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## A-Camping We Will Go!

Troop 1, welcome back to the second weekend of C7-129-17! What a difference you must feel now versus your arrival on Day 1 a month ago. You're seasoned Wood Badgers, and ready for the outdoor experience!



The staff is excited to see your camps, experience your cooking, see your campfire this evening, understand your patrol project and assist as you work together during a conservation project designed to leave Camp Crown and all those who come after us with tangible evidence that C7-129-17 made a contribution to Scouting in the Northeast Illinois Council.

Day 3 left you with a wonderful example and testimony of one person's vision. Homer Hickam in *October Sky*, showed us how a dream, desire, and effort translated into a how a vision, goals, and working a ticket can change the lives not only for himself, but for others in such a positive and productive way. Your vision, your ticket, and your efforts will translate into positive changes for a program we love – Scouting, and the young people it serves. Have you finished writing your ticket? Still have a couple of goals to write? Work with your Troop Guide to finish.

Weekend two brings a new adventure in Wood Badge and in your lives as patrols of the troop. Three quarters of Scouting is outing – and in this weekend “a camping we will go”. The three troop meetings of the first weekend, and your preparations in patrol meetings during the interim, have prepared you to continue through the course of Wood Badge.

Have you seen the benefit of leadership skills, models, and tools such as Compass game, Listening to Learn, Communication Stages of Team Development, Project Planning, Rockets, and EDGE to prepare for the challenges of this weekend? You have been introduced to significant amount of information already, but we have more in store!

Remember our desire of 5 by 5 by 5, that is, five ticket goals by 5PM on day 5 (tomorrow). That's 170 individual goals (34 participants with 5 goals each) and we will not have succeeded until, as a team, we have all 170 goals documented and approved. If you need help, remember to first contact your Troop Guide, and beyond that you can see any staff member during meal time and/or breaks.

Stay tuned, as the adventure continues...

Steve Chodash Scoutmaster C7-29-17

**“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”**

- C.S. Lewis, Irish writer and theologian

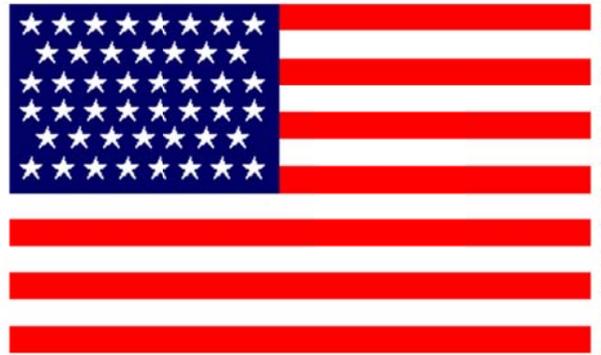
## Today's Agenda

- ◆ Arrival
- ◆ Gilwell Field Assembly
- ◆ Camp Set Up
- ◆ Presentation
- ◆ Patrol Leaders Council
- ◆ Lunch @ Patrol Sites
- ◆ Presentations
- ◆ Activity
- ◆ Patrol Meeting
- ◆ Dinner @ Patrol Sites
- ◆ Activity
- ◆ Campfire
- ◆ Cracker Barrel



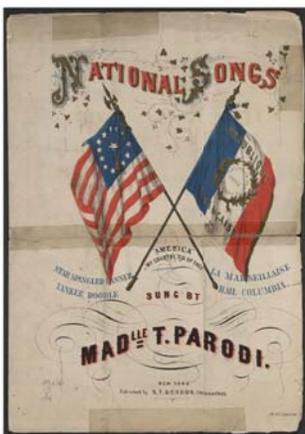
## Day Four—46 Star Flag

By 1908, the United States of America had grown to encompass states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Nearly all of the territory in between had also been recognized with statehood. When Oklahoma joined the Union, the U.S. Flag changed to include 46 stars, a design that would last for only four years and the administrations of two presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and William Taft. It was flying when the BSA was formed.



## My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty...

This iconic patriotic American song, also known as "America," was first performed on July 4, 1831, for a children's celebration of the Independence in Boston. Although we know that Reverend Samuel Francis Smith wrote these words in 1831, the origin of the song's melody remains somewhat of a mystery, and parts of the tune trace back to the 16th century.



Before coming to the United States, the melody was played in many countries. By the 1790's it had become the Danish national anthem, "A Song to be Sung by the Danish Subjects at the Fete of their King." Eventually it also became the national anthem of at least six other countries.

The first documented printed version of the melody, as "God Save the King," appeared in the American British colonies in 1761. After the colonies became independent from England, the melody along with Smith's verses were adapted for use in the United States. Those words eventually became a tradition, particularly among U.S. school children. Smith initially wrote five verses, and by 1843 two other authors had added an additional eight verses.

## Are You Working Your Ticket?

By now your "good" 1st draft should be complete and ready for review.

