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THOUGHTS ON CAMPING

Camping can be one of the greatest highlights in a scout's life. New experiences from starting a fire, learning to cook, over coming challenges and achieving or reaching new heights are part of what are in store for each new scout.

As you prepare for the second weekend of Wood badge, you too will have the opportunity to pull together as a Patrol and experience one of Scouting's ultimate opportunities. Many of you are experienced Scouters; however, for some of your members this may be one of their first outdoor experiences. Either way, share resources amongst your patrol and bring as much of the equipment listed on the insert as you can, or borrow anything you don't have. No need to run out and spend a bunch of money!

As in the 4 Stages of Team Development, your patrol may slip back from a Performing or Norming stage into a temporary Storming stage as you seek to overcome the challenges presented on a Patrol campout. Utilize the Project Planning methods you learned yesterday to plan out the ultimate camping experience that everyone will enjoy.

Decide as a patrol whether you're going to backpack all your gear into camp or using a wagon to get your things to your site. How about Leave No Trace? What traditions from your units can you share with the rest of the patrol and what new traditions can you start?

Plan on making this time together a highlight of your Wood Badge experience as well as a highlight in your life that will live on and on.



Stages of Team Development was presented to us with *Remember the Titans*, where we viewed excerpts in support of the stages.

Forming = "Picking up Sticks"

Team members come with high, unrealistic expectations. These expectations are accompanied by some anxiety about how they will fit in, how much they can trust others, what demands will be placed on them.



Storming = "At Odds"

The difficulties in accomplishing the task and in working together lead to confusion and frustration, as well as a growing dissatisfaction with dependence upon the leadership figure.



Norming = "Coming Around"

The team starts thinking in terms of "we" rather than "I"



Performing = "As One"

Both productivity and morale are high, and they reinforce one another. There is a sense of pride and excitement in being part of a high performing team.



Today's Agenda

- Breakfast
- Gilwell Field Assembly
- Interfaith Worship Service
- Troop Meeting
- Troop Presentations
- Lunch
- Patrol Leaders Council
- Patrol Chaplain Aides Meeting
- Troop Presentation
- Troop Activity
- Closing Gilwell Field Assembly
- Patrol Meeting
- Departure

The Kudu Horn

The Kudu horn has long been a symbol of Scouting and of Wood Badge. In fact, the Kudu Horn was used to summons the very first scouts at Brownsea Island in 1907 and in Wood Badge the Kudu Horn or a substitute is used in all U.S. Wood Badge Courses.

The true Kudu is a species of African antelope that is reddish gray to almost blue in color. It ranges from South Africa to Abyssinia. A Kudu bull stands almost five (5) feet high at the shoulder. Most beautiful are the magnificent spiral horns that cap the head. The Kudu has a remarkable sense of hearing, it has keen eyesight, keen sense of smell, and great speed. which makes it difficult to capture.

As a Colonel in Africa in 1896, the Kudu Horn was first identified by Lord Baden Powell, as he and his men were on a raid down the Shangani (SHAN-GAH-NEE) river, and were puzzled at how quickly alarm was spread among the Matabele warriors. They later found that the Matabele were using a War Horn of tremendous sound carrying power. A code existed, and as soon as the enemy was sighted the alarm would be sounded. This war horn, turned out to be the KUDU HORN.

It is strange that some eleven years later, in 1907, this Matabele war horn would be used to summons the very first Scouts at Brownsea Island. During the early years of the Scouting movement the Kudu Horn was silent.

The Kudu Horn resurfaced thirteen years later in 1920, when it was used in training courses. The original Kudu Horn is enshrined at Gilwell where it is sounded at the beginning of each course to summon the participants. The Horn that heralded the birth of scouting now summons Scouters from all parts of the world to do better than they have ever done before.



Keep in Touch

We may be leaving camp today, but that doesn't mean the course news has to stop. Patrols are encouraged to submit patrol updates to the troop scribes for posting to the Gazette for Day Four. Share news of your plans for the patrol presentation, second weekend overnighter, or anything else you want to share by sending updates and photos to tcalabre@aol.

Ability Corner

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When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up? Did you reach that goal? Maybe not. But didn't your dream give you something to aspire to, maybe helping you establish the direction that you eventually took?

