

# Gilwell Gazette 713-17

SEQOYAH COUNCIL - WOOD BADGE



## Failure Was Not An Option

Under the "guidance" and watchful (one good) eye of visiting real-life rocket scientist Herr Doktor Professor Friedrich Johannson Von Shortenheimer, the scouts of Troop 1 staged a surprisingly realistic reenactment of America's early space program (of course some of those NASA rockets exploded on the pad). Thankfully, no casualties have (as yet) been reported. The troop quartermasters unveiled a stunningly advanced design; its pre-launch height exceeded that of the good doctor!

Teamwork was the order of the day and spirits were high, as were some of the rockets' trajectories. Project planning and execution paid off for these intrepid engineers. The crowd stayed on their toes as well; a good idea due to the primitive guidance and recovery systems of these projectiles.

As the last missile soared skyward, Von Shortenheimer was spirited away to an undisclosed location to compile the data and prepare his report on the engineering advances made on this historic day on Gilwell Field.

### Scoutmaster's Minute

I hope that a lot of you are familiar with orienteering skills and that you can orient a map and can use a map and compass to travel in unknown country.

In Scouting we have another kind of "map and compass." They are the Scout Oath, Law, motto and slogan. They are excellent guides for traveling through life.

Whenever you are wondering what's the right thing to do, consult those "maps and compasses." They won't always provide an easy answer. Sometimes you will have to think

through your decision, but it will be easier if you ask yourself, "What if I act according to

the Scout Oath and Law?" Chances are the Oath and Law will help to show you the right thing to do.

*Joe*



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The conservation program emphasis is designed to incorporate throughout the Scouting program and activities an awareness and understanding of conservation as wise and intelligent management of natural resources.

# What's it Like to Be On Staff?

Serving on Wood Badge staff is a tough, but very rewarding job. It's an honor to be asked to serve, and we take our responsibility very seriously. We know that what we do affects the quality of the Wood Badge experience you will receive as a participant, and we want that to be the very best it can be.

In addition, the staff learn by doing. Many staffers will tell you that they learned more from Wood Badge by serving on staff than they did as a participant.

Staff preparation begins several months before the course. In a series of staff development meetings, each staffer reviews his or her responsibilities. Troop guides

prepare to lead their patrols. Quartermasters make meal plans. Scribes start working on notebooks, name badges, and other documents. Those delivering troop presentations begin working on the content.

By the time the course is ready to start, many hundreds of hours of preparation have already been put in. But the work isn't over yet. Staff arrive at camp on Tuesday before the first weekend and work on setting up Gilwell Hall, Gilwell Field, and the campsites. Bathrooms are cleaned and stocked, tables set up, audio-visual equipment readied, and a thousand other tasks are completed before any par-

ticipants arrive.

In Scouting, everyone pays his or her own way, and staff are no exception. Each pays a staff fee to cover expenses.

Some have asked, "how does one serve on staff?" The short answer is: you are invited by the course director to serve. If you are interested in being considered for a staff position, the best advice would be to serve on the council training committee and demonstrate an interest and willingness to get involved in training. Ask any staffer for details on how to get involved.

*"I used to be a staffer, and a good old staffer too..."*

## Tips for Giving Feedback

1. Consider your motives. Feedback should always be helpful. Otherwise, there is no reason to offer it.
2. Find out if the other people involved are open to receiving feedback. Listen carefully, then rephrase what they are saying to be sure you understand them.
3. Deal only with behavior that can be changed.
4. Deal with specifics, not generalities.
5. Describe the behavior; do not evaluate it.
6. Let the other person know the impact the behavior has on you.
7. Use an "I" statement to accept responsibility for your own perceptions and emotions
8. To make sure recipients have understood your message in the way you intended, ask them to rephrase what they heard you say.

*You can give caring feedback without a good technique, but the slickest technique in the world will not hide a lack of caring.*



## Tips for Receiving Feedback

1. Seek out feedback. It will nearly always provide you with information that will in some way help you improve your performance.
2. Listen carefully. Receiving feedback requires a heightened awareness of yourself and of the person offering the feedback.
3. Listen actively. Restate the feedback in your own words so that the speaker knows the message you are receiving is the same as the one the speaker intended to send.
4. Listen emphatically. Put feedback in its proper context by observing the speaker's body language, tone of voice, and emotions. Consider the speaker's reasons for offering feedback.
5. Notice how you feel when someone offers you feedback. Becoming angry or defensive can cloud your ability to listen effectively.