- ◆ Did you include a diversity item?
- ◆ Can you control the outcome?
- ◆ What will you learn from the effort?

### Remember:

Your Troop Guide and other staff are here to help!

**Values → Mission → Vision → Ticket**



# Let's Refresh...

When Wood Badge began in August, it was such a whirlwind of activity. By the time day three arrived, it might have felt like we'd been together at camp for a month.

A month has gone by since the first weekend, and it too felt like a lifetime. Between getting prepared for the outdoor weekend, working on tickets, catching up at home and work, and trying to get back to "normal" (whatever that is), there would be little moments of Wood Badge creeping into the day.

Little things like the moon at night reminding of the movie "October Sky." The movie relates the story of the "Rocket Boys," a group of boys from the backwoods of West Virginia. Each was a Boy Scout with the company troop. Each boy had issues and was not thrilled with their future already determined for them to become miners. Homer and his friends, however, were inspired by the launch of Sputnik.

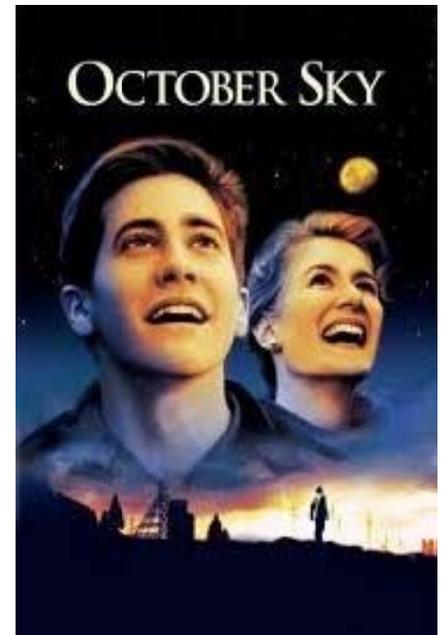
Going through the team building stages of forming, storming, norming, and performing, they managed to achieve their dream of doing anything but mining. They had help along the way with people who explained rocketry, demonstrated individual skills such as welding, guided them through the difficulties of advanced mathematics, and enabled them by providing additional resources beyond even their expertise.

The Rocket Boys are a great example of how people can have a great effect on others through leadership principle application. We can all relate to this.

Wood Badge can help you prepare for change by giving you leadership skills and surrounding you with a Scouting community to support you in your efforts.

As Quentin said, and it can describe Wood Badge, too:

## "Prodigious!"



### **Gilwell Gazette Submissions**

*Patrols are encouraged to submit articles, photos, or drawings at any time during the course.*

*Handwritten/drawn items can be dropped at the Scribes office, and digital submissions can be sent to:*

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*or texted to 847-220-1696*

## Ability Corner

**Dis** Facilitating the inclusion of a Scout with a disability into unit activities often involves thinking outside the box. I experienced this with a Scout, David, who is hearing impaired, at a Camporee. David uses sign language and has limited speech ability.

The activity that confronted us was this: the patrol had to put up a tent together and all but the patrol leader were blindfolded. The boys had to follow the leader's verbal instructions to put the tent up. I had to figure out how David was going to be able to participate in the activity. I realized that the only role that he could play was the patrol leader. He signed the instructions and I was his voice interpreter. The patrol did a great job putting up the tent.

Not only was David successfully included in the activity, he also got to be the leader. It was a win-win situation which was made possible by thinking outside of the box. The Scout with a disability as a leader? Everyone benefited by making that happen.

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"WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL HAVE A LONG CLIMB AHEAD, DON'T FORGET TO LOOK BACK AT HOW FAR YOU'VE COME."

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It seems that all of you have accepted your mission and returned for our second weekend of Wood Badge. Your patrols should have met a few times over the break to work on your outdoor experience and to prepare your patrol presentation. I am excited to see what is in store for your presentations and know that they will all represent a performing patrol at work.

As scout leaders, we are tasked with helping our youth become leaders themselves. You must lead that change and along the way you will be tasked with making some decisions, solving some problems, managing some conflict and including some diversity in your unit. These will be challenges that Wood Badge is preparing you for. You will leave with the ability to recognize these issues and have the tools of the trade to implement the change you wish to see. Along with way, you will deal with many generations of scouts and scouters. Their values and world views may differ from your own but their diversity will only make your unit stronger.

Remember that feedback is a gift and that everyone's ideas have some merit. Strong units and strong leaders remember to include everyone's input, even if all the ideas won't be used. Together, your patrol is stronger than each of you as an individual. Your diversity and experiences make for a richer environment. It's been exciting watching everyone grow in their patrols and witnessing the phases of team development within each unit. I hope you have recognized these phases yourself and appreciate the roles they play in forming your patrol and in its strengthening your patrol as a performing team.

I'm excited for the beginning of week two of C7-129-17! I hope you are ready for another wild ride.

In Teamwork,  
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