

GILWELL GAZETTE - PRECOURSE EDITION



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On this day in history...

...in 1784 – American Continental Congress met for the first time, in Annapolis, Maryland.

...in 1860 – Annie Oakley, sharpshooter, was born.

...in 1935 – First Roller Derby held in the Coliseum, Chicago, IL.

...in 2004 – Opening Ceremony of the Summer Olympic Games in Greece.

WELCOME TO WOOD BADGE COURSE C7-129-11-1!!!

WOOD BADGE - Quick Review

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world. Wood Badge is the advanced leadership and team-building training for adult leaders.

It teaches skills that are useful in Scouting and elsewhere. The program is for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venture leaders as well as council and district leaders. Wood Badge for the 21st Century focuses on leadership, not outdoor skills.

The 21st Century Wood Badge course brings together leaders from all areas of Scouting and all levels of BSA's professional staff. Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, 21st Century Wood Badge also draws upon the most current leadership models being used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country.

The Wood Badge course is designed to

represent a month in the life of a Scout unit, with participants entering as Cub Scouts, then bridging into Boy Scouting to form patrols for the remainder of the program. Selected staff members will interact with participants as a Venturing crew. Participants will take part in numerous presentation, discussions, and activities that explore and advance a wide range of leadership philosophies and tools. In addition to all the opportunities for learning at a Wood Badge course, participants will find a tremendous amount of fellowship, a keen sense of accomplishment, and plenty of fun!

21st Century Wood Badge should:

- ◆ Enhance leaders ability to train other leaders who can then effectively lead their groups.
- ◆ Increase the number of unites using small and large group models best defined by the patrol method.
- ◆ Increase the efficiency and effectiveness with which units operate. Leaders will be more effective working with large units comprised of many dens/patrols/adults giving more individuals the opportunity to lead.

Course Dates

- Weekend #1: August 26, 27 & 28 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Two Patrol Meetings, determined by Patrol
- Weekend #2: September 23, 24 & 25 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Tim McKeown, Course Director
Chip Smith, Senior Patrol Leader

What am I reading?!

This is the Gilwell Gazette, the official newspaper of Wood Badge and for your course. It is a key resource for news and information. On these pages, you'll see a blend of the serious with the lighthearted, the instructive with the trivial, the informative with the ridiculous. Enjoy! Like Scouting, it's "fun with a purpose"!

*Brought to you by the
Scribes!*

Today's Agenda:

Check-in	10:00 am
Medical Checks	
Individual Photos	
Welcome	10:30
Leadership Compass	
Course Overview	11:00
Camp Logistics	11:30
• Tents	
• Equipment Lists	
• Packing Suggestions	
Q & A	11:45
Model Campsite	Noon
Adjourn	12:15 pm
Complete Check-ins	

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C7-129-11-1 WOOD BADGE STAFF

Tim McKeown, Course Director
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 John Duncan, Scribe
 Lynn Sweetwood, Scribe
 Mary Wadleigh, Scribe

Michael Fries, Assistant Scoutmaster for Support
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 Bob Reinert, Quartermaster
 Kevin Rupprecht, Quartermaster

Dixon Brandt, Council Wood Badge Co-ordinator
 Bill Gregory, Wood Badge Photographer
 Milt McDougald, Mentor

WOOD BADGE CRITTERS

Every Patrol needs a mascot, and the Wood Badge Critters represent each of the 8 Wood Badge Patrols.

- Beaver Patrol
- Bobwhite Patrol
- Eagle Patrol
- Fox Patrol
- Bear Patrol
- Owl Patrol
- Buffalo Patrol
- Antelope Patrol



THE OBJECTIVES OF WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge Five Central Themes

1. **Living the values**
 Values, Mission, and Vision
 Aims and Methods
2. **Bringing the Vision to Life**
 Listening to Learn
 Communicating
 Giving and Receiving feedback
 Leveraging Diversity through Inclusiveness
 Coaching and Mentoring
3. **Models for Success**
 Stages of Team Development
 Leading EDGE™/Teaching EDGE™
4. **Tools of the Trade**
 Project Planning
 Leading Change
 Decision Making and Problem Solving
 Managing Conflict
 Self-Assessment
5. **Leading to Make a Difference**
 Leaving a Legacy
 Learning the greatest leadership secret

Gilwell Gazette

A daily newspaper is published with the day's agenda, key points to remember and articles contributed by the Patrol Scribes.

Patrol Projects

Each Patrol is challenged to produce a project/presentation on Day Five using tools such as the Project Overview and Work Breakdown Schedule taught during the course.

Wood Badge Ticket

The goals on the Wood Badge Ticket put into practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of leadership skills

No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way.

