinguished career in the CIA and later serving as President of Texas A&M University. Secretary Gates was an Eagle Scout and has served as President of the National Eagle Scout Association. He graduated from The College of William & Mary in Virginia, went to graduate school at the Indiana University and then went onto his career in public service.

Steve Fossett was another notable Eagle Scout. Mr. Fossett was a long-distance balloonist, aviator and sailor, setting 116 records in five different sports during his life. He was the first person to circumnavigate the globe alone in a balloon, and the first person to successfully fly a nonstop, solo and non-refueled flight around the world, making the flight in a single-engine jet airplane. Not surprisingly, Fossett be-

came an Eagle Scout at the age of 13, was named a Distinguished Eagle Scout (as had been Secretary of Defense Gates) and awarded the Silver Buffalo by the BSA as an adult. On September 3, 2007, he took off from a small airstrip in the Nevada Desert in a small, single engine prop plane in search of adventure and achievement looking for a dry lakebed on which he could attempt to break the speed record for a land vehicle. He never returned, and the final traces of him and his aircraft were finally discovered in October 2008.

In 2004, the BSA revived its tradition of national good turns and reinstituted the Good Turn for America program. The BSA partnered with the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity in the pursuit of this service to America. By the end of 2004, Scouts across the nation had devoted over 3,000,000 collective hours of service to the nation's neediest. By December 2007, more than 1.5 million Scouts and adult participants had taken part in Good Turn

for America, conducting almost 70,000 service projects.

Statistically, by the end of 2005, BSA had a youth membership of nearly 3,000,000 and over 1,000,000 adult leaders organizing 122,582 units. During that year, 49,328 youths earned the Eagle Scout rank which was the largest one-year total in the history of the Scouts. It also happened to be a jamboree year, where some 43,000 Scouts, Scouters and staff attended the jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill.

This period of the Boy Scouts of America's history, a preparation for the next 100 years, has involved looking to the past to understand what has worked and what has not worked. By remaining faithful to the core values of Scouting, it has survived in America. While neither the mission nor the principles of Scouting have changed, some

of the methods have adapted to meet the needs of the time.

Presently, Scouting attracts approximately 1,000,000 new youth members per year. It is the premier youth oriented character-building organization in the United States. Its mission remains to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law. It is on this foundation that the BSA has been built and will continue to stand the test of time.

Once again, I commend to your reading the book *Boy Scouts of America, a Centennial History* (2009) by Chuck Wills, a DK Publishing, Inc. Publication which I gratefully acknowledge as the source of information for the history of Scouting articles presented in the C-13-10 Gazettes.

Rick Alkire
Scribe, C-13-10

Scouting's Second Century 1999 - Present

- 1999 - The 19th World Scout Jamboree, "Building Peace Together," is held in Picarquín, Chile, 2000. The one hundred millionth Scout joins the BSA.
- 2001 - The 15th National Scout Jamboree is held in Fort A.P. Hill, VA.
- 2002 - The National Scouting Museum opens next to the BSA National Office in Irving, TX.
- 2003 - The 20th World Scout Jamboree, "Share Our World, Share Our Cultures" is held in Sattahip, Thailand.
- 2004 - BSA launches Good Turn for America, a national initiative to address the problems of hunger, hopelessness, inadequate housing and poor health.
- 2005 - The 16th National Scout Jamboree is held again in Fort A.P. Hill, VA. Cub Scouting celebrates its 75th Anniversary.
- 2007 - The 21st World Scout Jamboree, "Centennial," is held in the United Kingdom. It celebrates 100 years of world Scouting.
- 2009 - The BSA awards its two millionth Eagle rank since 1911. The twelfth edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook* is issued, which is the first "green" edition, printed on recycled paper with environmentally friendly processes.



Critter Corner



The Beavers are Grateful for the Memories

We have found each other's strengths and used them to make a cohesive patrol. With our time together we have all come up with great ideas to take back to our packs, troops and crews in the form of outdoor meals, games and projects. Even though the program ends today, we know that what we have learned will remain with us forever. We are **all** eager Beavers so we know that we will be able to accomplish our goals in a timely manner.

Thanks for all the memories



Bobwhites Are Self-Assessed

Bobwhites are sitting nice with their tickets in and presentation done. We are feeling very self-assessed. A note to the program patrol, our embellishment is not heavy it's our brother.

Hope the other patrols enjoyed the center pieces we supplied for dinner.

Yours in Walking Funny,
The Bobwhites



Issue 5 Correction: Your humble Scribes offer the following correction to the Bobwhite article. Its ending should have read: **P.S. We always welcome new Bobwhites to our patrol once they have seen the error of their ways!!!**

Critter Corner



Eagles Urge Unity

We couldn't have asked for a better backdrop on a more beautiful morning to come in touch with the spirit during our Troop Interfaith program. The Eagles were pleased to round out the program in concert with our fellow Wood Badgers. A start to the day. E Pluribus Unum.

