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## A Game with a Purpose

“Scouting is a game with a purpose” – one of the most quoted sayings of Lord Baden-Powell. Well, yesterday you had the opportunity to engage in a more active example of games with a purpose. Games, activities, and hands on experiences are tools we use in working with our scouts to teach and reinforce valuable life lessons. Did you use your problem solving skills learned before the Round Robin games? Did you solve the games or were there other lessons to learn? Hmm?

Have you reflected on the importance of other sessions and activities of yesterday? Is there a common thread among Leading Change, Generations, Conflict Management, and Diversity Game? What about the Campfire? These ideas may be good topics of conversation for tonight’s patrol campfire.

Today we look forward to listening to your patrol project presentations and also the opportunity to pay back to our Camp Crown. Have a great Wood Badge!

### Why Do Scouts



**PLAY  
GAMES?**

## Agenda

- ◆ Morning Devotions
- ◆ Breakfast (patrol sites)
- ◆ Gilwell Assembly
- ◆ Troop Presentations
- ◆ Conservation Project
- ◆ Lunch (patrol sites) / PLC (JTC)
- ◆ Patrol Project Presentations
- ◆ Ticket Review
- ◆ Dinner (patrol sites)
- ◆ Patrol Meetings
- ◆ Patrol Campfires



Today is Day 5 and we have another busy day at Wood Badge. This morning, we raised the Ecology Flag at Gilwell. Let that serve as a reminder that our work in conservation will improve our environment and hopefully leave a legacy for others to enjoy.

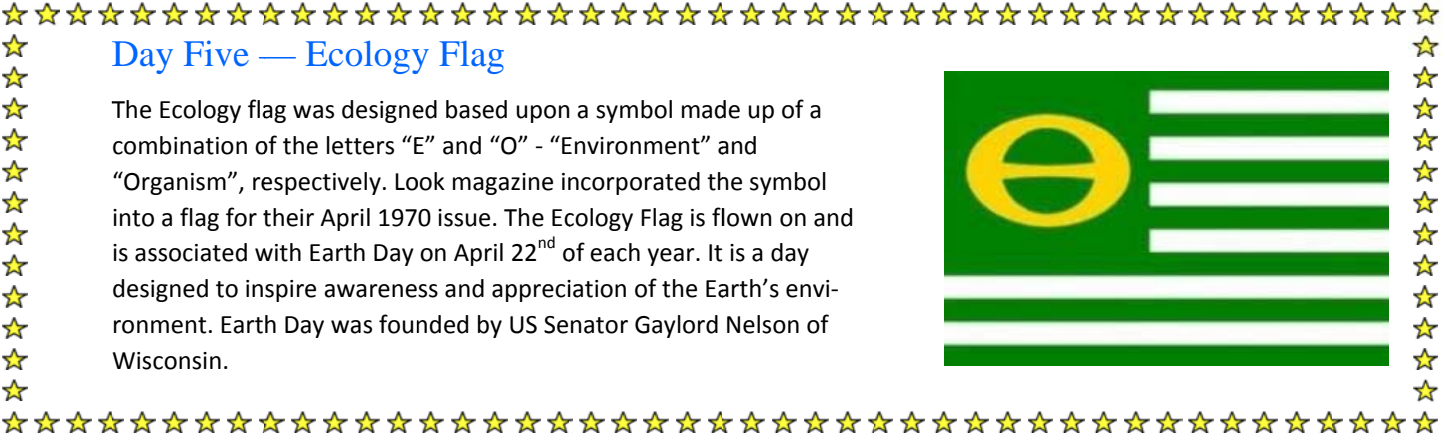
You may have noticed that Scouting is full of symbols. Take our uniform for example. The fleur-de-lis, square knots, Scout Sign and neckerchief are all symbols. The conservation project and the flag are symbols. Believe it or not, even YOU are a symbol because when you return to your home units, you become a symbol of your Wood Badge Training. Your Scouts, their parents and your fellow adult leaders will see you working your ticket and will undoubtedly see your commitment and dedication to Scouting. More than that, you should be their example of Servant Leadership. You will symbolize the difference we each can make when we bring our vision to life.

Steve and I have a vision for each and every participant in this course. It is our desire that each of you find a way to mirror Servant Leadership and to Leave a Legacy. When you have completed your ticket and we see you wearing your new symbols (the neckerchief, woggle and beads), we’ll know you have made a difference.

Tonight, you’ll share time with your patrol in your campsite. There, you will have the chance to reflect on your patrol’s journey together and to think about the future. Let me ask you a question. How will you take the spirit of Wood Badge home with you?

We have given you the tools, and your Scouts await your return. It’s time to plant your acorn and begin your Legacy.

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## Day Five — Ecology Flag

The Ecology flag was designed based upon a symbol made up of a combination of the letters “E” and “O” - “Environment” and “Organism”, respectively. Look magazine incorporated the symbol into a flag for their April 1970 issue. The Ecology Flag is flown on and is associated with Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> of each year. It is a day designed to inspire awareness and appreciation of the Earth’s environment. Earth Day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin.