Think of a Scout you know who is dealing with a disability. Do you know what his gifts and dreams are? Does he? Maybe his parents and teachers have been more focused on meeting his needs than encouraging him to dream. But if he has no dreams as a youngster, how will he ever get anywhere? If he can imagine his future, then he can have some say in what that future will look like. If he doesn't dream, what goals will he really buy into? What will motivate him to keep growing?

You and the Scouting program can help this boy get excited about new possibilities, strengths that can be nurtured and new goals to reach for. The reward structure of the Scouting program makes it an excellent vehicle for growth in all boys, especially those with disabilities. As he succeeds in new skills, he has more confidence to set higher goals for himself.

So dream a little dream with me, and encourage that Scout to dream too.

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WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

Great Leaders are Great Communicators!

- ◆ Communication is a tool of leadership
- ◆ Need both Passive and Active Listening
- ◆ Should be clear and concise
- ◆ Feedback is a Gift!

Team Development

- ◆ Forming Stage—"Picking up Sticks"
- ◆ Storming Stage—"At Odds"
- ◆ Norming Stage—"Coming Around"
- ◆ Performing Stage—"As One"

Project Planning—How is your project?

- ◆ Create a wider picture—Overview
- ◆ Work Breakdown
- ◆ Activity Assignments
- ◆ Putting the plan into action
- ◆ Project closeout—Review

Diversity...

- ◆ Comes in many forms: Religious, Racial, Cultural, Economic, Educational,...
- ◆ We can maintain our beliefs and heritage while celebrating our differences
- ◆ Scouting supports diversity in all its forms
- ◆ We should consider Diversity issues during our planning of all activities to ensure greatest participation and enjoyment.



Have you ever thought how a camp helps your boys to practice living the Scout law?

For example, trustworthiness.

There's hardly any place where things are as open and available as a camp if a fellow wanted to steal. But somehow the camp atmosphere helps a Scout to be trustworthy.

A Scout demonstrates loyalty every time the flag is lowered at camp. And where else offers as many opportunities for him to be helpful? Other Scouts need help on achievements; new campers need encouragement; some boys need a lift here and there. How about friendliness? Well, every once in while a fellow in camp needs a friend — the kind of friend his fellow Scouts can be to him.

A Scout finds chances to be courteous any time, anywhere. At camp there are chances to be kind to animals. And courtesy is involved in treating the outdoors and the campsite with respect. Obedience is important in many camp activities; swimming, boating, canoeing.

Finally, there's no place like camp to bring out the cheerful spirits of boys.

B.-P. summarized the values of camping when he said: "It is in camp that the Scoutmaster has his opportunity for inculcating under pleasant means the four main points of training; character, service for others, skill and bodily health. But beside all, it is his golden chance to bring the boy to God through the direct appeal of Nature and her store of wonders."

(Adapted from the Scouter's Five Minutes, and from B.-P.'s Outlook.)

We must depend upon the Boy Scout Movement to produce the MEN of the future.

Daniel Carter Beard, Visionary BSA Leader



Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Visionary Scouting Founder



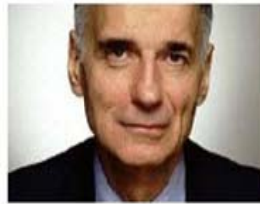
Whether you are a leader or a teacher, using the EDGE Method (pay attention to the presentation today to see what EDGE stands for) will enable those you are leading and teaching to learn quickly and allow them to teach it to others. Using this method enables your Scouts to have quick success and builds confidence and energy. No doubt this method will help them become good leaders.

A Scout is reverent. Scouting has so many different faiths represented and I like to believe that our diversity makes our unit stronger. Your Wood Badge staff will be presenting an Interfaith Service today and later on in the course, you will be preparing a service of your own. Remember what we learned about diversity and project planning and your Interfaith Service will be moving and respectful. Something that can be taken back to your scout units at home.

Have a great day everyone!

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Clean (Shaven) Thoughts



"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."
--Ralph Nader,
American political activist,
author, lecturer and attorney



"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."
--Will Rogers,
American performer and humorist



"If you can't write your idea on the back of my calling card, you don't have a clear idea."
--David Belasco,
American theatrical producer,
director and playwright



"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it."
--Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist

