



“Leading by Example
for over 100 years”

Mid-Course Edition

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Course Directives

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Finding Your Way

Where did the design for the Scout badge come from? Did you know that it's from the north point of the mariners' compass? Why did Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, select that symbol for the first Scout badge? In his book, *Scouting for Boys*, Baden-Powell told us. He said, **"It is the badge of the Scout because it points in the right direction, and upwards. It shows the way in doing your duty and helping others."**

In other words, just as the north point of the compass helps us find our way in the field, so the Scout badge helps guide us through life.

So, the shape of our Scout badge should be a constant reminder to us of the things we all pledge when we say the Scout Oath and Law. Remember to think about that badge and what it means the next time you are faced with a decision about what is right and something we know is wrong. Let it guide you!

An effective leader can also help guide you. Rosalyn Carter once said: **"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."** That reminds me very much of the Scouting program. Sometimes our leaders need to show us the direction to take or help us find that on our own. Be it with advancement or a

merit badge but also with our spirit and how we treat other people. To help other people at all times for example. Sound familiar? That Scout badge we proudly wear, points us to where we ought to be. Heading in the right direction. I have seen that in our Scouts. The leadership that they demonstrate, helps all of us.



Many of you want to lead and recognize that. And, many of you have learned from the leadership of others. Many of you lead simply by setting a good example to others. Each of you can learn leadership here and that is one of wonderful things about the Scouting program. Can you be one of those great leaders? Perhaps- if you do your best, anything is possible!

Lead by example!

Ticket Timelines

by Chris Fardoux

- **9/10/19, Tuesday at 5:00PM**, the course website goes offline and no further e-tickets may be submitted.
- **9/14/19, Saturday at 12:00PM** on Day 4 (legible handwritten or typed tickets may be submitted in-person to your Troop Guide, if you've passed the e-ticket deadline)

If you've not already done so, please prepare your tickets now. Don't delay! Our next time together will come up fast and you must be ready. Exceptions cannot be made so, please ask us if you need assistance.



Building a Better Tomorrow

by Cheri Blenniss



Did you know...

...according to the 2018 BSA Annual Report, globally Scouting serves 2.2 Million youth with 1 Million Adult Leaders in over 262 Councils.

It's amazing to think how much of an impact Scouting has on our Nation as we witness those positive outcomes in our neck of the woods. As you continue to form your Vision with five Goals think back to who you wrote on your golden ticket and how you can make a difference in their life.

Include the Line of Vision to see how your goals can improve your Unit, impact your District and ultimately grow the Scouting Movement in Northeast Illinois Council!

Building Tomorrow through Scouting.
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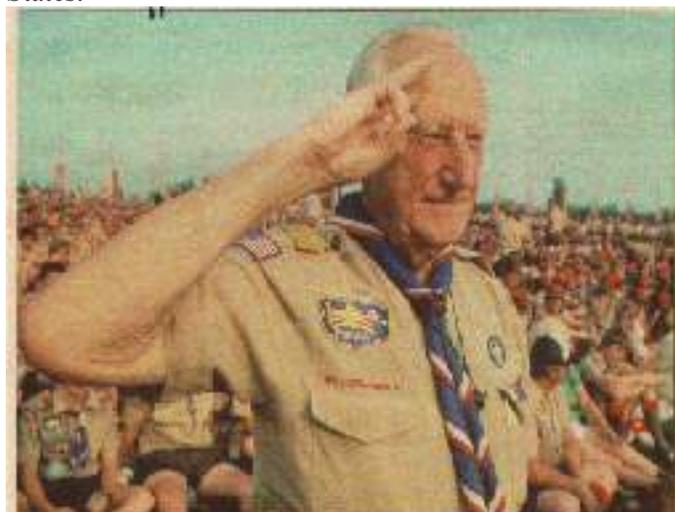
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The First Wood Badge Scoutmaster

The Story of "Green Bar" Bill...

As the Boy Scout program matured in the USA, it became apparent that Wood Badge could provide valuable advanced training. To familiarize the United States with Wood Badge, John Skinner Wilson, Gilwell Park Camp Chief, came from England to provide a Rover Scout Wood Badge Course for BSA at New Jersey's Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation.

Bill Hillcourt was a member of the Burnham Patrol on that WB Course, May 12-20, 1936. Four days later, May 24 to June 3, 1936, Bill was the Staff Troop Leader and "Dog's Body" (Senior Patrol Leader) for a second course. It qualified Bill to receive his WB Beads in 1939, and to become the national Deputy Camp Chief of the United States.



After World War II and a BSA training hiatus, Wood Badge was re-awakened to become a permanent part of the American Scouting scene.

Early in 1948, the new Scout Executive who had replaced Dr. James E. West, appointed four national Staffers to get Wood Badge underway as a national training standard. Bill Hillcourt was one of the four, BSA's first Deputy Camp Chief and by then, also the national Director of Scoutcraft.



These four National Professional Staffers decided from the start that two BSA Wood Badge courses would be run in 1948:

- The first at NJ's Schiff Scout Reservation with Scouters mostly from the Northeast, as a proving ground for this BSA WB training (Course #1, July 21 – August 8, 1948)
- The second at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, would be fine-tuned to become the standard of Wood Badge for the BSA (Course #2, October 2- 10, 1948)

William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt was the Scoutmaster for both.

