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Steep in Scouting Tradition

In the early days of the Scout Movement in Great Britain, the Scout scarf used to be tied loose knot at the neck and naturally became very creased. However it was known the Americans were experimenting by using a ring made from bone, rope or wood to keep their scarves together. Bill Shankley, aged 18 and one of two permanent camp site employees at Gilwell Park, had the job of running the workshop and coming up with ideas for camping equipment. He found out about the American rings and decided to try and go one better. After various attempts with different materials he finally made a Turks Head knot - adopted in the days of sailing ships when seamen developed decorative forms of rope work as a hobby - made from thin sewing machine leather belting. He submitted this to the Camp Chief and, no doubt, the Chief Scout, for approval and had it accepted.

The American rings were called 'Boon Doggles', most probably because they were made of bone, and the name was a skit on 'dog bones'. To rhyme with 'Boon Doggle', Shankley called his creation a 'Woggle'. An article in The Scout on 9th June 1923 by

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Troop 1 Blasts Off

The patrols of Troop 1 headed to the 'Cape' on Saturday to build and launch a rocket. Some of the patrols experienced similar problems as NASA with foam debris falling off of the vehicle during launch and several launch delays due to technical difficulties.

During the launch delays and throughout the afternoon the 'foam heads' (also known as Troop Guides) entertained the crowds. They also launched a rocket, but they should probably stick to training instead of engineering.

Of particular note, the **Owl's** 'whata' rocket landed back in the 'zone' on both attempts with an interesting spiraling flight and a somewhat soft landing. The **Beavers** had the longest vehicle with a unique crumple-zone nose that took a beating and kept on launching. This vehicle gets a high survivability rating. The bobwhites improved their flight control on the second flight and landed in the 'zone'. The **Fox's** second flight traveled straight up and back down almost landing on the launch pad. The **Eagles** experienced a hold in the countdown when the launch pad experienced what was initially suspected to be a missing o-ring. The issue was quickly resolved with the assistance of Dave 'Vaseline Man' Barker who is often reported to be near the launch complex carrying a jar of Vaseline and exclaiming "Lube 'er up guys". With the pad repaired, the **Eagle's** flight was finally off. This flight experimented with a new top secret rocket fuel. It's sparkling nature has environmentalist up in arms suspecting some type of nuclear propulsion. The **Bears** experienced a flight control problem on their second launch and sent wildlife scrambling as it flew overhead. It is important to note that no wildlife were harmed during the test flights.

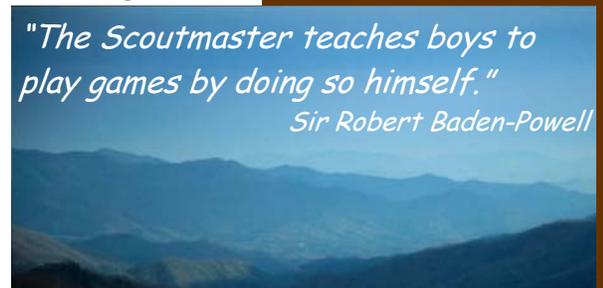


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"The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play games by doing so himself."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell



DAY 2 HIGHLIGHTS

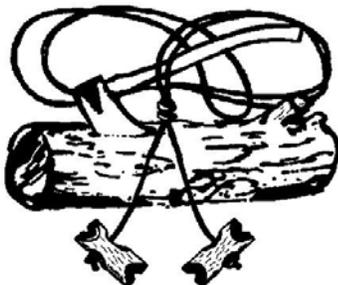
How far can you toss a Zulu?

Working the Zulu Toss Game presented several difficulties especially as more “Zulus” were introduced.

In a relatively short time each troop got into the rhythm and with 5-6 “Zulus” making the rounds one Troop was overheard saying “Bring it on we can handle it!”

Aligning your front end.

