



Welcome Scouters

In 1911, Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge Training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

Your arrival this morning is the first step in what may be the peak experience of your Scouting career. We are delighted you are here and pledge to make your Wood Badge experience both meaningful and memorable.

The staff has spent months preparing for today and are eager to lead you in experiencing Scouting's premier leadership training and in having a great deal of fun and enjoyment.

During our six days together, you will experience a variety of multi-faceted presentations of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting's traditions and the latest in team development theory.

As participants in this dynamic course, you will enjoy the opportunity for fellowship and learning alongside Scouters from all program areas including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. We encourage you to develop new friendships and associations with Scouters from across our council.

Wood Badge is a tremendous opportunity — an opportunity to learn, an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences, and most of all an opportunity to have fun!

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Schedule for Friday

7:30AM	Check-in	Strake Conference Center
	Orientation & Tour	The Mall
9:00 AM	Pack Assembly	Gilwell Field
9:45 AM	Troop Meeting #1	Troop Meeting Room
11:30 AM	Lunch	Dining Hall
12:30 PM	Troop Presentation	Troop Meeting Room
1:10 PM	Patrol Leaders' Council	Troop Meeting Room
2:15 PM	Patrol Presentation	Patrol Tables
3:30 PM	Troop Presentation	Troop Meeting Room
5:00 PM	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Tables
5:45 PM	Flags Down	Gilwell Field
6:00 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:00 PM	Patrol Activity	Troop Meeting Room
8:15 PM	Troop Presentation	Dining Hall
9:30 PM	Troop Cracker-barrel	Dining Hall
11:00 PM	Lights Out	



Special points of interest:

- ♦ The Gilwell Gazette is published daily.
- ♦ The Gazette provides the information you need to know in order to enjoy the complete "Wood Badge Experience".
- ♦ Watch the Gazette for articles and pictures about the activities of your patrol and the troop. Submit Information about your patrol for Critter Tales.

The Kudu Horn and Scouting

The kudu is a species of antelope which ranges from South Africa to Ethiopia. A kudu bull may stand over five feet high and is colored from a reddish gray to almost blue. In addition to the beast's excellent sense of hearing, its keen sight, sense of smell, and great speed make it a difficult animal to capture.

Frederick Selous, in his classic work, *A Hunter's Wanderings in Africa*, 1881, described the kudu as "perhaps the handsomest antelope in the world." It may seem strange that the horn of an African antelope, a type used by the Matabele as a war horn in the 19th century, should call Scouts and Scouters together in America and in many countries

around the world. But it was just such a horn that roused the first Scouts ever called together.

As a colonel in southern Africa during 1896, Baden-Powell commanded a flying column in the Matabele Campaign. It was on a raid down the Shangani River that he first heard the kudu horn. He had been puzzled by the speed with which alarms were spread amongst the Matabeles, until one day he realized that they were using a war horn of great carrying power. A code was used. As soon as the enemy was sighted, the alarm was sounded on the kudu -- taken up right and left -- and, thus, carried many miles in a very short space of time.



The Greater Kudu,
Koodoo Tregelaphus strepsiceros

In the summer of 1907, when Baden-Powell assembled the first Scouts at Brownsea, he remembered the kudu horn he had brought back with him from the Matabele Wars, and used it to add a touch of adventure and fun to the camp.

To Help Other People

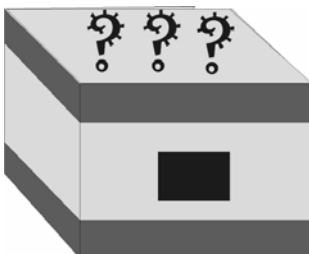


Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of scouting, said this to scouts everywhere:

"I often think, when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size: some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they go to heaven. Try to make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good."

Think of Baden-Powell's words when you promise "*To help other people.*"

What's A "What's It" Box?



