



Sam Houston Area Council, B.S.A.

Gilwell Gazette

SR-637
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Friday... Day 4

Welcome Back Wood Badgers!



Welcome to your second weekend of Wood Badge. We have missed you and are ready to have some more fun!

It seems like only yesterday you were arriving at the Conference Center nervous with anticipation of what the weekend would bring. Remember how you felt when you arrived and how differently you felt when you left on Sunday afternoon. Wood Badge is a magic experience and this weekend the magic will continue.

Our Assistant Scoutmasters for Camping and some of their Ye Old Wood Badger friends spent time on a weekend preparing a home for you here at the Kuester Training Site. We know that you will enjoy this next phase of the program and your outdoor experience.

If you are new to camping, have no fear, we have experienced campers in each patrol. As you camp and cook in the outdoors, have fun and experience the thing that most of our Scouts agree is their favorite part of Scouting.

Our Quartermasters have prepared a wonderful menu and we look forward to sampling your cooking and presentation of our meals.

For many of you, this will be your first visit to the Kuester Lodge. We are one of the few councils that have a training site dedicated to the Wood Badge program. The lodge was built in 1978 and was first used for SC-161 in October, 1979. On its walls you will see shovels from some of the oldest Wood Badge courses and staff flags from the previous courses. A course flag from SR-637 will be added to the wall this weekend to commemorate our time together.

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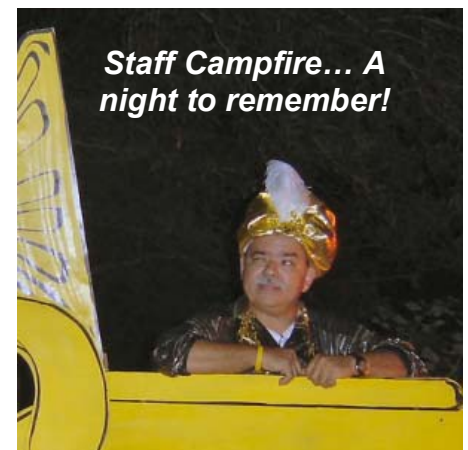
Wood Badge Recognition

Upon successful completion of the ticket, the participant is entitled to receive the Wood Badge recognition. This consists of a parchment certificate, the Wood Badge beads (two wooden beads on a leather thong), a tan neckerchief with a swatch of MacLaren tartan, and a leather woggle or neckerchief slide.

The Wood Badge recognition not only identifies a Scouter who has completed advanced training, but also reminds the wearer of an ongoing commitment to continued service to Scouting.

Friday - Weekend #2 - Day 4

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| 7:30 | AM | Tour | Kuester Lodge |
| 8:00 | AM | Troop Assembly | Gilwell Field |
| 8:30 | AM | Round-Robin | |
| 9:30 | AM | Set up Camp Sites | |
| 10:30 | AM | Troop Presentation | Kuester Lodge |
| 11:30 | AM | PLC/Food Pick-up | Lone Pine |
| 12:00 | | Lunch | Camp Sites |
| 1:00 | PM | Troop Presentation | Kuester Lodge |
| 2:10 | PM | Troop Presentation | Kuester Lodge |
| 2:40 | PM | Troop Activity | |
| 4:00 | PM | Patrol Presentation | Camp Sites |
| 5:00 | PM | Food Pick-up | QM |
| 5:45 | PM | Flags Down | Gilwell Field |
| 6:00 | PM | Dinner | Patrol Sites |
| 7:30 | PM | Patrol Activity | Patrol Sites |
| 8:45 | PM | Troop Assembly | Erekson |
| 9:00 | PM | Camp Fire | Fire Ring |
| 9:45 | PM | Cracker Barrel | Kuester Lodge |



Scouting is FUN with a purpose!
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BEAVER PATROL The Beaver Patrol of Troop SR637 has been hard at work since our first weekend at Camp Gilwell. The Beavers met twice during the break to work on our exhibit and ticket items. Everyone is making great progress on tickets, and last Sunday we began putting the finishing touches on our "Scouting For Life" exhibit, which is sure to wow the crowd. Thanks goes to our fearless Troop Guide Luis and scouts Pauline and Maggie for enduring very long drives to attend the patrol meetings. We held our meetings at the Scout Hut for Polaris District's Troop 1323, home of Scribe Tom's troop, and the Beaver Patrol wishes to thank 1323 for hosting our meetings.

