

Gillwell Gazette 713-17

Conservation Project Completed

Troop 1 members took time from their Wood Badge training to participate in several conservation project efforts around camp.

Under the direction of Assistant Scoutmaster Brenda Good and Camp Ranger Jeff Ellis, the patrols worked on cleaning up, weeding, and building a retaining wall around the Henderson Hood memorial near the camp entrance; building a retaining wall at the Mountain Lion campsite; cleaning up along the lakefront; and rebuilding railings along the trails near the dining hall.

The weather was rainy and damp, and trails were muddy, but patrol spirit was high and teamwork was in evidence in all of the project areas. The participants were glad to have a couple of hours away from hard chairs and full uniforms!

Conservation mindedness is an integral part of Scouting, and a conservation project like this is part of all Wood Badge courses. It al-

lows the participants to model the types of service projects that Scouts and adult leaders can participate in within their units, district, and councils.



The projects also illustrated many of the characteristics of successful Wood Badge ticket items: demonstrating teamwork, and concrete achievable goals.

Scoutmaster's Minute

Rain happens; you may have heard some of us refer to it as "liquid sunshine."

It may not be as much fun as being outdoors on a sunny summer day, but rain is part of outdoor life, and as Scouts we belong outdoors. As long as you're prepared you can enjoy bad weather, too.

At least I hope you can. I like to see Scouts smiling in the rain because a real Scout is



cheerful even when things aren't 100% perfect.

The weather, and life, aren't always predictable. One of the lessons you should be learning as Scouts is to be prepared for foul weather as well as fair.

So the key words for Scouts are "Be Prepared" and "A Scout is cheerful."

If you follow that advice, you'll have a fine time, no matter what the weather is.

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Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.

— Thomas Jefferson

Bobwhites Released at Camp Davy Crockett

On Day 5 of Wood Badge course 713-17 we broke new ground. It all started from a small conversation a while back when Angela Carmony, a Bobwhite from 713-15 spoke to Joe Yates, our course director and fellow Bobwhite, about raising Bob-



whites. Later Joe reached out to Angela about releasing live Bobwhites at the upcoming 713-17 Wood Badge course.

Angela reached out to McDaniel's Quail farm in Maryville, Tenn., to inquire on the possibility. As the course drew near, Angela arranged to pick up and bring the Northern Bobwhites (Quail) to camp for release on the second weekend of the course.

The Bobwhites, who are native to this region, were released at the start of our course conservation project on Saturday. Each of the participants witnessed what will hopefully become a new tradition for Wood Badge in the Sequoyah Council.

After release, the Bobwhites looked quizzically at course director Joe Yates (reminding him of the behavior of many of the staff). They later wandered off into the woods, thankfully not in the direction of the kitchen!

— Angie Jenkins.



Axe and Log—Tradition, Legacy

The first Wood Badge course offered in Sequoyah Council was 713-1, held in 1964 at Camp Tom Howard (then the Council Camp, within the boundaries of Cherokee National Forest.) Under the direction of Hal Bynum, the course had 24 participants



organized in three patrols. One of the participants, Doug Nicholson, carved the Axe and Log pictured here. It has been a part of every Wood Badge Course offered in Sequoyah Council every since. The carving is entrusted to the care of each Course Director and is passed on at the completion of the Practical Training Experience.

Nicholson was the chairman of the Chemistry Department at East Tennessee State University and a long-time Scoutmaster of troop in Johnson City. He became the course director of the first Wood Badge course at Camp Davy Crockett, SE-40, held in 1974.

He originally made a gift of the carving to Henderson Hood. Henderson realized that it would be a wonderful way to pass on the history of the Wood Badge program in the council and so he took the carving to Bob Cheers, asked him to add his course number and then "pass it on" to the next course director. The tradition has continued to this day.



Patrol Chatter

The Beaver Lodge

After a day that was not very sunny, the BEEver sought to deliver his honey. No, flowers one and two this "treat" is not for you. The big pansy was the last of the three, but not the least you see. For him, the crafty beaver had prepared quite a treat. His honey he delivered in a mouthy spray. The pansy is still damp to this very day.

The Bobwhite Covey

It rained. Then it rained some more. Then Moobs woke up the covey with beautiful singing. Then it rained again.

We worked on the Henderson Hood Memorial for our conservation project. Then it rained some more. Presentations were presented. The best part of the day, as of this report, was the releasing of the Bobwhites.

The Eagle Roost

We found on day 5 that despite our pa-



trols doing our cooking, we had some awesome meals! We have enjoyed everyone's presentations and information about differing aspects of scouting of all ages. We are looking forward to our over-



night backpacking and adventure.

The freeing of the Bob Whites was also a memorable moment of the Wood Badge experience, although from our perch we observed some foxes enjoying them.

The Fox Den

The fox got rained on all day long. Even though it was soaked and miserable, the fox was still searching for "The Legend."



It looked around buildings, under trees, and in bushes. It seemed that no matter how hard the fox looked, it would never find "The Legend." Just before giving up the search, the fox heard a very strange sound coming from a distance to the right. As it got closer, and things came into view, the fox realized he had found "The Legend." The whole time it was a man who lived in a van down by the river!



The Owl Obsession



Rains poured and the owls snored while dreaming of gravy biscuits in the morn! (By the time we leave Wood Badge everyone will know "HOOS

YOUR DADDY!!!)

The Bear Facts

Tickets, presentations, pouring rain and mud OH MY!!!

Bears have been successful trudging through each one. The tough get going...so we better go! A camping we will go!!!



The Buffalo Stomp

Buffy has had quite a night. He has a big presentation coming up this afternoon and all he can think about is being soaked from all the rain, his hair being matted down, and the chance of being really smelly. You see, Buffy isn't your average buffalo. He has an image to uphold, ya know! Who can forget about the tickets! THE TICKETS!!! Buffy turns to the buffalo patrol for help. They remind him that THIS IS SCOUTING! We are a family. We don't care about how each other looks or smells (to an extent—no reason to be gross!—HA!HA!)

We work together to accomplish our goals. We are great listeners and mentors. We can problem-solve our way out of

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whatever is thrown our way. Buffy was so proud to be a part of the best patrol and scout family around.

Stomp on Buffalo Patrol!

The Antelope Leap

Day five started on Gilwell Field, with the anticipation of the events of the day. Every patrol...yes even the Beavers, know that the formal classroom training is coming to an end. We are saddened to leave the



staff and the camp. The staff have done an awesome job. By inspiring us to be better leaders, they are helping us inspire the scouts that we have.

Antelope's...leading from behind.

Sequoyah Council Wood Badge Scoutmasters

Here are the course directors of each of the Wood Badge courses that have been held in the Sequoyah Council:

Hal D. Bynum, 713-1, 1964

Don E. Ferguson, R5-9, 1970

John H. Goodloe, R5-20, 1972

Doug G. Nickleson, SE-40, 1974

Bob Hertel, SE 120, 1976

Dick Watson, SE-194, 1978

Henderson Hood, SE-272, 1980

Dave Petke, SE-320, 1982

LeRoy Brown, SE-356, 1984

Larry Queen, SE-410, 1986

Ray Easter, SE-475, 1988

Bob Cheers, SE-530, 1990

R. D. "Ike" Ikenberry, SE-581, 1992

Gerrie Morie, SR-43, 1994

Marvin Shortt, SR-156, 1996

Albert Vance, SR-266, 1998

Hunter Russell, SR-328, 2000

Dewain Lambert, SR-420, 2001

Garry Weaver, SR-521, 2003

Fred Johnson, SR-619, 2004

Gary Palmer, SR-767, 2006

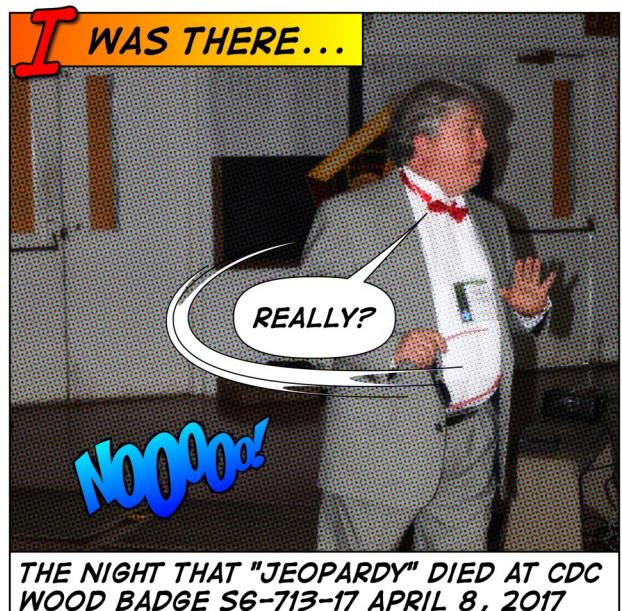
Charles Duty, SR-860, 2008

Joe Riggs, SR-990, 2009 and 713-11

Stan Okrasinski, 713-13

Nathan Goodwin, 713-15

Joe Yates, 713-17



"I'm Going to Work My Ticket if I Can"

The time has come. The first part of your Wood Badge experience is coming to a close, and the second part is ready to begin: your ticket.

As you take what you've learned back to your unit, your district, and your council, think about your vision. Not someone else's vision, but your own vision. What do you want to see happen in scouting in your neighborhood or town? Nobody knows better than you what it will take to make that happen.

Your ticket will just be five things to bring that vision a little closer to reality. You've

got up to eighteen months to complete these items, but that comes faster than you might think, so stay on track.

You'll have a staff member assigned to you as a ticket counselor. Feel free to bounce ideas off of him or her. When you've finished your ticket, meet with your counselor and they will sign your application



and you'll be all set to receive your beads and neckerchief. You will truly have earned them, and we'll all celebrate the achievement with you.

Thank you once again for making an investment in the future for the boys (and girls) in your unit by investing in yourself.

Now, go and work your ticket (if you can!)



Q. Why did the rubber chicken cross the road?
A. She wanted to stretch her legs.

Q. Why did the Roman chicken cross the road?
A. She was afraid someone would Caesar!

Q. Why did the chicken cross the playground ?
A. To get to the other slide.

Q. Why did the rooster cross the road?
A. To cockadoodle doo something.

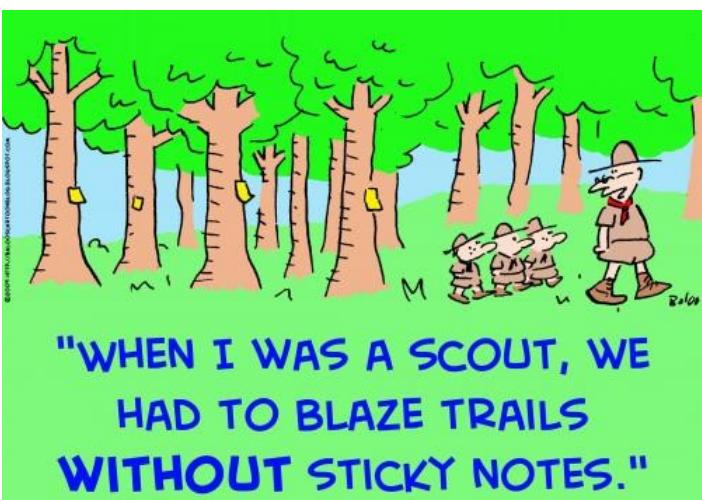
Q. Why did the turtle cross the road?
A. To get to the shell station.