On a table outside of the dining hall is a large box with an opening cut in its side. This is our "What's It" Box. Each patrol should visit the "What's It" box each day and attempt to identify the items in the box.

There are a few simple rules that govern your participation:

- NO PEEKING — You should NOT be able to tell the color of an object in the box!
- All members of a patrol may participate but submit ONLY ONE entry form per patrol.



Role and Responsibilities of the Patrol Member

For a patrol to succeed as a team, each of its members must

- Fully participate in the Wood Badge course and achieve all he or she can.
- Practice using the team development skills introduced during Wood Badge presentations.
- Help his or her patrol meet its obligations to fulfill assignments including the development and presentation of the patrol project.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Have fun!

Role and Responsibilities of the Patrol Leader

- Take a leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Represent the patrol as a member of the patrol leader's council (PLC).
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Practice using the leadership and team skills being presented during Wood Badge presentations.
- Ensure that daily patrol self-assessments are carried out in a timely, effective manner.
- Provide patrol members with all the resources and information they need to succeed.
- Empower the patrol to become a high-performance team.
- See that the patrol is prepared for all course presentations and activities.



Role and Responsibilities of the Assistant Patrol Leader

- Assume the duties of the patrol leader whenever the patrol leader is unable to do so.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.



Role and Responsibilities of the Patrol Chaplain Aide

In concert with the chaplain aides of the other patrols and with the assistant Scoutmaster for Program, the patrol chaplain aide will

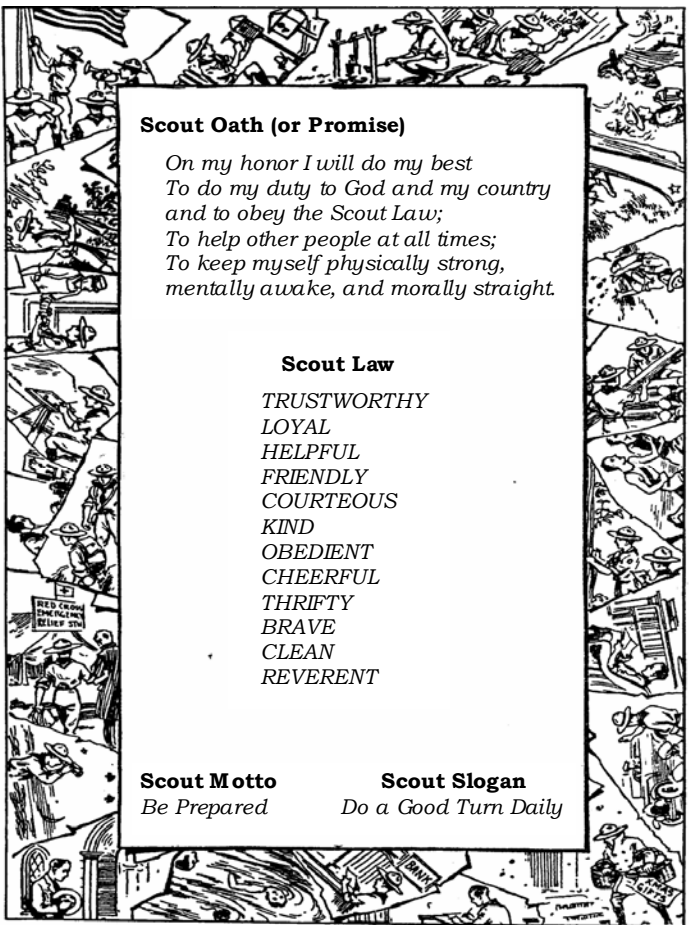
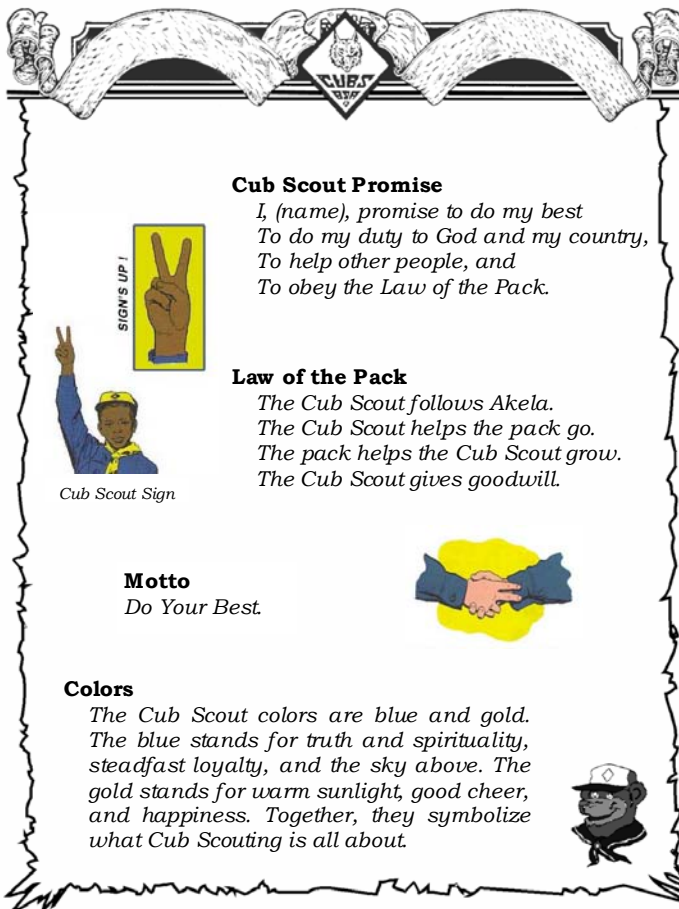
- Learn what resources are available that can be used for religious observances during the course and make that information available to the rest of the patrol.
- Develop and help present the participants' Scouts' Own religious service.
- Assist in conducting any other religious observances that may arise during the Wood Badge course.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.