All of the eager Beavers are eagerly awaiting the Part 2 of our Gilwell experience, and looking forward to seeing the rest of the Troop!



Bob White Patrol...

Mighty, Mighty Bob Whites flying high. Mighty, Mighty Bob Whites touch the sky! Tweet!

Our patrol had a "**touch the sky**" experience during the first weekend of SR-637 Wood Badge Training. The weekend was full of activities, information, games and just plain **fun**. This is how our youth troop meetings should be. Day 3 PLC for the Bob White Patrol was Donald Martin, Jr. and the ASPLC was Tammi Culp. Our last day was a little more relaxed, yet full. The staff provided a Sunday morning worship service. I am glad we took time out to acknowledge God. Pictures were taken and we even had a chance to go to a movie which served **free popcorn and drinks**. We want to thank our meal guests Asst. Scoutmasters Drew DeFoor and Gary Greer. Now we are preparing for the next stage of our training, **Camping**. Again, we want to give a **BIG** round of applause to the entire SR-637 Staff and Troop Guides. A word from Troop Guide Mark Mabile: **Tickets! Go Mighty Bob Whites! Tweet!**



EAGLE PATROL... The Soaring Eagles would like to recognize the leadership shown by the other patrols. Day 3 opened with a model flag-raising by the Bobwhites. The Buffalos did an outstanding job serving Troop 1 and we thank them. We were challenged by the Antelope's cheers and especially by the Bear's vocal appreciation of those cheers. The Beavers and Bears spirited singing of America the Beautiful, led by Luis Velasquez' guitar playing was inspiring. The Foxes set a positive example for us when they publicly recognized the Bears, er, Buffalos during lunch for their assistance that morning. It is with considerable trepidation that we fearfully await the Day 4 Halloween campfire that is being facilitated by the Owls. Finally, we want to extend a special Eagle screech of appreciation to our intrepid staff and especially our Troop Guide, Tina, for their sacrifice and commitment. During the time between the pristine Wood Badge weekends, the Eagles twice soared over to Lou Perez' awesome rustic scout hut. We finalized our Patrol project, tweaked our tickets, discussed our skit, planned the camp-out and got to know each other better.



FOX PATROL... The Fox Patrol headed home on Oct 10 after a fine foray in the Gilwell forest. Everyone was tired but energized with a renewed commitment to Scouting. Members had divided up jobs and we went right to work. The only glitch in our program was a missing Fox member, but he found his phone and we found him, so all will be well in the Fox Den next weekend. Though we had spent less than 72 hours with each other on weekend 1, we felt like a team from the beginning, and the Teamwork continues throughout the interim.

Our first interim Patrol meeting was well attended and we accomplished a lot of planning for our Patrol project. Everyone has taken a hand in making it a great project. We are 'working our tickets as we can...as we can...', and will head back to Gilwell with more Vision and Missions than should be allowed by Law!

Our second Patrol meeting is this week, but Spirits are high, plans are made, projects are being worked, tickets are being written and we are getting our bags packed for another fun, fast and furious weekend with our Troop members! Being a Fox really Rocks!!!





OWL PATROL...

The Chocolate Enhanced Whoooty Whoos were powerfully inspired to complete their ticket drafts this week by the chief hooter and troop guide, Larry "Get 'er done" Stehling. Thanks to his strong-arm tactics the ticket goals and project objectives were completed faster than a Teresa Heinz Kerry apology. The owls look to fly back into Gilwell field with talons barred...and heavily under the influence of Hershey's kisses. Speaking of kisses, Ace Frehley from the rock band Kiss was reported saying "Hey man, these owls are really amped!".

"Fly high, eat more chocolate" – SR-637 Owls



BEAR PATROL...

