

GILWELL GAZETTE

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C4-440-15 Troop 1 (photo by Steve Ott)

A Wonderful Wild Day of Wood Badge

What a day!

A day at sea isn't your usual activity at Camp Beaumont, but the leaders of Gilwell Pack 1 had that planned for their Cub Scouts. Being led by their Den Chiefs, the Scouts played Scout related quiz games, made lighthouses, ships, customized sailor hats and binoculars.

But one of the most popular crafts were the lanyards made with three different colored beads, green, representing Venturing, red, representing Boy Scouts, and blue, representing Cub Scouts, tied together with a figure eight knot.

"Each of the beads represent the three mottos of the three divisions of scouting," Judy Poole, Chaplain Aide, said. "The blue was for 'Do Your Best', the Cub Scout motto. The red for 'Be Prepared', the Boy Scout motto, and the green was for 'To Lead the Adventure', the Venturing motto. It was very neat."

Today's Weather

67°

Bright and sunny!

Cubmaster Carol Doe agreed.

"The activities were about what youth do in a Cub Scout setting," she said. "We wanted to give the participants a taste, some of the flavor of what is it like to be a Cub Scout."

The crafts made were used at the Blue and Gold Banquet during lunch.

Of course, there were some practical aspects to the activities of the morning. Doe briefly explained the mini-ticket and, because Scouts are good citizens, the pack raised the American, Pack and an historic flag on Gilwell Field, with the help of the members of Gilwell Troop 1 and Scoutmaster Don Young.

Scoutmaster Don Young introduced the Cub Scouts to their Wood Badge course with the first presentation of the day.

"I bet you were wondering why you're here," Mr. Young asked the assembled group. "We'll give you a global view of scouting." He explained what the course objectives are and some of the areas they will be exploring and learning. "We always can learn," he said.

Mr. Young pointed out the reason many sign up for Wood Badge — fun and fellowship. "It's why you take Wood Badge," he said. Natu-

rally, that isn't the one reason one takes Wood Badge. "It's a way to renew your commitment to both Scouts and your commitment to your kids." He said that the participants came to Wood Badge to make a difference in the lives of their Scouts, families and communities. "Why lead if you're not going to make a difference? One of the inspirational quotes I love is 'Remember the possible today was the impossible yesterday.' The Wood Badge ticket is your vision. Look at the future and ask yourself what you want the future to be."

Ending his presentation, he asked the participants to stand and briefly introduce themselves while he personally greeted them and handed each a Wood Badge coin.

"The coin represents the treasure they will find in Wood Badge," Mr. Young said. "It's the first of many treasures they will find along the way."

While Mr. Young's presentation was serious, there was more fun to be had with Gilwell Pack 1 held it's Blue and Gold Dinner. With troop members dressed in a nautical theme, including Gilligan, the Skipper and Mary Ann

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Today's Agenda

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Gilwell Field Assembly
- 8:30 Troop meeting
- 10:10 Break
- 10:25 Leveraging Diversity
- 10:55 Stages of Team Development
- 11:45 Break
- 11:55 Lunch
- 12:30 Patrol Leader's Council Meeting
- 1:25 Communication
- 2:15 Break
- 2:25 Project Planning
- 3:15 Break
- 3:25 Rocket Launch
- 4:55 Break
- 5:05 Patrol Meeting
- 6:05 Dinner
- 6:50 Catholic Mass
- 7:30 Wood Badge Game Show



“True Meaning of Leadership”

By Don Young

Not all kids want to go in the same direction; take the most direct path to the goal; have the same motivation or desire to succeed. Many like to take things day by day, while others are already planning things they would like to have accomplished in five years. Sound like some people in your patrol?

In our lives, we learn about leadership through a variety of roles: sports teams, parent, coach, mentor, Scout leader, teacher, and role model to name but a few. Our job as the leader is not to be out in front, but rather to be like a Shepherd with his herd. We know where the goal is, but it is up to each of the members of the flock to decide how far and how much they get out of the journey. They will determine the pace of the journey and it is our job as leaders to guide them as needed along the way. Kind of like this Wood Badge course.....

What makes a person want to follow a leader? People want to be guided by those they respect and who have a clear sense of direction. To gain respect, they must be ethical. A sense of direction is achieved by conveying a strong vision of the future. A mentor is a trustworthy and experienced guide and teacher; who helps someone new to a job over a period of time.

Being a leader, is more than just a role. In fact too many leaders rely too heavily on the title and do little-to-none active, verb-like "leading" at all. We are there to be sounding blocks, ready to celebrate success or analyze why things did not work



out. Ready to congratulate our youth on their accomplishments or encourage them when things did not go as planned. Willing to help each youth visualize his/her goal, but not willing to be the vehicle for how (or if) they get there.

Leadership is everything we do that effects our units objectives and their well-being. Respected leaders concentrate on what they *are* [be] (such as beliefs and character), what they *know* (such as job, tasks, and human nature), and what they *do* (such as implementing, motivating, and providing direction).

Leadership takes a lot of effort and time. It is always easier to slip into an "I said so", authoritative, noun-like stance that a role usually relies upon. Guiding and teaching others requires time. There is no such thing as lazy leading. When it isn't active, you aren't doing it. Every interaction is a leadership and teaching opportunity.

When you are passive, you often aren't guiding others. You may be teaching the absolute opposite thing that you want to. When you guide, you invest yourself and your time into the development of another person.

To a great extent, leadership is only as good as the leadership it creates. I strongly believe that creating

future leadership is part of my job in Scouting, and this belief helps me feel grounded in it. I may never know the names of current pop stars, but I will know those whose leadership is the future of our unit.

I hope that you enjoyed your first day at Wood Badge yesterday and cannot wait to see what we have in store for you today. Did you enjoy the campfire our staff put on for you last night? Were you inspired by the visit of the founder of the Scouting program, when Baden-Powell joined us as the campfire was reduced to embers? Did you do any reflecting on your way back to your troop lodge last night?

Welcome to Day Two on the course and lots more chances to add skills to your leadership toolkit.



Proper Prior Planning Promotes Positive Patrol Performance

By Joe Wollet
Senior Patrol Leader

Good morning, Troop 1! I hope everyone slept well after such an action-packed day yesterday.

There is a full schedule in store for today, too, so please make sure you and your patrol mates arrive to each assembly, presentation and activity on time.

Yesterday's Patrol Leaders' Council meeting was done a little differently, with the full troop in attendance, so every participant was able to see and hear how PLC meetings are conducted.

Beginning today, though, it is the responsibility of the day's patrol leader to attend the meeting and, more importantly, to share information with the rest of the patrol.

When it's your turn to attend the PLC, make sure to plan. Proper

prior planning promotes positive patrol performance.

Bring your patrol's Patrol Leader Notebook. Talk with the previous day's patrol leader so you know what action items are due. Have an understanding of how your patrol is progressing on its journey to becoming a high-performing team. Be aware of any patrol member needs, issues or concerns.

Once the PLC meeting concludes, share the outcomes with your patrol members. Be SMART with instructions, task assignments, deadlines and performance goals.

ASPL Brian Lenox and I are here to help you succeed, so ask questions and seek answers if anything is unclear.

Make it a great day—and have fun out there!

Thought for the Day

Chaplain's Corner

By Judy Poole

There are two days in every week we should never worry about, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One is **yesterday**, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed, nor erase a single word we've said. Yesterday is gone. The other day we should not worry about is **tomorrow**, with its impossible adversaries, its burdens, its hopeful promise and unknown performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds — but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day — **today!** Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives people mad. It is the remorse of bitterness for something that happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Make **TODAY** the best day it can be, and live one day at a time!

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leading the troop in a rousing rendition of the *Gilligan's Island* theme song, the pack set sail to a fun lunch that included jokes and puns before the Cub Scouts crossed over to the troop.

Greater Cleveland Council Wood Badge and Training Coordinator Steve Ott summarized what Boy Scouting's primary purpose.

"The mission of the Boy Scouts is to allow youth to make sound moral decisions based on the Scout Law and Scout Oath," Ott said.

The day ended with Jenn Newrones and Joel Bussman, along with The Wood Badge Players, who showed us how to hold an exciting campfire program, followed a campfire presented by the staff. Bussman continued a tradition that started in Iowa in 1933, when a group of

Scouts, wishing to hold on to the memory of their campout, decided to take with them the ashes from their campfire. The ashes were shared with various campfires and numerous troops world-wide and the ashes Bussman poured on the fire had been shared with over 2,100 campfires across the world, including from Scout campfires from many foreign countries, including England, Poland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and from 47 other countries from around the world. The ashes shared came from 10 different World Jamborees, including one attended by Baden-Powell, 18 BSA National Jamborees, and soil from the grave of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell in Kenya.

At the end of the campfire, the troop was visited by Lord Baden-Powell, who told of his life story, the history of Scouting and of the first Wood Badge Course.

The Critter Keeper

Many different and varying things are important, almost sacred, to various people. Churches, mountains, buildings are but a few examples.

To a Wood Badger, few things are as sacred as their critter.

Mess with someone's critter, you could be asking for trouble. A Wood Badger would stop at garage sales in another state if he thought he saw his critter.

Why is this?

"It's our identification," said former Wood Badge Course Director Paula Puchajda. "Our critters tie us across the entire Wood Badge universe. Everywhere there is a Wood Badge course, there's another owl or eagle or whatever critter is your totem."

The pull the critters have on us is amazing.

"Now all those critters you saw for years, look a lot more interesting," said Puchajda, also known as Trading Post Paula.

While you can cruise garage sales looking for your critter, there is a simple and easy way to get your critter gear – visit the trading post. Trading Post Paula is waiting to show you every piece of critter gear you could ever wish for. Of course, every purchase at the trading post benefits the Wood Badge/National Youth Leadership Training Scholarship Fund.

Trading Post Paula would like to let everyone know that she will learn tomorrow if we are going to be able to order your customized Wood Badge clothing from Scout Graphics tomorrow, so if you still want that Wood Badge critter jacket, you still have time.