Role and Responsibilities of the Patrol Scribe

- Provide interesting and timely material about the patrol to the publisher of *The Gilwell Gazette*—the daily newspaper of the course.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.





America the Beautiful

Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.

America! America!
God shed his grace on Thee
And crown Thy good
With brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Oh beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.

America! America!
God mend Thy every flaw,
Confirm Thy soul, in self control
Thy liberty in law.

Oh beautiful for patriot dreams
That see beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee.
And crown Thy good
With brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Cub Scout Spirit

I've got that Cub Scout spirit
up in my head, up in my head,
up in my head.
I've got that Cub Scout spirit
up in my head,
up in my head to stay.

I've got that Cub Scout spirit
deep in my heart, deep in my
heart, deep in my heart.
I've got that Cub Scout spirit
deep in my heart, deep in my
heart to stay.

I've got that Cub Scout spirit
down in my feet, down in my
feet, down in my feet.
I've got that Cub Scout spirit
down in my feet, down in my
feet to stay.

I've got that Cub Scout spirit
all over me, all over me, all over
me.
I've got that Cub Scout spirit
all over me, all over me to stay.



Be A Boy Scout

I've got trails to hike,
and I'll hike 'em, hike 'em, hike 'em.
I've got trails to hike, I say.
I've got trails to hike,
and I'll hike 'em, hike 'em, hike 'em.
I'll hike 'em 'till the break of day.

And I will be a Boy Scout, be a Boy
Scout, be a Boy Scout, I will do my
best.

And I will be a Boy Scout, be a Boy
Scout, be a Boy Scout, do my best.

I've got fires to build...
I've got knots to tie...
I've got tents to pitch...



The Programs of The Boy Scouts of America

Tiger Cubs is a year-round family- and home-centered program that encourages the ethical decision-making skills for first-grade (or 7-year-old) boys. These boys participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding.

