



## Welcome to Wood Badge

Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders like you, so visit and learn from them and pass on your wisdom, too.

every day, week, month, and year working to influence the lives of young men, we thank you. Your leadership and knowledge has brought you this far and we want to help you go further.

Joe Yates  
Course Director

Welcome to your first day at Wood Badge! You will be enjoying a training experience like no other. Have fun and enjoy the company of your fellow Scouters. Remember, they are Cub

Like many Scouters, you were probably told that Scouting "just takes one hour a week." By now, you probably feel that Scouting *leaves* you with "just one hour a week." For the countless hours you spend

### From the Senior Patrol Leader

Welcome to Gilwell, fellow Scouters!

You are embarking on a great journey in Scouting. The six days of this course will be filled with fun, excitement, fellowship, and probably a little nervousness.

The goal of Wood Badge is to teach you to develop your leadership skills so you can return to your unit

and give your scouts a better more enriched program and to help them develop to their full potential. At the end of the course you will be a part of a high performing team and of the worldwide family of Wood Badgers.

Let's go have some fun!



Rodney Watson  
Senior Patrol Leader

### A Thought for the Day:

The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.

-- Ralph Nichols

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***The boy is  
governed by "don't",  
but is led by "do."***

***Lord Robert Baden-Powell***

# Information Center

## Course Staff

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## Stuff You Need to Know

Signs have been posted at the latrines designating their use for adult males and adult females. Please take careful note of these.

We ask that males use the shower facilities at the pool and not the facility next to the staff camp (Grey Squirrel).

Please do not walk through the kitchen to use the bathroom facilities in the dining hall. They are easily overloaded and traffic through the kitchen is very disruptive. We have provided strategically placed portable toilets for normal use.

No vehicles are allowed in the camp sites.



In the case of medical emergencies please contact the staff as soon as possible. We have some support on-site and are prepared to assist with transportation.

Make sure that staff is informed of any special medical needs, or conditions that you may have.

Complete the emergency contact information on the back of your name tag.

During "daylight" hours, we have first aid facilities available in Gilwell Hall (the camp dining hall).

In case of severe weather we will shelter at Gilwell Hall (the dining hall).

According to BSA policy, there is no smoking in camp, except at the designated area. During this Wood Badge course the designated smoking area is the back porch of Gilwell Hall (the dining hall). In no case should one smoke within the sight of youth.

Remember, at no time should an open flame be used within a tent.

## The Origins of Scouting in America

At Gilwell Park, the Boy Scout Camp and Training Centre near Epping Forest, there is a statuette of a Buffalo with this inscription:

"To the Unknown Scout, whose faithfulness in the performance of the Daily Good Turn brought the Scout Move-



ment to the United States of America."

This Daily Good Turn was done on a foggy day in London in 1909 two years after the camp at Brownsea Island. An American publisher, William D. Boyce, had lost himself in the fog when

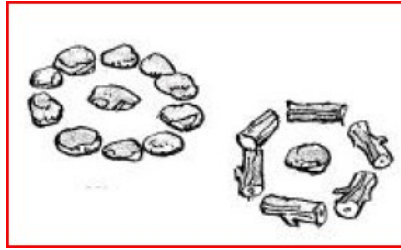
a boy came up and offered to help him. Mr. Boyce explained where he wanted to go, and the boy showed him the way, but when he was offered a tip he refused it, because, as he said, "A Scout does not accept tips for doing his Good Turn." Mr. Boyce was so impressed that he started the movement in the United States.

## The Fine Print

The Gilwell Gazette is the official voice of Wood Badge 713-17 All others should get their own newsletter. Opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Troop Scribes (although you should really listen to them), and the Course Director almost certainly would not approve of anything printed here (shh... don't tell him!) Do not read the Gilwell Gazette during Troop Presentations or while your Troop Guide is reciting poetry. The Gilwell Gazette may perpetuate the myth that Scouting occurs for 52 hours per year per Scouter. "17" is the answer to any question posed to you by the Troop Quartermasters. Published the third Sunday after the second Monday of each week in even numbered years. Do not operate heavy machinery while using this product. Do not fold, spindle, or mutilate. Some restrictions apply. Your mileage may vary. This disclaimer is not to be taken seriously.

## Tracking Signs

Trail signs are an example of non-verbal communication. The example here, for “gone home” appears on Lord Baden-Powell’s grave stone in Kenya. There are many other trail signs but their use seems to have fallen out of favor in recent years. At a minimum, however, you should teach the members of your unit the signs commonly used to indi-



cate that your group is in need of help. These are easy –they are three of anything. In case of emergency make the signs large.