The unity continued into our conservation project as the large task and even larger mulch mound, dwindled under the onslaught of shovels and rakes. Many hands indeed make for light work. E Pluribus Unum

Our Eagle's Patrol Project hopefully influenced others to embrace Leave No Trace as part of their regular outing guidelines. We enjoyed working on it and with each other during the break. The message delivered by all the Patrol Projects was well received and proved to be a great culmination of principles portrayed over the past two weekends. E Pluribus Unum.

Lastly, the Eagles could not have soared as high or as proudly without the guidance of our leader and friend, Theresa Baumgartner. E Pluribus Unum

The Foxes Finally Figure It Out

The Foxes again displayed and utilized typical foxy methods at the afternoon activities Saturday, especially the Wiggle Woggle of nitrous exercise, where we recognized that with only two minutes it was more effective for one member to transport the can with the moral support of four patrol members.

Joe Rampini treated the Fox Patrol and guests to gourmet style eating.

The Fox Patrol hopes that our presentation provided both some entertainment and encouragement for all Woodbadge participants.



Critter Corner



The Owls Give A Hoot

The Owl Patrol experienced a sometime too rare event at Camp Beaumont, a rain-free overnight of camping. This overnight outdoor experience went well after an outstanding campfire program.

The Owl Patrol is looking forward to an equally outstanding presentation along with the other patrol projects. Sunday night will surely be filled with careful reflection of the previous five days of events as we prepare to depart on day six.

A Hoot to all and to all a hooting scouting scout life.



What Bears Do In The Woods

After a night in the woods, we felt great comfort being able to relieve ourselves in our natural habitat. The sounds of the birds, running water and snoring in our patrol was also comforting. Our Instructor, Walt, has been a blessing for demonstrating patience, his knowledge and experiences. Walt – you are great! What else would you expect from the Greatest Generation?

Da Bears

Critter Corner



Buffalos Avert Overthrow

The Buffalo Patrol has increased our security level to threat level orange. An investigation was performed on our old Patrol Leader Mark Henderson. The results of this investigation revealed that Mark secretly wanted to be a Bobwhite (red robin).

Due to these results Mark Henderson was removed from office this morning. By doing this we hope to cut off the flow of information that is shared with the Bobwhites. The release of this information was evident during this morning's patrol songs where Bobwhites attempted to steal our patrol song, but were thwarted by our fellow Buffalo, Don Young.

Our patrol also stopped an arson attempt on Dave Ross, our instructor, as he visited our camp and was taking the opportunity to rest after a long and stressful day. He narrowly escaped a fiery death when a Molotov cocktail almost ended up in his lap. Dave was grateful that there was an outhouse next to our camp site with running water, so he could clean up.

We are saddened that our time here is drawing to a close, but we are excited to share the wealth of information that we have received with all that we come into contact with.

The Lopes Confess... The Rest Of The Story

The Lopes experienced first hand that change happens, but not always good when the herd encountered a wild brush fire that almost burnt the program beads beyond recognition. The herd tried, unsuccessfully to present the charred beads at Gilwell. Being an overachieving herd, a plan was quickly launched to embellish the real beads with our "Hop To It" bouncy ball. The change ended on a good note when the real embellished beads were discovered.



The Chaplin's Corner



Dave Volek

What a great service we had yesterday, Thank you for sharing with us! Today we will say good bye to our new friends. Some we will never see again, others but once a year perhaps at the Woodbadge breakfast.

"Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, thou shall drink it with pleasure."

– *Sirach 9:10*

Friends

Fox news commentator Bill O'Reilly said, "you are not what you eat."

Rather you are whom you associate with." O'Reilly would clarify that by saying in his book, *Who's Looking Out For You*, that if we embrace honest caring, and strong people, we will accomplish many positive things. "If you go it alone, or book passage on a ship of fools" he says, "expect one of

those fools to toss you over the side when the big waves come...But a good friend will last a lifetime. And that person will look out for you if you demonstrate that you are worth looking out for."

Loving God, Bless us with genuine friends, and bless my friends.

Farewell my friends and enjoy the journey where-ever it make take you!

Which Road Will You Choose?

WOW! What a great couple of weekends! Seems like we just got here and it cannot be time to go home already. As you look back on what you have learned in this course, you may realize that your training is not over, but is just beginning. I think when you reflect back on this time in a couple of years, you will suddenly put things together and it will all make sense to you.

It probably won't be in Scouting when it happens; might be when you are alone reflecting on something; at work in a highly stressful

situation; or maybe watching the Super Bowl. Something will click and you will 'get it.' All of the presentations will begin to make sense and you will see the big picture the staff was trying to get across to you.