*Consider feedback to be a gift. It truly is.*



# Patrol Prattle



## The Beaver Lodge

Among the trees he sought to find the wood of the most sturdy kind. He needed totems and tickets too, he

searched and searched, he had so much to do! The pine-wood he found much too sappy, which did not make him happy.

When he gnawed that tough old oak, it was so hard he nearly choked. There was a tripod he did find, made so sturdy by scout design, he chewed this wood it seemed just fine! From the sticks he did see, a dangling stone, a mystery.

He gave a look, he gave a stare, an idea he had right then and there. Against the rack his teeth to grind, to try the old oak one more time.

to be continued...



## The Bobwhite Covey

A letter from Moobs:

I started my day by visiting and conversing with my fellow Wood Badge Critters. I returned home mid morning with tales of adventure, suspense and diverse groups all implementing the patrol method.

I learned that even though each of my fellow Wood Badge critters have different ideas and names for their groups (flocks, herds, coveys, etc.) They all had a common goal and worked together to achieve what no single member could accomplish alone.

I learned the following:

Foxes: Wiley but adaptable

Bears: Strong but family-focused

Owls: Observant and wise



Buffalo: Meek but strong as a group

Antelope: Nimble and graceful

As Moobs would say, "be like a Bobwhite and EXPLORE!!!"



## The Fox Den

One day a fox was wandering the forest. In the distance, the fox heard a commotion. Upon investigation

the fox saw a bear and an owl fighting over a Bob White. Sneaking in a little closer to listen, the fox heard the bear tell the owl—"I'm taking this little bird back to my den. Legend has it that the parents will shower me in Mount Dew."

To that, the owl responded, "Great, but I'm taking this bird ransom for Pepsi!" Then the fox said, softly, "I think I need to hide a few more mouse traps..." -and the story continues...



## The Owl Obsession

On day two of Wood Badge, the wise owl patrol is functioning as a well-oiled machine.

The Great Owl had taken two other critters under its wings for protection, but had to let them go because it was time for them to leave the nest.

NEVER FORGET HOOT'S YOUR DADDY!!!



## The Eagle Roost

Under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara Richards our eagle went from a frantic take off to a smooth landing. We have grown together to overcome our differences and become one. In the end our rocket soared to unfathomable heights, as have our expectations of ourselves and trust in each other, like the powerful eagle that commands the skies.



## The Bear Facts

As we progress along, the bears are learning, listening and communicating as a patrol. We may be waking up from hibernation, but we are all believe in Being Prepared with the "Bear Necessities."

Lumbering along with the attitude of "I think I can, WE KNOW WE CAN."



## The Buffalo Stomp

Watching over the obstinacy (that's a heard of buffalo) thru a frigid night, Buffy looked back at the amazing first day of training. He was proud of his patrol for the team

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they so easily meshed into, the hard work they put into the day, and the fun and laughter they shared together.

Looking forward to day 2, he knew the Buffalo Patrol would come out successful. he stood proud as they executed an awesome flag ceremony, overcame fears, and took control of the leadership qualities that lurked under the surface. Stomp on Buffalo Patrol!



## The Antelope Leap

Day two began, not quiet as cold as day one and we all gathered for the flag ceremony. Anthony the antelope was in attendance. As the morning progressed, we learned through "front-end alignment," that "knowledge is not power unless you share it."

However, our patrol found that no matter who is in charge, we work together as a team. After all teamwork is what matters. Working together to accomplish a goal. So for all the other patrols past, present and



future, remember to work together, not just a Wood Badge, but in everyday problems.



## Sausage and Pepper Pita Pockets

### Ingredients:

- 1 14oz kielbasa or smoked sausage, sliced (1/4" slices)
- 4 large bell pepper, chopped
- 2 medium sweet onion, chopped
- Vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper
- Pita pockets

### Directions:

Place a dutch oven over a good layer of coals until the bottom is medium-hot. Add a few tablespoons of vegetable oil and heat. Add chopped peppers and cook a few minutes until they begin to soften. Add onion and sausage and continue cooking until vegetables are soft and sausage is heated.

Serve in pita pockets with mustard or sauce of your choice. Serves 4-6.