If you do use trail signs, be considerate, make no permanent markings, and return the materials you use to its natural state. Remember to leave no trace.

## Cas’s Corner—Attitude, A True Story

I once had a young couple as friends. They moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside.

“That laundry is not very clean”, she said. “She doesn’t know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap.”

Now her husband was kind of like Cas. He looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: “Look, she has

learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this.”

The husband said, “I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows.”

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of our minds and the window through which we look.



## Morse Code: A Lost Skill?

Some of us of a particular vintage remember learning scouting skills that seem to have been lost. Semaphore, Morse code, and lots of campcraft skills are good examples of this. Some of these are gone for good reason. Trenching around tents, for instance, is an intrusive practice that we just don’t need with modern floored tents.

The use of Morse Code has also fallen away and with all of the instant communication devices we can now carry in our pockets many view it as a dinosaur. It’s not even necessary to demonstrate Morse Code skills in obtaining an amateur radio license (HAM).

However, in 2010, Morse code returned to scouting with the centennial Signaling merit badge. As of 2015, it has now returned permanently as part of the Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge.

Letter	Morse	Letter	Morse	Digit	Morse
A	.-	N	-.	0	-----
B	-...	O	---	1	.----
C	-.-.	P	.-..	2	..---
D	-..	Q	--. -	3	...--
E	.	R	.-.	4	....-
F	..-.	S	...	5	.....
G	--.	T	-	6	-....
H	....	U	..-	7	--...
I	..	V	...-	8	---..
J	.---	W	.-. -	9	----.
K	-. -	X	-.. -		
L	.-..	Y	-. -		
M	--	Z	--..		

# Leadership in the Troop and Patrol

Here at Wood Badge you will have many opportunities to lead your patrol. The course is set up to run like a functioning Scouting unit, and guess what—you play the part of the youth.

As a **Patrol Leader** you can take charge of your fellow Scouters for the day. You will take a leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities. It is your job to encourage patrol members to participate fully in the Wood Badge experience. You will represent your patrol at the patrol leader's council meeting. You must empower your patrol to be a high performance team that is always on time and prepared. And you must live the Scout Oath and Law at all times..

Of course there is always an **Assistant Patrol Leader** to help out whenever



necessary and take charge of the patrol whenever the patrol leader is engaged in activities or meetings away from the patrol.

No good patrol can function without a **Scribe** who records all the important info that the patrol needs to know, and keeps track of the events of the patrol meeting. The Scribe is also expected to provide a patrol update, a short article, to the troop scribe daily.

Finally, every patrol needs a **Chaplain's Aid** to fulfill the Scouter's duty to God. This member may lead the group in a

"Scouts Own" service and in grace before all meals.

## *Photographers Wanted*

*Did you bring a camera to Wood Badge?*

*Help us by taking lots of photos and then allow us to download and use your images.*

*Bring your memory card to a Scribe.*

## A Scout is Cheerful

A Scout learns early that he or she can affect the world around them with a smile. Often coming from the satisfaction they feel, within themselves, from learning a new skill, helping others, or just sharing the joy of fellowship. Cheerfulness is a state of mind which allows for, and most importantly, finds the pos-

*"You do not lead by hitting people over the head; that is assault, not leadership."  
Dwight D. Eisenhower*

itive in any situation.

The cheerful Scout will not hesitate to lend a hand, and knows that the joy in their heart and the smile on their face is contagious, and will help others through their hard times. In turn, others will want to follow their cheerful example.

## Wood Badge—The First Day

First you'll check in and get registered. If you have medical requirements and/or physical limitations make sure that you inform staff.

You'll be temporarily assigned to a Welbelos Scout den. A den chief will help orient you to troop facilities. Shortly afterward, participants crossover into Boy Scouting and are divided into patrols that will work together on projects and activities during the course. Welcome to Troop 1 of Gilwell Park!

Wood Badge is taught in a framework that models the operation of a Boy Scout

Troop. Be assured, however, that the leadership skills you learn will be applicable in every program area of Scouting.

The Wood Badge staff will role-play the responsibilities of both youth and adult troop leadership positions.

In a boy-run troop, the Senior Patrol Leader (youth) is in charge of troop meetings and activities and has the "up-front" leadership role. This may be a new concept for Cub Scouters, who are accustomed to the up-front leader being an adult.