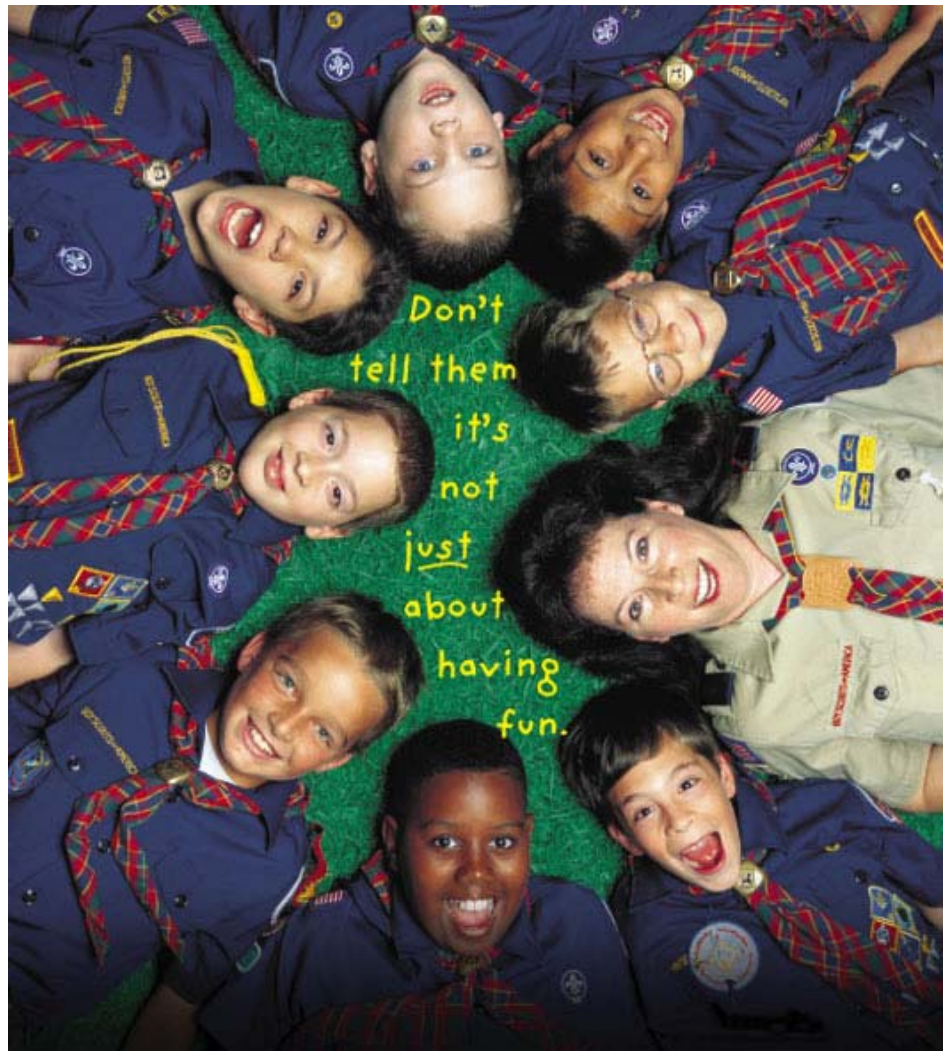
Cub Scouts is a year-round family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for boys in the second through fifth grade (or who are 8, 9, and 10 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Webelos Scouts is a year-round family- and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth- and fifth-grade (or 10-year-old) boys. Webelos Scouts participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become Boy Scouts.

Boy Scouting. A year-round program for boys 11 through 17 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. (Boys also may become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade.)

Varsity Scouting. An active, exciting, year-round program for young men 14 through 17 built around five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.

Venturing. A year-round program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age to provide positive experiences through exciting and meaningful youth-run activities that help them pursue their special interests, grow by teaching others, and develop leadership skills.



Cub Scouting is where it all begins....

