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Senior Patrol Leader

Today is not the End

Scouts of Troop 1,

We've reached the final day of our journey, and today you start to "work your ticket" and "go home." On behalf of the Senior Patrol Leader and the rest of the staff, let me thank you for your time, your attention, and your support as we journeyed along this "leadership" trail together.

I hope you enjoyed the time you had last evening with your patrol mates and maybe others from our Troop.

The evening of day five on a Wood Badge course is one of celebration and fellowship for participant and staff alike, and today will be more of the same. The staff and I had a wonderful time last evening celebrating in our own way your success with an eye toward the future and all the improvements that will be made in our units as the results of your efforts during these six days and in the coming months.

After we close today, your journey is a bit more independent - primarily you and your coach/counselor. We often refer to Wood Badge as a mountain top experience.

Mountain top experiences are great, and they get us excited about all the possibilities that come from this course - our priorities are clear, the path to success is visible, the road to success seems ready.

But often when we descend from the mountaintop (Gilwell) the excitement can fade and the path can become more difficult. Once off the mountain the path that seemed so clear before becomes cluttered with obstacles and a bit cloudy. We learn that what we intended to be easy can become more difficult. Come down off the mountain slowly, try to keep focus on what we've done here, and how important it is to finish what has been started.

Here are some tips to help you maintain momentum:

- ◆ Always have an answer to this question: "How's your ticket coming along?" When we see you at any other Scouting event after today we're going to ask. Stick to your plan, document your progress, ask for help from your Counselor first, but any other Wood Badger after that.
- ◆ Celebrate when someone in your patrol receives their beads.

- ◆ Attend Wood Badge functions (especially the breakfast that will occur in February 2018 — at least to hear the best rendition of "Back to Gilwell" possible).
- ◆ Recruit others to experience the 2018 experience.
- ◆ And work those tickets until the job is finished!

Think of it this way: those two beads you are all going to receive not only represent your successful completion of this course - they also mean that this Scouting program will remain strong and the legacy will continue.

We wish you nothing but the best.

Steve Chodash Scoutmaster
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Agenda

- ◆ Morning Devotions
- ◆ Breakfast (patrol sites)
- ◆ Gilwell Assembly
- ◆ Participant Interfaith Service
- ◆ Troop Presentation
- ◆ PLC Meeting / Patrol Pickup
- ◆ 11:30am Lunch/Closing Banquet
- ◆ Troop Presentations
- ◆ Summary

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

Coaches and mentors

A Coach is an individual who develops skills and capabilities in another person or in a group of people (a team). Coaching is a leadership behavior and skill. Coaching can take the form of discussion, lecture, critique, or guided practice. It is distinguished by the process of letting go and enabling success. As the individual's capabilities grow, the coach may become a mentor or the team moves into the performing stage, stand aside as a team resource. A mentor teaches or guides someone with less experience,

Tips for Good Coaching

- Listen
- Supply Energy
- Provide Focus
- Provide Information
- Influences, don't control
- Recognize individual / team success
- Recognize what's right vs. what's wrong
- Value differences

Tips for Good Mentoring

- Provide a safe, non-threatening environment
- Keep confidences
- Build trust early
- Be a good listener
- Share personal experiences
- Make suggestions on specific problems
- Make suggestions on what it takes to get things accomplished

Tips for Receiving Feedback

- See out feedback
- Listen carefully
- Listen Actively
- Listen emphatically
- Monitor how you feel when you receive feedback

Feedback is truly a gift!



Ability Corner

Dis The DisAbilities Awareness Committee has developed activities to promote disabilities awareness at various district and council-wide events. An example of this is a recent Camporee activity. Each patrol was to make and eat a snack together. Each member was assigned a disability, with appropriate props. Each member was also assigned a specific task which often required assistance. For example, a boy with visual impairment might be expected to spread jelly on bread. In most cases, their assigned disability made their task more difficult. The boys loved the role-playing and were very engaged in their tasks. They experienced teamwork in a new way.

While we ate our snacks, we had a period of reflection. *This is an essential part of any disabilities awareness activity.* The boys got to talk about what it felt like to have a disability and the need to ask for help. We discussed what it was like to help someone else, what it was like to struggle with a task, and even to watch another person struggle. And the boys were reminded that, while they were relieved when they could “take off” their disability, someone who does has a disability can't do that. They became better prepared to understand a person with a disability that they might meet. They also had a positive experience discussing the topic of disabilities, practicing using appropriate language without embarrassment.

Of course, the adult leaders got to learn along with the boys. We knew we had made an impact when we heard reports that the boys were discussing this activity as they made dinner together later in the day. Hooray!

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FROM YOUR STAFF...

As we close this course, we humbly thank each of you for the amazing participation, for your energy, your strength, and your willingness to learn and grow. We thank you for the lessons we have learned, and the great service you are to God and your Scouts just by being in attendance here. We have witnessed miracles throughout this course, and know you played key roles in the spirit that was here. What you have learned is invaluable to your family, your Scouts, your units and more importantly, to you.

Take each lesson and prayerfully implement the principles in all aspects of your life. Take the friendships you have made and build upon them. Know that God loves you and has entrusted you with this sacred work of “accounting for” every young man or young woman you know. We again thank you for your willingness to do this great work.



Today is a special day for me. It is the last day of our course (which is sad) but it also means that you are about to go out with your “copious amounts of free time” and work your ticket (which is exciting!).

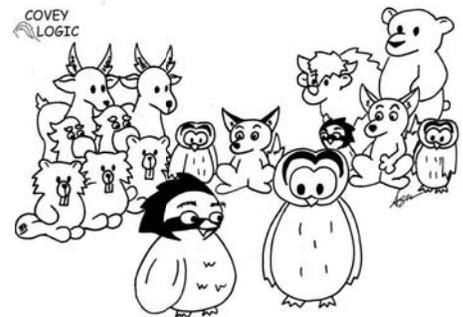
Even though this is the last day of your Wood Badge course, know that the friends you have made and the strong bond of your patrol family are going to be with you forever. You will find yourself oddly collecting certain critters when you see them on a shelf no matter where you are. Be proud of your critter and raise your totem high. These are the symbols of your commitment to Scouting but the totems I want for each of you includes a neckerchief, woggle, Wood Badge beads and a “certificate suitable for framing”.

There have been many presentations given during the course are all tools for your toolbox but we’ve saved the best for last.

Today, we are going to introduce some very important buzz words like “Servant Leadership” and “Leaving a Legacy”. Take some time after these presentations to reflect on your own values, vision, and mission. Think about your ticket goals and how it will stretch you and change you for the better. I would like to take a minute to thank each of you for committing yourself to be a better leader and a better listener. Together we can make a difference and keep Scouting strong.

In Cheerfulness,

Dan Kublank
Senior Patrol Leader



“MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTING?
YOU HAVE FRIENDS EVERYWHERE YOU GO.”

Your Legacy...

is something you create during your life solely to benefit future generations.