Don't worry if you're not familiar with

troop organization. It's only used as an effective vehicle for teaching and learning. No prior experience is necessary. You

might even feel the same excitement and expectation (maybe nervousness) a new Scout feels when joining a unit.





## Woggle History

In the early days of Scouting, the neckerchief was fastened at the throat by a knot in the customary fashion of the day—usually a square knot with the ends pointing out to the shoulders. In 1920 or 1921, the neckerchief slide, as we know it today, came into use. It



is said the name "woggle" was invented by Francis Gidney, the first Camp Chief at Gilwell.

In the early days of leader training, the lighting of fires by friction was a skill in which everyone in Wood Badge courses wished to become proficient. The main piece of equipment to create the friction was a leather thong about 30 inches long—just long enough (when not in use) to make a two strand Turk's Head Woggle, which is what we wear today.

## Scout Oath and Law Word Search

T	Y	V	R	P	S	U	O	E	T	R	U	O	C
E	S	O	T	L	T	S	E	B	C	D	T	D	O
K	R	P	H	Y	S	I	C	A	L	L	Y	U	B
L	O	Y	A	L	R	A	L	G	O	D	W	T	E
T	C	H	E	E	R	F	U	L	E	F	U	Y	D
T	U	P	S	A	Y	M	O	R	A	L	L	Y	I
O	H	O	T	W	A	L	D	T	U	D	Y	O	E
D	Y	R	C	O	B	E	Y	O	O	L	E	V	N
P	A	E	I	S	S	I	D	N	I	K	B	U	T
R	A	B	B	F	N	Y	A	T	E	V	A	R	B
O	M	A	I	P	T	L	H	O	N	O	R	B	T
N	T	E	O	A	L	Y	Y	Y	C	L	E	A	N
N	G	T	N	E	R	E	V	E	R	O	L	D	C
H	E	L	P	F	U	L	P	E	O	P	L	E	B

MORALLY  
KIND  
THRIFTY  
OBEY  
PHYSICALLY  
PEOPLE  
OBEDIENT  
LAW  
DUTY  
COURTEOUS  
BRAVE  
REVERENT  
HELPFUL  
GOD  
BEST  
SCOUT  
CLEAN  
CHEERFUL  
LOYAL  
HONOR

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/160754/>

## Three Horsemen

The story goes that one night in ancient times, three horsemen were riding across a desert. As their trail crossed a dry riverbed, out of the darkness a voice called, "Halt." They obeyed. The voice then told them to dismount, pick up a handful of pebbles, put the pebbles in their pockets, and remount. Again they obeyed. Finally, the voice said "Ride on, but tomorrow at sunrise you will be

both glad and sorry!" Mystified, they rode on.

As the sun rose, they paused, reached into their pockets and found that a miracle had occurred. The pebbles had been transformed into diamonds, rubies and other precious stones. Then they remembered the statement and realized they were both glad and sorry—glad

they had taken some pebbles and sorry they had not taken more!

You are about to walk the trail of the Wood Badge. Later you will be glad you paused here and picked up some of its pebbles. It will be a great experience! Hopefully, you won't be sorry that you did not take more!



How many Cub Scout Leaders does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Twelve. One to call a planning meeting, one to call everyone to find a date when everyone can get together, one to conduct the meeting, one to make an announcement about the planned light bulb changing, one to lead a song, one to write a skit about light bulbs, one to screw it in, two to do a run-on, one to lead a cheer for a job well done, one to bring refreshments, and one to buy patches for everyone who participated!

## Day 1—Assembly

### Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best  
to do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
to help other people at all times;  
to keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

### Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly,  
courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,  
brave, clean, and reverent

## America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife.  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

*(lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates)*

## Day 1—Schedule

7:30 AM—Check In	Headquarters	4:00 PM—Values, Mission & Vision	Gilwell Hall
9:15 AM—Assembly	Gilwell Field	5:00 PM—Patrol Meetings	Campsites
9:45 AM—Course Overview	Gilwell Hall	6:00 PM—Dinner	Gilwell Hall
10:30 AM—Listening to Learn	Campsites	7:00 PM—Who Me Game	Gilwell Hall
11:30 AM—Blue and Gold Banquet	Gilwell Hall	8:00 PM—Introduction to Campfires	Gilwell Hall
1:00 PM—Troop Meeting	Gilwell Hall	8:30 PM—Campfire	Campfire Area
3:00 PM—Patrol Leaders' Council	Gilwell Hall	9:30 PM—Cracker Barrel	Gilwell Hall

Program Patrol: Buffalo    Service Patrol: Owl