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1**QUESTIONS ABOUT WOOD BADGE?****TWENTY QUESTIONS**

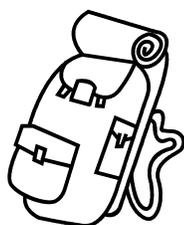
Please complete pre-course assignment of “Twenty Questions” and bring it with you for your personal use at the course. No one will see it but you. Completing this will be of immense help in writing your ticket. These questions are designed to help you formulate your thoughts as you begin to write your ticket. They will help you sort out what is important to you, what roles you play in Scouting and your life, and where you see yourself in the future. Remember that your ticket is a very personal commitment that you write for yourself—a set of goals that you will pursue with the Scouting group that you work with. Begin now thinking about where you see that group in the future, how the group can make a greater impact in the lives of youth, and how you can make that same impact.

What’s the NEIC Wood Badge website?

www.neic-woodbadge.org/

FOOD CONCERNS?

If you have food allergies or special diet concerns, PLEASE speak with Michael Fries, the Health & Safety officer, so we can address your special needs. (No :-), that’s not really Michael)

**WHEN DOES WOOD BADGE START?**

On Friday, August 26th, check-in begins at 7:30 am with the program starting at 8:00 am and it continues non-stop until Sunday at 5:00 pm.

WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE COURSE?

- One activity T-shirt
- One ball-style cap
- Notebook and pen
- Leadership training
- Networking with other leaders like yourself
- Scout knowledge
- FUN!!!

ARE WE CAMPING BOTH WEEKENDS?

That is correct. Both weekends of this Wood Badge Course will require a tent and camping gear. The First Weekend you will be camped together as a large Troop. On the Second weekend, each Patrol will be assigned separate campsites. There will be a model campsite demonstration by the Staff to help promote the latest advances and practices in the BSA’s “environmentally friendly camping” program called Leave No Trace.

DO I HAVE TO CARRY MY CAMPING GEAR?

No. This is a Leadership Training Course, not a back-packing trip. Please, neatly pack your camping gear into one bag or container and label your name on your gear. At check-in, your gear will be collected by the Staff and hauled to the campsite for you. Remember to keep your personal daily items with you at all times. These include: water bottle, medications, snacks, note pad, etc. There is no time to go back to the tent to get something you may have forgotten. It will be REALLY busy.

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REQUIRED ITEMS TO BRING

- Complete official Scout field uniform(s) for your current Scouting position. NOTE: A complete field uniform includes the official shirt for your program; uniform shorts, long pants, skirts or culottes; uniform socks; and scout belt. A troop neckerchief, slide, and cap will be provided.
- Scout activity uniform(s) - NOTE: An activity uniform includes a Scouting-related T-shirt or knit shirt, and uniform Scout shorts, long pants, skirts or culottes.
- Shoes suitable for walking over park like terrain. Windbreaker or jacket appropriate to outdoor weather.
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Tent
- Sleeping bag or bed roll
- Sleeping mat or mattress
- Pillow
- Earplugs (in case of snorers!)
- Underwear (does not have to be BSA issue)
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (No fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in original labeled containers (Keep medication on you)
- Toiletries and other personal items
- Towels and washcloths
- Pen, pencils, pocket notebook
- Canteen or water bottle and cup
- Handbook for your Scouting program
- Personal calendar to plan interim patrol meeting

Optional Items to bring:

- Change of shoes
- Footwear for shower
- Clothes hangers for uniform and jacket
- Sunglasses
- Religious Book(s)
- Books of camp songs and skits
- Camera and film

WHAT NOT TO BRING!

The following electronic devices may interrupt Wood Badge presentations and activities. Please ensure that all cellular telephones and pagers are set to silent and only used during breaks. Radios, televisions, iPods, iPads, laptops and other devices of this nature are strongly discouraged on site. and certainly during sessions.

THROUGH NORMAN'S EYES

The great artist Norman Rockwell worked with BSA for many years. In fact, his first job was with Boys Life! Through Norman's eyes, we have glimpses of the early days in the BSA. This daily article will feature a Norman Rockwell painting and share some insight of what Norman saw when he painted the Boy Scouts of America.



"Can't Wait" is a great painting to kick off our series. On the first day of Wood Badge, the participants actually get to experience what it is like to be a Cub Scout. I feel this painting is an appropriate one to share because it shows the spirit and enthusiasm of a Cub Scout excited to be a Boy Scout like his older brother. (If you look behind the boy's right arm you will see a picture of the two brothers in Scout uniforms.) I imagine this younger brother raced home from his final Cub Scout Den Meeting and secretly tried on his older brother's uniform. Standing in front of the mirror, he might not fit in the larger uniform, but he proudly puffs out his chest and gives the Scout salute. Look at that smile, he is ready to "Cross Over" into the Boy Scouts like his older brother.

IF TAKES COURAGE TO STAND UP AND SPEAK, IT TAKES EVEN MORE COURAGE TO SIT DOWN AND LISTEN.

