In my dreams I'm going back to Gilwell,
To the joys and the happiness I found
on those grand week-ends with my dear old friends
and see the training ground.
Oh the grass is greener back in Gilwell,
And I breathe again that Scouting air,
While in memory, I see B.P.
Who never will be far from there.

The only way to discover the
limits of the possible is to go
beyond them into the
impossible.

- Unknown

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Wood Badge Hymn
A Celebration of the Wood Badge Totems

There he goes, the working Beaver, there he swims, across the lake.
There he goes, on toward the aspens, paddling on, with silent wake.

There he goes, the quiet Bobwhite, there he flies, back to his nest.
There he goes, among the fall leaves, walking on, with bobbing crest.

There he goes, the Golden Eagle, there he sails, up in the sky.
There he goes, beside the mountain, flying on, with haunting cry.

There he goes, the wily Red Fox, there he trots, among the trees.
There he goes, across the meadow, head up in, the evening breeze.

There he goes, the Great Horned Owl, there he flies, on silent wing.
There he goes, above the campfire, gliding on, as Scouters sing.

There he goes, the hungry Black Bear, leaving now, his winter home.
There he goes, among the boulders, wondering where, he next will roam.

There he goes, the shaggy Buffalo, grazing on, the sweet spring grass.
There he goes, across the prairie, thundering on, and through the pass.

There he goes, the bounding Antelope, there he runs, across the plains.
There he goes, among the wildflowers, soaking up, the summer rains.

There they go, our Wood Badge totems, there they go, ’cross hill and dale,
There they go, our woodland brothers, leading on, to mark the trail.

May we see, in them our Maker, may we find, through them our way.
May we be, much better Scouters, may we reach, a peaceful day.

Written by Dan Evans, Troop 207, Fairport, N.Y.

Scoutmaster Minute
All of you have the knowledge to be great leaders. All of you will find opportunities to change lives. Each of you can leave a legacy, but none of that will happen unless you take action. What will your legacy be? It’s your move.

Calling All Photo Bugs
Have you taken any pictures during this course or in your patrol meetings? If so, I would like to include them in the SR-866 DVD. The Scribes will be putting together a DVD of the photos, Gazettes and other items for each of you in the coming weeks. We’ll announce on the website (sr866.boyscouts.net) when they are complete. They will either be available at round tables or at the Wood Badge Banquet.

Thanks,
Doug
SR-866 Scribe

Parting Thoughts from the Staff
Every Child deserves a chance. You can make it happen.
- Tom Franko

Friendships have been planted. They must be cultivated in order to grow and blossom.
- Clyde Hole

A good leader makes a good scout.
- Dave Wiegand

Wood Badge is one small step for us. One giant leap for our Scouts!
- Roger Boyer

Scouting 1st Love. Second Occupation.
- Karen Hook

Look inside yourself and remember that you are here for the boys.
- Dewayne Woodruff

All that you do in scouting gives something wonderful to another scout—there is no last domino that falls—it goes on.
- Jeane Weller

There is no such thing as failure, only those that fail to try. In Scouting, we just go to plan B, C, D.
- Dona Hokanson

Real men (scouts) can wear pink! And you can never have too many boots!
- Lisa “Boots” Stegman

We do it for the boys. The boys deserve trained leaders.
- Dave Barker

Learn to listen. Be both a coach and a mentor to your scouts. Recognize when to let go and watch them grow.
- Doug Burdett

Go forth, be faithful to yourself and remember why you attended Wood Badge.
- Andy Tirpak

Due to technical difficulties, today’s Gazette is being printed in black and white. The color version will be available online in a few days. Sorry for the inconvenience.
What a difference a couple of hours make in your life.

Waiting for the phone call from the doctor’s office about test results . . .

In the delivery room on the day your first child is born . . .

Working on a conservation project at Camp K . . .

FSNP – yes you learned the principals here during your 6 days at SR-866 – forming, storming, norming and performing. In a little over 2 hours time the patrols of SR-866 came together as a well oiled team to take an area desperately in need of some help to be cleaned up and turned once again into a functioning amphitheater.

