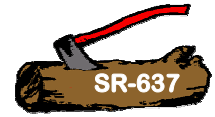




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SR-637—The Countdown to Adventure Begins!

COURSE PREPARATIONS

The staff members of SR-637 have been hard at work the past few months preparing for your Wood Badge experience. We look forward to your arrival and pledge to make this a premiere leadership training experience that is both meaningful and memorable.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

You should plan to arrive at Camp Strake Conference center by 7:30 AM well-rested and ready for a full day of activities. Although we are in a conference center setting, dress for the weather as many of our activities will be out-of-doors. However, heavy hiking boots are not needed.

Troop 1 will dismiss at approximately 5:30 PM on Sunday afternoon.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND



On Sunday morning, Gilwell Troop 1 will participate in an interfaith worship service known as a Scouts' Own Service. During this time you will have the opportunity to contribute to the World Friendship Fund. This fund, administered by BSA, assists Scouting organizations around the world. Contributions are used to help provide uniforms, program materials, and equipment as well as funding literature and leadership training to Scouting organization in those countries who are in need. Recent uses for money raised this way include sponsoring Republic of Georgia Scouts to come to the US and take back knowledge and equipment.

The Tiger Cub motto includes the word "share." The Cub Scout Promise and the Scout Oath ask for a pledge to "help other people." And the Varsity Scout Pledge and the Venturing Code encourage members to

"recognize the dignity and worth" of others. Members of Gilwell Troop 1 are encouraged to fulfill their promise to help others by participating in this worldwide Good Turn.

TWENTY QUESTIONS

Enclosed with this packet is a pre-course assignment of "Twenty Questions." **Please complete this** assignment and bring it with you for your personal use at the course. No one will see it but you. Completing this will be of immense help in writing your ticket. These questions are designed help you formulate your thoughts as you begin to write your ticket. They will help you sort out what is important to you, what roles you play in Scouting and your life, and where you see yourself in the future.

Remember that your ticket is a very personal commitment that you write for yourself. — a set of goals that you will pursue with the Scouting group that you work with. Begin now thinking about where you see that group in the future, how the group can make a greater impact in the lives of youth, and how you can help the group reach that vision.

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INTERIM PATROL MEETINGS

Each patrol will conduct two interim patrol meetings between the first and second weekend of the Wood Badge course. Please bring along your calendar to assist your patrol in setting a date for these meetings.

Time	Activity	Location
Friday 7:30AM	Participant Check-in	Camp Strake Conference Center
Friday Night	Spend the night	Camp Strake Dormitories
Saturday Night	Spend the night	Camp Strake Dormitories
Sunday ~5:30PM	Leave Camp Strake	Destination: Home



WHAT-TO-BRING LIST: WEEKEND ONE

Required items to bring

- Complete official Scout field uniform(s) for your current Scouting position. NOTE: *A complete field uniform includes the official shirt for your program; uniform shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; uniform socks; and scout belt. A troop neckerchief, slide, and cap will be provided.*
- Scout activity uniform(s) - NOTE: *An activity uniform includes a Scouting-related T-shirt or knit shirt, and uniform Scout shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes.*
- Shoes suitable for walking over park like terrain. Windbreaker or jacket appropriate to outdoor weather
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Underwear
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (No fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in labeled containers
- Toiletries and other personal items
- Towels and washcloths
- Pen, pencils, pocket notebook
- Canteen or water bottle and cup
- Handbook for your Scouting program
- Personal calendar to plan interim patrol meeting

Optional items to bring

- Pillow
- Change of shoes
- Footwear for shower
- Clothes hangers for uniform and jacket
- Sunglasses
- Religious book(s)
- Books of camp songs & skits
- Camera and film
- Earplugs (in case of snorers!)
- **Extra money for course photos, World Friendship Fund, Wood Badge clothing items for delivery the second weekend of the course with a paid order, and other items.**



Note - The following electronic devices may not be used during this course: Cellular telephones, pagers, radios, televisions, CD players, tape players, and any other devices that could interrupt Wood Badge presentations or activities.

Remember: Forms may be downloaded from the course Website: WWW.SR637.ORG

ACCOMODATIONS: WEEKEND ONE

During the first weekend you will be staying in the dorms at the Camp Strake Conference Center. Your dorm accommodations will have 8 beds per section and two sections sharing a common restroom facility.

The following will be provided by the staff for your sleeping comfort: bed, mattress pad, top and bottom sheet, pillow and pillow case, blanket, towel, wash cloth, soap. We suggest you bring an extra blanket and towel along with your personal toiletries.

All meals on the first weekend will be eaten in the Dining Hall and prepared by the Camp Strake staff.



REMINDERS:

The following items are now due to the council service center or by return Email to Scoutmaster@SR637.org:

- **Class 3 Medical Form** — required of all participants and staff members, regardless of age. This form requires a medical exam within one year of the start of the Wood Badge course. Medical forms should be mailed to the council office prior to the start of the course.
- **All fees are due 30 days prior to the start of the course.** Scholarships, grants, or loans are available through gifts designated for the council's Wood Badge scholarship fund. Requests should be made via e-mail to Mike Sheets, SHAC Director of Program (mike.sheets@shac.org).
- **Personal Resource Questionnaire** will help us prepare for your Wood Badge experience.
- **Dietary and Physical Limitations** sheet will help us anticipate any special needs that you may require.

If you have any questions concerning Wood Badge or SR-637, please contact:



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