It has been a fast three weeks from when we left Gilwell. Much was done and the Bears are now ready. The project is done. Now it had its moments like where are we going to get the materials needed. We solved that in the first meeting with everyone attending at least at the start. The first meeting was to mainly get the background done or mostly. The second meeting only three showed up due to game 7 of the Astros, they tried so hard. We almost finished it then and there. More work was done before the third and last meeting. Approval was given that it was done by all the Bears just last night. We then went through some other topics for this weekend and then we said let's go. During all the three meetings, we laughed and worked. Shared ideas, did some giving and taking. The Bear Patrol is really a High Performance Team! And would not want it any other way. We cared about each other and was happening with them. More often than not one got stuck and another came to the rescue. We all have experienced the true Gilwell in the Bear Patrol.



BUFFALO PATROL...

Buffalo News from Gilwell Park
The Buffalos were quieter today in reverence of the Sabbath Day. They spent most of their day "grazing" on the knowledge and experience being presented by our staffers and troop guide. They also enjoyed posing for pictures. After all it is not everyday that a Buffalo gets to stand on a table and get its picture taken with antelopes, bears, owls, foxes, eagles, Bob whites, and beavers. The Buffalos were excited to learn about how to keep their environment "pristine" using the "Outdoor Code" and the "Leave No Trace" programs. It was also a pleasure to be of service to Troop 1. It gave us an opportunity to give back to those staffers that work so hard for all of us behind the scenes. A big Buffalo THANK YOU to all of our camp staffers that have made our stay at SR637 such a pleasure.



ANTELOPE PATROL... The Antelopes are still herding around the plain and keeping busy with tickets, skit planning and project planning when we're not grazing or running from the carnivores. We are looking forward to getting back to the rest of the animals in SR-637 and to a fantastic weekend of learning, fellowship, and fun. We would like to

extend a special THANK YOU to Karen. Your guidance and leadership is priceless and we truly appreciate your hard work, time, and dedication.

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The Herd

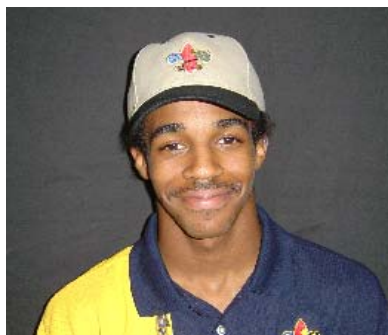
Venture Crew SR637



Vishar Amin



Lee Nogan



Sam Stewart



Andrew O'Toole



Amanda Hill



*Problem Solving Skills in Action...
You and your patrol will get a
chance to put what you have
learned to work!*

Vishar Amin, Crew SR-637 President. Vishar is a past president and vice-president of Venture Crew 911. Vishar has earned the rank of Eagle Scout and has recently received his Emergency Preparedness pin in Venturing. As a Boy Scout Vishar attended the National Junior Leader Instructor Camp at Philmont and returned to be a Troop Guide, ASPL, and SPL of the councils JLTC program. Vishar is also a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow serving previously as Vice Chief and Chapter Chief of the George Strake Chapter. He is also an American Red Cross FA-CPR/AED and Wilderness First Aid Basics instructor as well as a trained First Responder. Vishar is a senior at the Academy of Science and Technology at Oak Ridge High School where he is the Treasurer of the Academy Student Union and president of Mu Alpha Theta, and National Honor Society. He was recently named as a National Merit Semi-finalist.

Lee Nogan, Crew-SR637 Vice President. Lee is the current President of Crew 911 and is also involved with Crew 204. She has her emergency preparedness award and is working on her bronze and silver awards. Lee is an American Red Cross lifeguard and First Responder. She is a junior at The Woodlands High School, a veteran youth Wood Badge staffer, American Red Cross "BAT" Basic Aid Training Instructor and an American Red Cross Fundamentals of Kayaking Instructor.

Sam Stewart, Crew SR-637 Instructor. Sam is the newest member of Crew 911, and just made Eagle Scout. He is currently involved in GAMMA PSI OMEGA, FFA, AREA STUDENT COUNCIL, TRACK, BASKETBALL, and BASEBALL. He is active in his church as one of the head sound, audio, and video technicians. He remains active in Troop 434 and is currently serving as their head Den Chief.