Cleaning up of old dead vegetation, logs, rocks, rubble and removing some old silt fences was the majority of the work that was done. The rocks and rubble was piled up to be recycled used again later. Team work was the order of the day for this project with Foxes working along Eagles and Bears right along side Beavers, Bob Whites, and Owls.

A wire mesh box was constructed and the placed into position to control erosion. The rocks and rubble which was piled up earlier were then placed into the box in addition to other rocky material that Jimmy Geesing had collected for the project.

After all the debris was cleaned up the area was raked and weeded, logs were cut and moved down into the bowl area to be used as seating.

Yes, there is still some fine tuning to be done on the project, but the site was good enough that Troop SR-866 used this area for the campfire on day 5 of the course.

The Staffers were impressed at how nicely the area turned out and look forward to many years of use out of this area.

Great job Troop SR-866 – you done good!
The Cinco Zorros Ballos started the day with a breakfast visit by SPJ Jeff Sealy and Wood Badge Scribe Doug Burdett. We then called all the other patrols to morning assembly at Gilwell Area. After assembly we all gathered under the presentation tarps to listen to a talk given by Wood Badge Scribe Doug Burdett concerning coaching and mentoring. Next all the patrols met the Wood Badge clean up crew to perform a conservation project at the old Camp K amphitheater. All the patrols came together as a troop and completed more work that was expected. After several hours of hard work, we gathered back at the presentation tarps to head a presentation by boots on 360° Assessment. During lunch the Cinco Zorros Ballos learned a valuable lesson about camp stoves and accelerants. When stoves aren't securely attached to the accelerant, it can cause the stove to melt and there is a leak. After lunch all the patrols gathered once again under the tarps to watch and give out patrol projects. All the presentation were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Cinco Zorros Ballos loved the Wood Badge Course and wishes to say thank you to all the staff and all the other patrols in making this wonderful experience.

The Bobwhite Patrol had wonderful night nesting in our tents and preparing a great breakfast for the day ahead.

As the sun was rising this morning we all noticed the sun shines first on the BOBWHITE patrol site. The beautiful Bobwhite patrol sign shown brightly in the morning sun.

The Bobwhites dug into the troop project. With the help of all the Troop, we were able to provide the wire cage with the rocks to make a dam and prevent erosion of the new campfire site.

All of troop 1 was flying high as eagles after Jim “The Banana Man” shared his song at the campfire Friday Night. We had a great breakfast of breakfast tacos and enjoyed the company of “Boots” and Jeane. We were all happy but tired after finishing the Conservation Projects. Hard work and lots of sweat equity for a project that will be enjoyed by scouts for generations to come.
The Owls awoke chilled (like a fine wine) and dreaming of the warmth and fellowship of last nights campfire.

After a hearty breakfast and a wonderful Fox Flag ceremony we dove into presentations.

First up was Coaching and Mentoring, where we learned that listening is the lynch pin of Coaching and Mentoring.

After presentation we all moved on to our Conservation Project. What a hoot!!! Once again we saw that team work pays, just not at the Patrol Level, but for the entire troop. Its amazing what a well lead well organized troop can accomplish.

After our successful project we “flew” back with our Paraliment for a colorful presentation on 360º reviews.

After lunch we enjoyed the imaginative presentation from Gillwellls of the patrol and one excited to bring this information back to our patrols and Troop.

See you at tonights campfire, Hoooo will be warm.

“The Owls”

Hello Woodbadge Patrols. This is your friendly Bear patrol hoping everyone has a big bear hug final day of Woodbadge. We would like to say everyone did a beary good job at the conservation project and we did pretty much everything we wanted to do. We like to say thanks to the staff for everything they did for us on both weekends. Finally we wish everyone a safe trip home and hope everyone earns their Woodbadge Beads by completing their tickets.

Bear Patrol SR – 866

Notes From the Scribe

Something new this course, is that I plan on publishing an occasional Gazette as you progress through the next 18 months. I will be posting them on the website (sr866.boy-scouts.net) as well as sending out e-mails. So check the site occasionally to stay in touch with the rest of Troop 1.

I had planned on publishing a pictorial directory for you to take home. However, due to technical difficulties this weekend, this will also be sent via e-mail. If you are not receiving my e-mails, please let me know so I can check my distribution list.

Doug - SR-866 Scribe