Woody Guthrie, the composer of “This Land Is Your Land,” was one of the most influential voices in the entire American folk music tradition. His personal and musical styles were deeply influenced by his childhood in rural Oklahoma during the Great Depression years, which led him to a hobo lifestyle, a powerful dislike of greed, and a deep appreciation

for the diversity of America’s everyday folk.



The song’s lyrics were written 1940 based on an existing melody. Guthrie wrote the song in critical response to Irving Berlin’s “God Bless America,” and originally titled

it “God Blessed America for Me.” The title line repeated at the end of each verse, but by the time he first recorded the song with Cisco Houston in April 1944, Guthrie had changed the line to “This land was made for you and me,” invoking the title by which his song has been known ever since.

In 2002, it was one of the 50 recordings chosen that year by the Library of Congress to be added to the National Recording Registry.



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## Project SOAR

In 1970, Project SOAR (Save Our American Resources) is initiated as an ongoing BSA service project. It is estimated that during the year, 60,000 BSA units take part in SOAR-related conservation projects. What are your units doing today to support conservation?



### Pearls of Wisdom from Baden-Powell:

“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”

## What is Diversity?

Diversity embraces the qualities of other people that are different from our own.

- ◆ Human Diversity—Gender, Race, Age, Education, Health
- ◆ Cultural Diversity—Language, Lifestyle, Heritage, Religious beliefs
- ◆ Organizational Diversity—Roles, Relationships, Leadership, etc.



## Problem Solving and Decision Making

Remember a few highlights regarding the topics of Problem Solving and Decision Making

- ◆ Lack of planning requires problem solving
- ◆ Methods of systematic problem solving:
  - ◆ Brainstorming
  - ◆ Consensus
  - ◆ Multi-voting
  - ◆ Parking Lot



- ◆ Using the problem solving methods results in better outcomes on a more timely basis.

## The Wood Badge Prayer

*By Daniel Flynn, Wood Badge Course C-35-98*

Great Spirit, Thank You for guiding me to Gilwell.

Thank You for my Animal Spirit Guide and for those who share it with me.

Great Spirit, I am afraid.

As I have climbed Your Mountain, I have learned the Wisdom,

But as I look at my Guides, I ask myself:

Can I ever have the Sincerity of my Troopguide?

Can I ever have the Ageless Wisdom of the Instructor?

Can I ever have the Fatherly Love of the Scoutmaster?

How can I ever mean as much to others as they mean to me?

As I look down the Mountain at those who seek my guidance, I feel unworthy.

When I look up to the Clouds and see the Spirit in the Quartermaster,

I wonder if I can care so much for so long.

Great Spirit, I will not let my fear cause me to fail, but I know I will need help.

Grant my heart Wings that I may soar with the Songmaster.

Grant me Charity that I may wear the Caring Smile of the Assistant Scoutmaster.

Grant me the Strength that I may show the Confident Leadership of the Senior Patrol Leader.

Grant me these, Great Spirit, and I will carry this Learning to every young man who looks up his Mountain and to me, his Guide.

I will share Your Wisdom all of my days until I join my Wood Badge Guides again

and we walk with Impeesa through the Lea of Gilwell

## The Wood Badge Zodiac

### Beaver

*"Believe in your dreams"*

### Bobwhite

*"Be aware of your world"*

### Eagle

*"Don't let anything hold you down"*

### Fox

*"Trust in common sense"*

### Owl

*"Bearer of patience and truth"*

### Buffalo

*"Builder of life"*

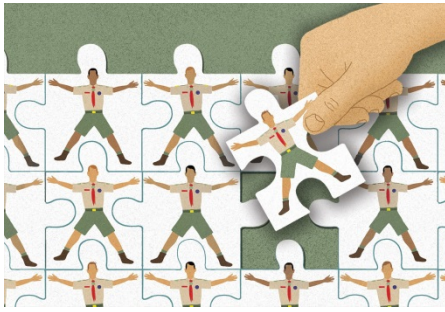


## Wood Badge Icon

The icon is the shape of a pentagon around the official Boy Scouts of America fleur-de-lis. Each side of the icon represents one of the five central themes of Wood Badge. Likewise, each of those themes is represented on the icon and throughout the course by one of the five central colors of the MacLaren Tartan. The themes are the threads of a course which, when woven together, form the pattern of the tartan and the full measure of Wood Badge.

## Ability Corner

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### Listen and Learn

You talked to the Scout's parents. You read the BSA's Guide to Working With Scouts With Special Needs and DisABILITIES (available for free at [bit.ly/SpecialNeedsScouting](http://bit.ly/SpecialNeedsScouting)).

You attended sessions at your council's University of Scouting.

That's all great, but the most underrated resource for strengthening the way your unit accommodates Scouts with special needs is by asking the Scouts themselves.

If help is wanted, let them tell you how to help. Most want to — and can — do a lot more for themselves than the untrained person realizes. Never let them use their disability as an excuse. Never do for them what they can do for themselves.

A Scout should be celebrated for what he can do instead of what he cannot.

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Planning for the 2018 course is already underway. If you know of a leader who would benefit from this experience, send their contact information to Lee Haak at [leehaak57@gmail.com](mailto:leehaak57@gmail.com).

Save the Date: Wood Badge Breakfast 2018 is 2/24/2018.