Ninety-five percent of all Boy Scouts participated in Cub Scouting at some time. Cub Scouting strengthens the family, encourages physical fitness, and teaches core values to live by through its program. A thrilling outdoor program starts in Cub Scouting with day camps, resident camps, council-organized camps, pack camping, and the fabulous make-believe themes of Cub World venues such as castles, frontier forts, pirate ships, and more.

Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers have many special activities available to them, such as camporees, summer camps, Scouting shows, and national jamborees. The Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society, recognizes those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The order has local lodge, section, and national meetings. Scouts who have become Eagle Scouts, the highest advancement award in Scouting, may join the National Eagle Scout Association.

All Scout camps are inspected and accredited annually by teams of trained volunteers to ensure the health, safety, and quality of program for campers. Scouting Anniversary celebrations, during February, include observance of the BSA's February 8 birthday, Scout Sabbath, and Scout Sunday. Unit activities feature blue and gold banquets, courts of honor, and open house meetings.

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America—incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916—is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

The SR-637 Training Team

The Scouts and Scouters of SR637...

The members of the SR-637 training team represent all areas of the Scouting program. They represent a total of 305 years of Scouting experience. They have served as Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Troop Committee Members, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, District Commissioners, District Chairmen, and Council Committee Members. There are nine Eagle Scouts, ten Silver Beavers, five Distinguished Commissioners, seven Vigil Honor members, two Founders Award recipients, Three Numbered Certificates and Three Honor Medals, one with Crossed Palms. The team has a combined total of 85 Wood Badge staff experiences.

Bill Berry - Scoutmaster	John Richard - Quartermaster
Ed Simmons - SA Program	James Woods - Ass't QM
Viola Holloway - SPL	Ray Alverson - Troop Guide
Kathy Wallace - SA Troop Guides	Ginny Boucher - Troop Guide
Bob Christopher - Historian	Tina Cullum - Troop Guide
Jay Walker - Scribe	Mark Mabile - Troop Guide
Brian Foster - SA Facilities	Gary McFarland - Troop Guide
Gary Greer - SA Housing	Karen O'Toole - Troop Guide
Drew DeFoor - SA Camping	Larry Stehling - Troop Guide
	Luis Velazquez - Troop Guide

Venture Crew SR-637

*You Do Make A Difference — in making our world a better place to be...
One Boy At A Time!*

Gilwell Park

Some interesting facts about Gilwell Park near London:

- Gilwell Park was bought for The Scout Association in 1919, by Mr. de Bois MacLaren for £10,000.
- The land was previously owned by King Henry VIII, who built a hunting lodge for his son Edward. A later owner of the land built around the lodge, which eventually became the White House.
- The Greenwich Meridian (the line of zero longitude) runs through the campsite.
- Behind the White House is the stone balustrade from the London Bridge which was pulled down in 1923.
- A 2nd World War air-raid created the "Bomb Hole" which was enlarged and is used for canoeing
- On the Buffalo Lawn is a bronze Buffalo, given by the Boy Scouts of America in memory of the unknown Scout who led to the creation of the Boy Scouts in America