How difficult is it really to toss a piece of hard candy into a bowl . . . well at a distance of 3 feet not difficult at all – at a distance of 10-15 feet on the other hand it is very challenging to be successful. One observation made by this reporter as well that as the activity ran its course there were fewer and fewer of the favored candy which needed to be tossed. One wonders did human consumption factor into the equation when this was planned.



Inclusiveness and diversity.

Ms. Jeane Weller and two guest instructors laid the ground work for this presentation. Each brought their own unique spin to this issue and helped to understand the importance of inclusiveness to a team. One observation made by one of the participants was that “volunteering” for the cause here really wasn’t so bad.

Diversity in almost any given life situation can be challenging and at times frustrating and yet it was simple stated and demonstrated that diversity can work in the favor of “our team”.

Team Development – OR Forming, storming, norming and performing.

Its truly incredible how the team process works as part of what we do on almost any giving day. The Not Ready for Prime time players – demonstrated to us forming, storming, norming and performing. The troop using their finely honed skills showed us what this exercise is like. Video clips from *Remember the Titans* drove these points home as well.

Project planning – how important is it really?

Being part of a team is important – BUT having a plan and working can be very important as well. Discussions were held as to what could be done as a team to help achieve desired results – can you say “plan your work and work your plan”? I think you can.

Gilwell Field and the Houston Connection

Houston we had some strange sightings and rumors. Rockets being built and tested at Gilwell Field – oh my what would Baden Powell say? Each troop had to build a rocket and then fly it. Some very innovative systems were devised and flown successfully and all we can say about the judges was “WHO does your hair!”

Wood Badge Jeopardy – how much do you know?

A fun time was had by all when playing Wood Badge Jeopardy with moderator Frank Steele. The questions were challenging and at times showed how much we knew (or more often the case how little we knew) about various aspects of Scouting.

The “buzzer” worked great and compared to past years sped up the game greatly.

Who doesn’t want to WIN ALL YOU CAN?

Once again our moderator Frank Steele was at the front of this part of our program. Results were not exactly what was anticipated based upon past track records. The overall theme running through this exercise was team work and how it could pay off in the long run. The participants in SR 866 were recognized for the success - way to go SR 866!

Cracker Barrel – yes we did have a few barrels BUT I did not see any crackers.

Karaoke, branding, line dancing as well as good food and friends were the order of the day here. The singing that was done during the Karaoke portion of the evening proved one thing – and that was we SHOULD not give up our day jobs. We may not have been able to carry a tune, but we did have fun.

If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail.

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‘Gilcraft’, called ‘Wear a scarf woggle’ made reference to the idea of having become very popular among Scouts who had been quick to imitate the fashion set by the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Troop (i.e.: Wood Badge holders).

From - The Origins of the Woggle Item Code FS145003 Aug/03, The Scout Information Centre, Gilwell Park Chingford London E4 7QW.

PATROL NEWS

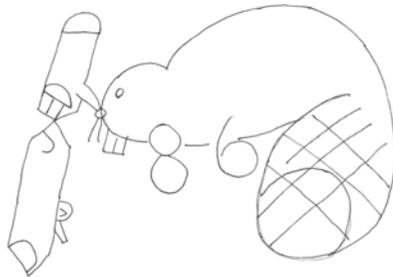
Top 10 Life Changes for a Wood Badge Beaver

- 10 Favorite T.V. Show....."Leave It To Beaver."
- 9 Favorite Gas Station....."Bucky's"
- 8 Favorite Song....."All I want for Christmas...."
- 7 Favorite Musical..."Dam Yankees"
- 6 Favorite Classic Book..."Tail of Two Cities"
- 5 Favorite Movie Line....."Frankly my dear I don't give a dam"
- 4 Favorite Deodorant....."Musk"
- 3 Favorite Movie Star....."Chewbacca (nice pelt)"
- 2 Forbidden Love....."Ducks (think Platypus)"
(Drum roll....and the top life change for a W.B. Beaver)
- 1 Getting Wood has a whole new meaning.

