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Wood Badge Banquet

The Wood Badge Banquet is scheduled for April 11th at Alvin First United Methodist Church. The banquet is for all Wood Badgers, regardless of when or where you earned your beads or if you are working on your tickets, and their spouses. The cost is \$15 per person.

SR-866 Staff and Participants will be able to pickup their DVD of photos from the course.

There will be a slideshow of SR-866 during the dinner as well as a few video surprises.

Bring your favorite critter, pictures, patrol flags and anything else you would like to share with everyone.

Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

The Kudu horn will blow at 7 PM.



The Wood Badge Owl

Out of all the Wood Badge critters the owl is the only nocturnal one. As everyone knows the owl is a unique bird with binocular vision due to their eyes being in the front versus on the sides of the head. With these two very distinct traits, this critter is able to keep watchful vigil over all the wood badge critters as they sleep to have strength for another day of scouting work and leadership.

The owl has a lonely job out of all critters, but just like the others the owl takes his night time shift very seriously.

As all beavers, bobwhites, eagles, foxes, bears, buffalos and antelopes sleep; take comfort in knowing that your fellow wood badge owls are keeping a keen eye on your safety at night. Sleep well to loll of the deep "hoots" you hear in the middle of the dark, for they are just a few kind words from your owls of Troop 1.



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Take A Wood Badge Walk With Me

God, Take a Wood Badge walk with me,
And see what I've discovered;
An inner strength I hadn't known,
new skills that I've uncovered.

My body may feel tired now
But my spirit soars on wings
As I reflect on all we've done
And heard, and felt, and seen.

Thank you for new friendships made
And old bonds now renewed,
And help me live the Oath and Law
In all I say and do.

As I depart from Gilwell Field
With ticket firm in hand,
Lord, help me do the best I can
To help my fellow man.

For my journey does not end today,
In fact, it's just the start,
So take a Wood Badge walk with me
And hold me in Your heart.

Tickets In Action

Rumor has it, the SR-866 Wood Badgers have been hard at work on their tickets. There has even been a rumor of critters collaborating to bring the Disability Merit Badge to over 30 Boy Scouts in a fun and interactive way. A number of Wood Badgers were able to accomplish ticket items by organizing, instructing or attending the Scouter Success Seminar. Keep up the good work!

Send in your success stories and progress reports for the next Gazette.



The Bomb Hole

The Bomb Hole's creator was a German pilot in a very sick airplane that had made it through the air over London somewhat intact, but had been unable to release the bombs in the bay. The crew were furiously working away at the mess and finally got the last one to release, and voila! Instant swimming hole! What makes this tale even better is



that the pilot, who had been a Scout before Hitler came along, came back after the war to apologize and was forgiven, with the thought that it was perhaps the only way Gilwell could afford to get a swimming pond put in at the time!

Woggle

It was 18-year-old W (Bill) Shanked, a member of the Gilwell staff in its early days, (later, he went on to run the 8th Hobart Scout Troop in Tasmania, Australia) who produced the two-strand Turk's Head, which became the official Gilwell Woggle. He called his effort a 'woggle' as he was trying to improve on the American use of scarf rings which they called 'Boon Dongles'. The first mention I have found of the word is in a June 1923 issue of The Scout where 'Gilcraft' (the alias of Frances 'Skipper' Gidney, Gilwell's first Camp Chief) wrote an article called Wear a scarf woggle. That evidence would then appear to show that the Gilwell Woogles predated the American Boondongle by some three years. In 1943, the Woggle was given to participants on completing the preliminary stage of the Wood Badge course. The first ones, then as now, were made from leather. The original source for these was found close to hand from the stocks of thongs employed to 'bow' a fire-lighting spindle. It was soon discovered that the belts from old Singer sewing machines were more pliable!



Pictorial Directory is Online.

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