Venturing



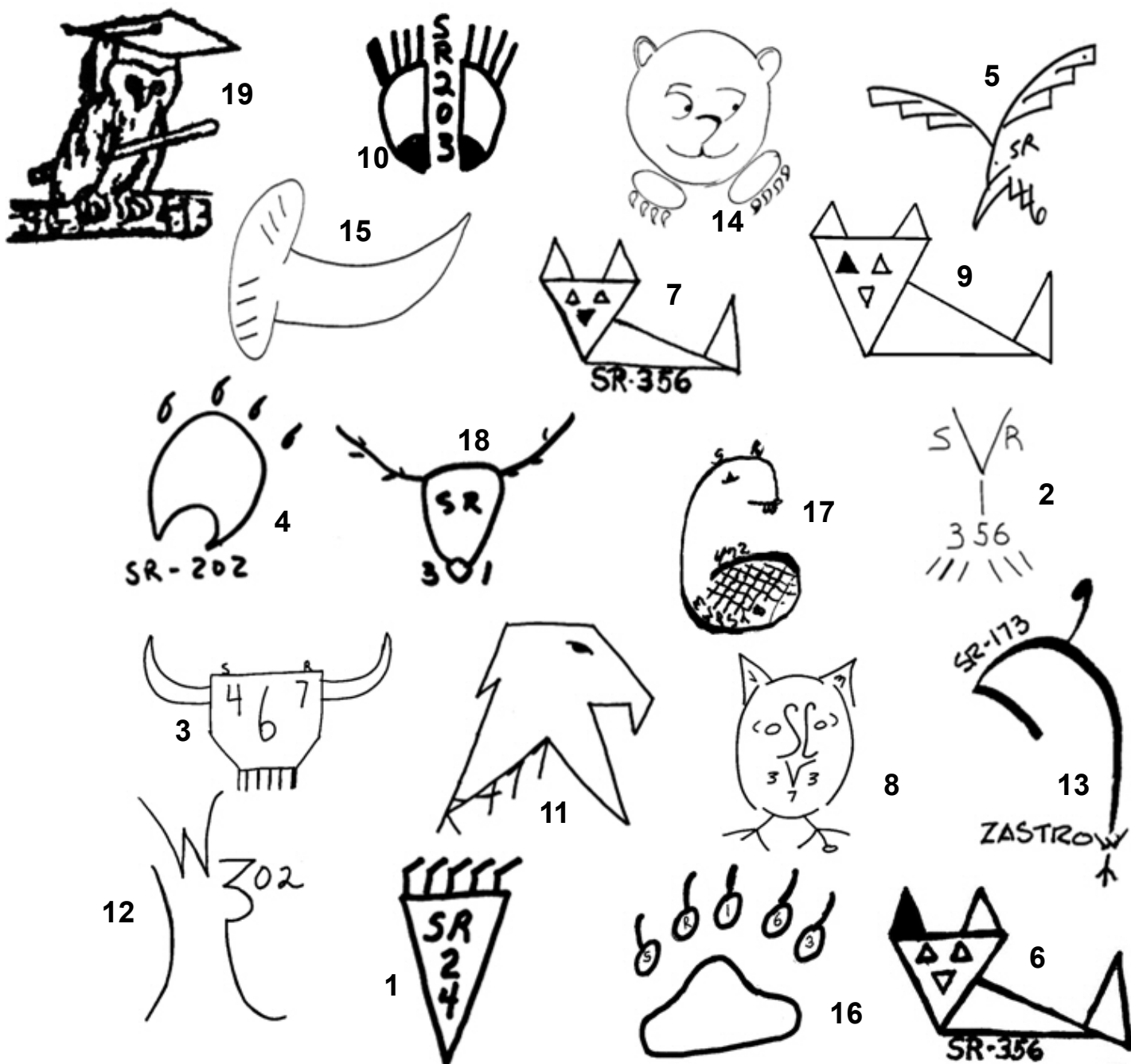
THE VENTURING OATH

*As a Venturer,
I promise to do my duty to God
and help strengthen America,
to help others, and,
to seek truth, fairness, and
adventure in our world.*

VENTURING CODE

*As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our
Trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.
I will, therefore be faithful in my religious duties
and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.
I will treasure my American heritage
and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.
I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity
and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.
I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks the truth in all things and
adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.*

Match The SR-637 Staffer With Their Totem!