Variation: Substitute cooked Italian sausage for the kielbasa and serve with marinara sauce and grated mozzarella cheese.

### Correction

Due to a printing error in yesterday's Gilwell Gazette, a word was inadvertently omitted from an editorial.

The missing word is: "once."

We regret the error. The editor responsible has been disciplined and will be forced to endure cold showers for the rest of the course.

# Chaplain's Chortle

The old west campers would pile spent ashes around the hot glowing coals of the campfire at the end of the evening. Then they would retire after a long hard day. In the cold morning, when the day was still void of life, the camper would awaken. Then the warm embers would be uncovered. More tinder would be placed around it. Gently blowing on the ember would fuel it and fire it up. Next thing you know, there is a warm, living fire to start the day.

Boy Scouts don't practice the covering of hot ashes. Too many wild fires have been started by a stray unwanted wind.

Each of us have embers glowing within our souls. The Spirit can

come along and blow life into our fire pit. If we have placed the right kindling near our heart, we too will ignite with life anew. We must be prepared with the kindling and faithful to the right wind blowing.

## Reward

*Lost: one Bobwhite. Doesn't answer to anything (it's a bird, eh?). Last seen outside the kitchen. Anyone with information is requested to contact the Scoutmaster.*

## Astronaut Jokes

How do you get an astronaut baby to sleep? Rocket

What should an astronaut do when he gets dirty?  
Take a meteor shower

What did the astronaut get when the rocket fell on his foot? Mistletoe

What did the astronaut think of the restaurant on the moon? He thought the food was fine but there wasn't much of an atmosphere

What did the astronaut see on the stove? An unidentified frying object

What is an astronaut's favorite key on a computer keyboard? The space bar

What do you call an astronaut's watch? A lunar-tick

Where do astronauts keep their sandwiches? In their launch boxes

Why don't astronauts relate well to other people?  
They are not always down-to-earth

Why do astronauts wear bullet-proof vests? To protect themselves against shooting stars

What happens to astronauts who misbehave?  
They're grounded

Did you hear the one about the spaceship? It was out of this world

What do you call a space magician? A flying saucer

What kind of Star Wars toy can you ride? A Toy-Yoda

When is the moon not hungry? When it is full

How did the rocket lose its job? It was fired

How does the astronaut describe his work? Heavenly

Source:  
<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/joke/astronauts-1614.asp>

## Merit Badge Word Find



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Agribusiness

Archery

Aviation

American Business

Architecture

Backpacking

American Cultures

Art

Basketry

American Heritage

Astronomy

Beekeeping

American Labor

Athletics

Bird Study

Animal Science

Atomic Energy

Botany

Archaeology

Auto Mechanics

Bugling



## Order of the Arrow Sequoyah Lodge 184 Conclave

Ready to party like it's 2017?

Conclave is the biggest event of the year and you don't want to miss out. Arrowmen from 5 states will be living it up at the Boxwell Scout Reservation, Lebanon, Tenn.

There will be zip lines, evening carnival, training, inflatables, shooting sports, patch trading, water events, ceremonies, the Quest for the Gold Arrow, and much MUCH more!

Section SR-6 Order of the Arrow 2017 Conclave will be held from April 28-30.

For more information, see <http://oasection6.org> or call Joe Fox at (423) 863-8702.



As a side note, our Lodge's own Tristan Fox is the 2017 Conclave Vice Chief of American Indian Activities, and (with the support of Randy English) he has secured the Texas Connection Drum, which is AMAZING, to say the least!

## The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there!  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(lyrics by Francis Scott Key)



## Day 3—Schedule

7:00 AM—Breakfast	Gilwell Hall	1:00 PM—Patrol Leaders' Council	Pool Shelter
8:00 AM—Assembly	Gilwell Field	1:00 PM—Chaplain Aides Meeting	Trading Post
8:30 AM—Interfaith Worship Service	Chapel	1:30 PM—Conservation Project Planning	Gilwell Hall
9:30 AM—Troop Meeting	Gilwell Hall	2:30 PM— <i>October Sky</i>	Gilwell Hall
11:00 AM—The Leading EDGE/The Teaching Edge	Gilwell Hall	4:30 PM—Closing Assembly	Gilwell Field
12:00 PM—Lunch	Gilwell Hall	5:00 PM—Patrol Meeting and Depart	