Q. Why did the horse cross the road?
A. Because the chicken needed a day off.

Q. Why did the duck cross the road?
A. To prove he wasn't chicken!

Q. Why did the cow cross the road?
A. To get to the udder side!

Q. What happened when the elephant crossed the road?
A. It stepped on the chicken!



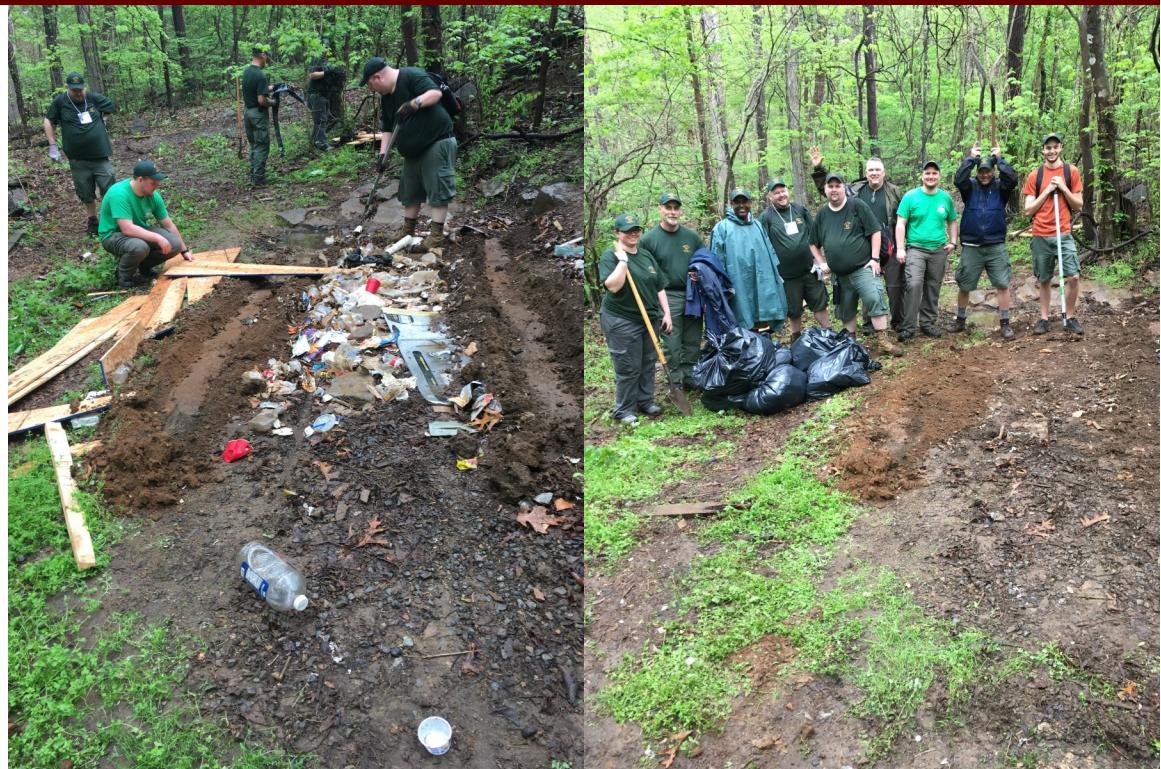
Do a Good Turn Daily

During Saturday's conservation project, the Antelope and Buffalo patrols combined forces to rebuild the railings on several bridges.

Efficient teamwork led to an early completion of the assigned task, so the Buffalopes spotted another need: a massive garbage spill behind Gilwell Hall. Thirty minutes later they had "left no trace".

A Scout does good deeds without thought of reward or recognition—but that doesn't mean they don't deserve some.

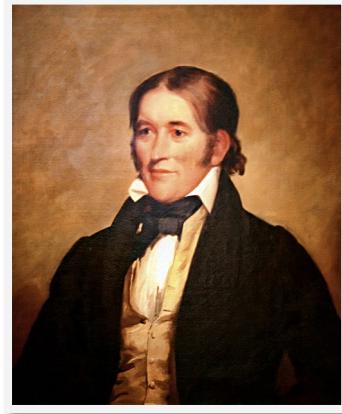
Left: Before; Right: After



Ballad of Davy Crockett

Born on a mountain top in Tennessee
Greenest state in the Land of the Free
Raised in the woods so's he knew every tree
Kilt him a b'ar when he was only three.
Davy, Davy Crockett, King of the wild frontier!

(lyrics by Thomas W. Blackburn)



Day 6—Schedule

7:00 AM—Breakfast	Gilwell Hall	1:00 PM—Leaving a Legacy	Gilwell Hall
8:30 AM—Assembly	Gilwell Field	2:30 PM—Summary Session	Gilwell Hall
9:00 AM—Interfaith Worship Service	Chapel	3:15 PM—Clean Up Gilwell Hall	Gilwell Hall
10:00 AM—Servant Leadership	Gilwell Hall	3:45 PM—Camp Breakdown	
11:00 AM—Patrol Leaders' Council	Pool Shelter	4:15 PM—Closing Assembly	Gilwell Field
11:45 AM—Closing Luncheon	Gilwell Hall	4:45 PM—Depart for Home	