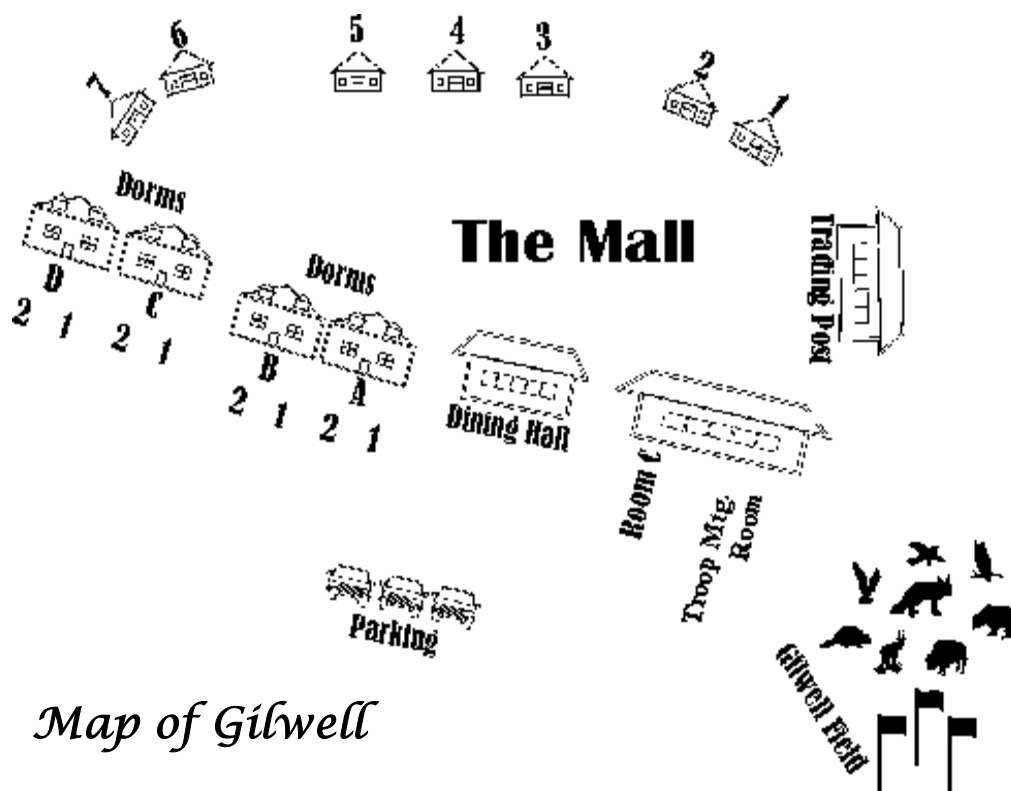


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Meet Your Scoutmaster

Bill Berry, Jr., Scoutmaster. Bill is a member of the George Strake District. He has been an active adult leader for over fifteen years serving for twelve years as Scoutmaster of Troop 240. He is a strong advocate of having a stronger scouting program through trained leaders and has served as the District Boy Scout Training Chairman, on the District Cub and Boy Scout Roundtable Staff, University of Scouting Key Staff, Train the Trainer Staff, Philmont Faculty, and is the chairman of the Sam Houston Area Council's 2005 University of Scouting. Bill attended Wood Badge course SC-413. He is currently serving as the District Advancement Chairman, Crew Committee Chairman for Venturing Crew 911, and Order of the Arrow Associate Lodge Adviser for Colonneh Lodge. In addition to serving as Scoutmaster, he has also served as the George Strake OA Chapter Adviser and a Webelos Den Leader. He is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, a recipient of a Colonneh Lodge numbered certificate, and the National OA Founder's Award. Bill has received several adult recognitions including the Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, the George Strake District Leroy Golson Award, and the St. George award. His wife of 31 years, Labana, is a lifetime Girl Scout leader, having served in several positions including the San Jacinto Council Gold Award Committee. She has received the GSA Merit Pin and the GSA Thanks Badge, similar to the Silver Beaver. They have 3 children: Deputy Sheriff, Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and Wood Badge trained Bill III, Texas A & M graduate Arwen, and UT Austin graduate Martha who just returned from a year studying in India. Both are GSA Gold Award recipients.



Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Will Rogers

"The goodness of a person and of the society he or she lives in often comes down to very simple things and words found in the Scout Law. Every society depends on trust and loyalty, on courtesy and kindness, on bravery and reverence. These are the values of Scouting, and these are the values of Americans."

President George W. Bush