The Philmont course was held Cimarroncito. Thirty-five (35) men mostly from the Western parts of the U.S., assembled at Philmont's "Big House" at noon on October 2, 1948, to launch BSA's Wood Badge.

The course started tenuously with Professional Scouters pitted against Volunteer Scouters. SM Bill Hillcourt regrouped his Staff and broke an impasse. Patrol spirit soared and Participants overcame the obstacles of high altitude, physical and mental fatigue, slow and difficult supply deliveries, poor communications with the Philmont Ranch, and bad weather with rain, sleet, snow, and cold! Philmont's Wood Badge #2 Course followed that of WB #1: it was unquestionably a mountain-top experience. Tired Scouters returned home with strong, enthusiastic feelings; the future of Wood Badge in BSA was assured.



William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt's Totem became a circle with "WILLIAM HILLCOURT" as its circumference; "Bill" was handwritten at an angle over a PL's two green bars inside the circle; at its bottom, two leather thongs came out of a WB Woggle; the left one held three beads and the right one, two beads — Bill was a "5-Beader"!

B.P. and the Beads

A Universal Cause to Get Behind

This story is taken from the Australian Scout Handbook published in 1973. Enjoy.

The place was Zululand, in the heart of a strange continent. The main army of African warriors had surrendered to the English forces, but a few bands were still to be rounded up. A young Army captain was leading his men on one of these expeditions, using new methods of observation, camouflage and scouting.

He was lying face down on the top of a cliff, looking for native scouts. His orderly waited well behind him in the bushes. The young captain was noting the countryside beneath, waiting for an enemy scout to betray himself by sudden movement.

Suddenly, a glinting spear rose behind the young officer, who was still face down on the cliff. The spear revealed itself in the hand of a mighty, colorfully plumed Usute warrior, just about to spring forward. A shout came from the orderly. The young officer, obviously alert and in first-class condition, sprang up and around in one movement. The warrior was taken off balance. He sprang back into cover. The officer rushed towards the spot, revolver drawn—but he did not shoot, though he could have done so successfully.

Thinking quickly, he decided to track the native to his hideout. This he did and found a gully in the great bulk of cliff where many natives were packed together. The officer moved towards them, and as he did, women screamed, for they feared revenge. A small baby fell off a rock in all the confusion.



The young captain, to everyone's surprise, picked up the baby, soothed it, and gave it his lanyard to play with. The noise died. Natives peered out and could not believe their eyes. Realizing now the intention of the officer, and knowing his tribe's needs, the chief surrendered. The chief was none other than Dinizulu, the owner of the famous beads of which Scouters may wear copies of when they complete Wood Badge. And the brave young officer was our own Robert Baden-Powell, whom we know as B.P.

A Wood Badge Prayer

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 Troop Guide?

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 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 Impessa through the Lea of Gilwell.



“My belief is that we were put into this world of wonders and beauty with a special ability to appreciate them, in some cases to have the fun of taking a hand in developing them, and also in being able to help other people instead of overreaching them and, through it all, to enjoy life - that is, to be happy.”

- Robert Baden Powell



Beavers

Some benchtime...



The Beavers were benched while enjoying their leadership training.

Bobwhites

Advice from Some Bobwhites...



1. Look out for your friends
2. Keep a low profile
3. Stick together
4. Find a field that suits you
5. Make a cozy nest
6. Whistle while you work – meep!
7. Be content with yourself
8. Spread your wings
9. Soar to new heights!
10. Befriending a predator is OK when you've gotten to know them and you are sure they have your back

(Thank you to our guide, Mark, a fox!)

Eagles

We look forward to another submission from the Eagles soon...

Foxes

A Puzzle for the Break...

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B	E	R	S	H	O	V	E	L	L	E	L	WOODBADGE
O	A	F	Z	R	R	G	G	E	I	G	S	TICKET
B	S	R	B	E	A	V	E	R	S	D	B	SHOVEL
W	O	L	F	I	T	E	L	T	W	A	V	KUDU
H	O	G	W	F	I	M	B	E	O	B	L	LEADERSHIP
I	L	G	K	O	U	D	U	K	G	D	U	VISION
T	C	W	J	X	N	B	U	C	G	O	G	VALUES
E	A	G	L	E	S	O	L	I	L	O	X	MISSION
S	G	C	K	S	J	K	I	T	E	W	T	WOGGLE
I	R	L	E	A	D	E	R	S	H	I	P	BOBWHITES
M	I	S	S	I	O	N	X	V	I	A	V	EAGLES
V	A	L	U	E	S	E	U	L	A	V	M	FOXES
												BEARS
												OWLS
												BEAVERS

Owls

Status Update...

The Owl Patrol is celebrating success, processing the information, and looking forward to Week Two!

Day 4 Schedule

7:00 AM	Check-In	Crown Entrance
8:00 AM	Gilwell Assembly	Gilwell
8:15 AM	Campsite Setup	Campsites
12:00 PM	Lunch	Campsites
4:25 PM	Patrol Dinner Prep	Campsites
Evening	Patrol Campfires	Campsites



Bears

It's like, geometry meets geography...

You are out camping in the wilderness. You are awakened by a rustling noise. You go outside & see a bear outside your tent. You run 1 mile south, 1 mile west, and 1 mile north to return to your camp which has been destroyed. What color is the bear?

The bear is white, because the only place where you can run 1 mile south, 1 mile west, 1 mile north, and return to the same location is the North Pole.



Images from Week One

Maybe this looks Familiar...