Fox Patrol:

The Fox Patrol is excited to be starting Wood Badge. We spent the first day of Wood Badge getting to know one another and choosing leadership positions. The Fox Patrol was assigned as the first Service Patrol and did a fantastic job with their Woggles.



Top, left to right: Mike Umstead, Lawrence Mitchell, Jim Wright

Bottom, left to right: Val Toney, Chrissy Edgehouse (guide), and Jon Cepek

Bobwhite Patrol:

The Bobwhite Patrol flies scared!

Patrol leader Kevin S. Flushed Kevin C. Sandra, Holly, and Patrick from the comparative calm of Cub Scout life into full flight by assigning rotating jobs as PL, APL, scribe, and chaplain's aide for days one through

six. Charmed by our brilliant organizational skills we strolled into the puzzle activity in our troop meeting.

PANIC! Members fluttering around the room to find missing pieces. Mission accomplished with sharing between patrols and leaders.

Settled down, once again, to peck and choose among the topics... until the Patrol Leader's Council. Since all our chicks were drowsily listening, we were startled from our lethargy to hear all... ALL... the things planned for the rest of Wood Badge.

Bobwhites will be flying high and true from here on. Hear our whistle, see our beating wings. Just try to catch us now!



Top left to right: Sandra Graham, Pat O'Leary, Kevin Stanek

Bottom left to right: Holly Everhart, Glenn Morricle (guide), and Kevin Cross

The Owl Patrol:

The Owl Patrol met each other and our troop guide, David Schoeffler. We learned that he was an Eagle Scout in the same Troop as one of our members. We learned we made a really great team and we all love scouting. We all want to improve our units and help our boys. We really look forward to being trained to be better leaders.

WHOOOOOOO'S the BEST? The OWL PATROL!



Top, left to right: Aaron Vaughn, Ed Mozdzen, Gavin Smith

Bottom left to right: Heather Roberts, David Schoeffler (guide), and Adam Carpenter

The Bear Patrol:

The day started with getting underway and weathering the storm of meeting new scouters. People from different backgrounds and experience levels. With the new friends we embarked on this journey into the unknown tenacity named Wood Badge. Friday was a bear of a day. Speaking of bears, the new Bear Patrol wishes to welcome everyone and hope to get to know all of you better in the next two weekends.



Top, left to right: Kevin Brown, Paul Gyorok, Kevin Brown

Bottom, left to right: Roger Trujillo, Ed Roth (guide), and Kallee Kissling

The Eagle Patrol:

The Eagle Patrol is eager to report that our patrol is the best of all. Talented and experienced best describes us as we bring many years of scouting to this Wood Badge weekend.

Our dynamic participants hale from all over the Cleveland area. Our enthusiastic members are Carl Senal, from Cleveland, Ronda Warner from Garfield Heights, Steve Roos from Mentor, Jennifer LaRiccia from Bay Village, Lance Horne from Lakewood and our fearless leader Jim Durdak of Walton Hills. Although Jim is prone to act “fishy” on occasion he retains the nick-name of “the candy man”. The Eagle Patrol is ready to embrace all the challenges ahead and we look forward to continuing the legacy of



Top, left to right: Jennifer LaRiccia, Steve Roos, Carl Senal

Bottom, left to right: Ronda Warner, Jim Durdak (guide), and Lance Horne

being the best through collaboration, leadership, and having fun.



Top, left to right: Mike Munoz, Matt Roman, Dann Barczyk

Bottom, left to right: Teresa Smith, Jenn Davis (guide), and Janet Metzger

Beaver Patrol

Dann Barczyk was introduced into Scouting as a Cub Scout as a Bear, but due to a divorce had to quit Scouts. Once he had a son who was of age he enrolled him into Scouts. His son earned Eagle in 2014. Dann has been a Tiger and Wolf Den Leader, a Cubmaster, and Scoutmaster. He is currently the SM of Troop 140 in Heart of Ohio Council.

Michael Munoz comes from a mixed ethnicity of His-

panic, German, Scottish, and Irish. He brings skills of construction, computers and musical ability. He started in Scouting as a Tiger Cub and continued through all of Boy Scouts to the Marine Corps. He has not forgotten how he got to where he is now and how to give back.

Janet Metzger is a Troop Committee member with Troop 204 from North Olmsted, Ohio. She has six years of official Scouting experience and 15 unofficial/official years in Scouting. She has two sons who are Eagle Scouts. Her goal or vision is to give back to Scouting what Scouting has given to her boys.

Teresa Smith is the Cubmaster for Pack 372. She has two boys in Scouting. One is a Atar Scout and the other is a Webelos I. We have been involved in Scouting for almost ten years. She is here to learn new skills to help my Pack have the best program that can be provided.

Matt Roman joined Scouting as a Webelos II with Pack 729 in Bay Village. Matt crossed over to Troop 41 in Bay. He proceeded to the First Class Scout rank and stayed in Scouting because of the outdoor program. Matt took the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge three times. Not because he did not earn it, but because he loved the activity so much.