Beaver Patrol thanks all the staff and Troop 1 scouts for another great week at Camp K (Tail slapping applause).

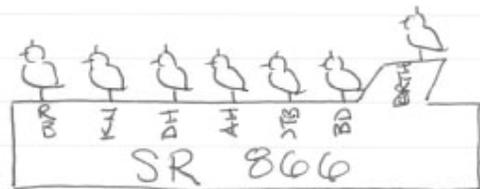
Beaver 1 soared to the stars with our favorite propellant "water".

We would also like to introduce our newly elected patrol leader. Dwight Stahl, Assistant Scoutmaster of Brazoria, TX Troop 524.



Five Fine Fox Facts
First the five fine foxes would like to formally

thank the flat tailed furballs for their flat tailed friendship fangle dangle that will be flaunted with our flag. Frankly the five fine foxes finished a fact filled friendship game of Who Me. What a blast. Furthermore the five fine foxes had fantastic fellowship around the troop's first fire. The five fine foxes put the faux final touches on out foxey flag, but expect a few more phases to follow. The five fine foxes played a few fun filled fast pace games including Zulu Toss and Front-End Alignment. Forty four points, goodness, that's far from first. For the record...we are the foxes, put us to the test, five fine foxes, we are the best!



The Bob-white Patrol spent day 2 as the Pro-

gram Patrol. Our flag is done and our totem is awesome! We would like to send out a big CHIRP, CHIRP, CHIRP to all of the staff, especially QM Dewayne and Asst QM Moe for the delicious "worms and bugs" each day. We are H-A-P-P-Y, and we love our staff!

Although the Eagles missed the Gilwell Gazette it was due to the fact we were soaring so high after a great first day. The Eagles have become increasingly unified and are feverously working to better themselves and the entire Wood Badge encampment community. Special thanks to Rodger for being our Troop Guide and the entire Eagle Patrol for the positiveness, enthusiasm, and smiles.



The owls have been working on their flag and our decoration for the service patrol shovel. We found out that if one is missing from our group, we still function well. So everyone please drink water and have fun.

The Bear Patrol says "Grrrrrrreat Day! We are still working on our yell by the way... Saturday's sessions were all great and we want to give a huge bear hug to all the staff for putting on such a great program! We learned a lot about teamwork, leadership styles, inclusiveness and diversity and the team Development Model. We hope that all of the other patrols are learning as much as we are. We are looking forward to making this class SR-866 a huge success. That again to all participants for being here to better yourselves and in turn making Boy Scouts better...And another huge thanks to the staff.



The Scribes would like to remind everyone that electronic devices (phones and texting devices for example) are not allowed during the classes and activities. In that spirit, we ask that this include the Trivia Questions in the Gazette. This will keep it fun for all of the patrols. Remember the first point of the Scout Law, A Scout is Trustworthy.

TRIVIA

How heavy is a typical Bald Eagle Nest?

How big is the largest Bald Eagle nest found to date.

Submit your guess to the Troop 1 Scribe.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHERE
Breakfast	Dining Hall
Troop Assembly	Gilwell Field
Troop Meeting—Interfaith Worship Service	Pavilion
Break	
Troop Assembly—Outdoor Experience Topics	Dining Hall
Break	
Troop Assembly—The Leading Edge	Leaders Lodge
Break	
Lunch	Dining Hall
PLC	Dining Hall
Troop Presentation—Conservation Project Planning	Dining Hall
Break	
Inter-Patrol Activity—Rockets	Dining Hall
Break	
Troop Activity—October Sky	Leaders Lodge
Troop Assembly	Gilwell Field
Patrol Meeting and Departure	

Yesterdays Trivia Answer:

Bobwhites do not migrate and only travel up to 1 mile as the seasons change. The female bobwhite typically have 1 egg per day for 15 days. As the foxes pointed out, the male bobwhite does not have any eggs.

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