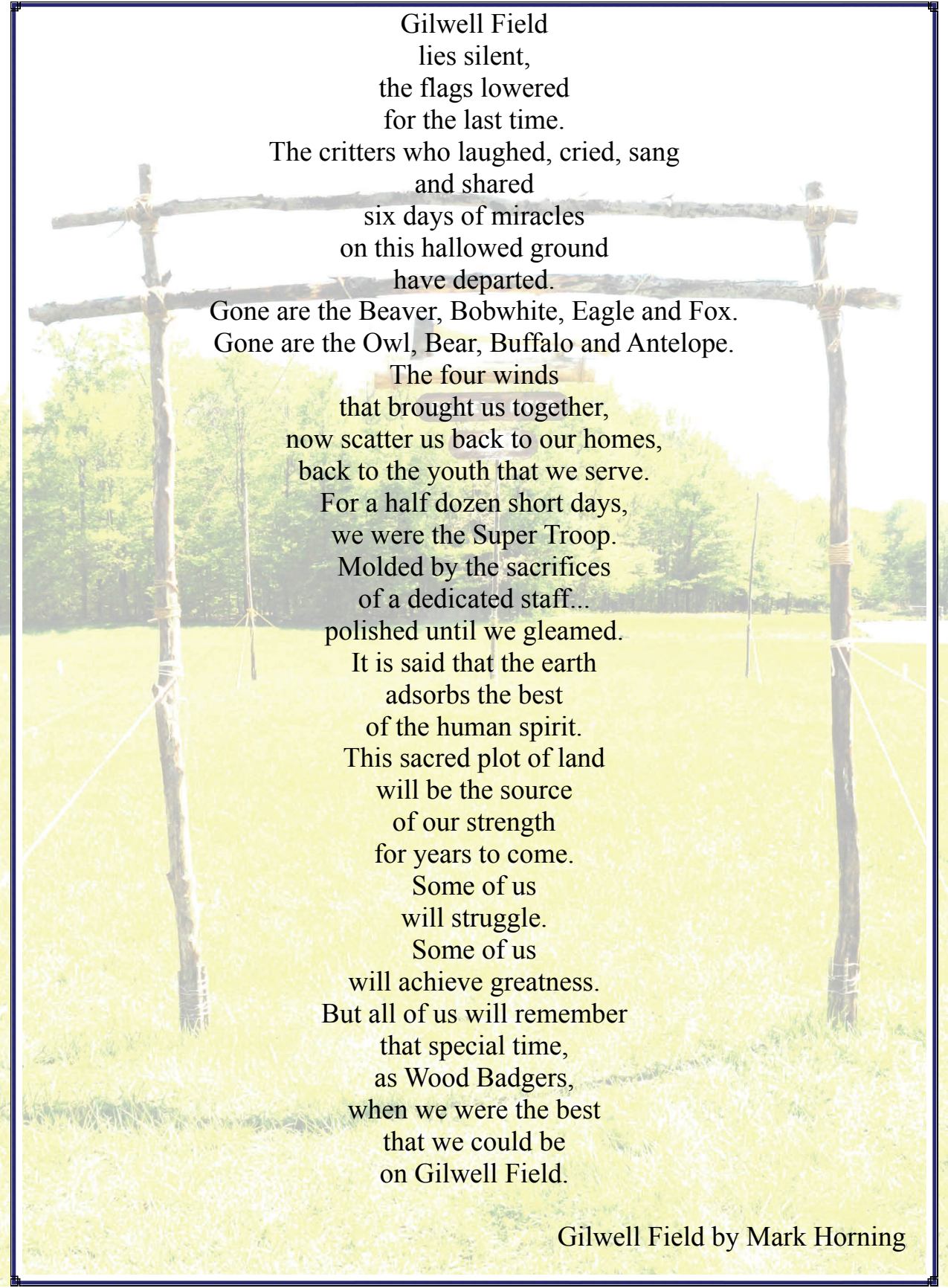
You'll find yourself humming that silly song to yourself trying to remember which patrol comes right before yours. Unless you were the Beavers, that may 'buffalo' you for a while! Every place you go, you will be looking for more stuff with your 'critter!' You begin to think about others you work with in Scouting that might benefit from attending Wood Badge.

Senior Patrol Leader
Don Young

Robert Frost, the famous poet, wrote the following in his poem "The Road Not Taken": *Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.* What will you do with the training you have received in Wood Badge? Which road will you choose? Will you stick to the road most-travelled or try to make a difference in your unit and in the lives of those around you?







Gilwell Field
lies silent,
the flags lowered
for the last time.
The critters who laughed, cried, sang
and shared
six days of miracles
on this hallowed ground
have departed.
Gone are the Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle and Fox.
Gone are the Owl, Bear, Buffalo and Antelope.
The four winds
that brought us together,
now scatter us back to our homes,
back to the youth that we serve.
For a half dozen short days,
we were the Super Troop.
Molded by the sacrifices
of a dedicated staff...
polished until we gleamed.
It is said that the earth
adsorbs the best
of the human spirit.
This sacred plot of land
will be the source
of our strength
for years to come.
Some of us
will struggle.
Some of us
will achieve greatness.
But all of us will remember
that special time,
as Wood Badgers,
when we were the best
that we could be
on Gilwell Field.

Gilwell Field by Mark Horning