Andrew O'Toole, Crew-SR637 Senior Instructor. Andrew is a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 204, and a Vice President for Crew 204. He has served as president of the crew and Senior Patrol Leader for the troop. He enjoys staying up late at night and long walks on the beach. Nothing is better to him than a good book. Andrew is a junior at The Woodlands High School. He is secretary of TWHS Model United Nations and Historian for the Council for International Affairs. Along with being a nerd, Andrew enjoys backpacking, mountain biking, climbing, kayaking, and recently; Wood Badgering. Andrew earned his Eagle Scout Award and Ad Altare Dei religious award in January 2004, and this will be his 3rd Wood Badge venturing experience.

Amanda Hill, Crew-SR637 Instructor. Amanda is an American Red Cross Lifeguard, the coolest kid in Crew 911, and is trained as a First Responder. She is also a junior and an active member of her school's chapter of The National Art Honor Society and an award winning artist. She currently resides in the Woodlands Texas and enjoys painting, reading, and writing about herself in third person. Amanda is a member of BSA Crew-911.

Amanda Frey, Crew-SR637 Instructor. Amanda is currently a member of BSA Crew 911. She enjoys playing her guitar and singing with her church praise band. Amanda is also a nationally published author. She enjoys hanging out with friends, taking pictures, and surfing the web. Amanda also is a member of the nationally acclaimed Woodlands High School Marching Band & Color Guard. Amanda is an American Red Cross Lifeguard and is trained as a First Responder.

Whitney Davis, Crew-SR637 Senior Instructor. Whitney is an American Red Cross First Responder and Lifeguard and is among the first in the SHAC to earn the Emergency Preparedness Award. This is Whitney's third time to participate in the Venture staff at Wood Badge. She is a Philmont veteran having participated on the Mountain Woman Trek #713 and R.O.C.S. #624. She is a member of Venture Crew 911 and Crew 204. She is an active member of her Young Women's group at church, currently serving in the position of First Councilor to the YW's president. Whitney also attends seminary each school morning at 6:00 a.m. Being outdoors, hiking, camping and on the water canoeing are just a few of the things Whitney enjoys most.

Garrett Rogers, Crew SR-637 Senior Instructor. Garrett is a Cowboy who loves to work, kayak, the rodeo, and riding fast horses. He is a senior at the Woodlands High School and member of the Varsity lacrosse team. Garrett plans to apply to the following colleges: University of Wyoming, Texas State, Texas A&M University at Galveston, West Texas A&M University, and Tarleton State University. He is planning on majoring in a agricultural field or Physical Education. Garrett is a member of Venture Crews 204, 911, and 007 and is the White Water Chairman for Crew 204. He is a member of Troop 889 where he received his Eagle Scout rank. Garrett is a BAT instructor for The American Red cross, a certified ARC lifeguard and an Emergency Responder. Garrett Recently was accepted to become a member of a sub Olympic kayak team.

David LeGaye, Crew SR-637 Senior Instructor. David is a Junior at Oak Ridge High School, and is an active member of Venture Crew 911. He is a member of the Band and the Air Force Jr ROTC. David has served in many leadership positions in BSA Troop-777 including Chaplains Aid and Instructor. He has earned his religious award. David is an American Red Cross Lifeguard and First Responder as well as a BAT instructor, National Archery Association Level I Instructor and canoe and kayak aid. He also helps staff the annual Aquatics Weekend for the GSUSA as a lifeguard and he teaches canoeing skills to girl scouts. David plans on going to Sam Houston State University to study pre-med then continue on to Medical School.

John McNamara, Crew SR-637 Instructor. John is an American Red Cross First Responder and Lifeguard. He is a member of Venture Crew 204 and Troop 204. John is a senior at Oak Ridge High School. He is a member of the school's orchestra, inline hockey team, and Air Force JRTOC unit. He enjoys backpacking, climbing, canoeing, and kayaking.



Amanda Frey



Whitney Davis



Garrett Rogers



David LeGaye



John McNamara

Venturing is FUN!





That Was The Weekend That Was... And it just gets better!





It's About Time!

Some of you may have heard the expression "Gilwell Time". This is a concept that dates back to the very original Wood Badges courses and is based on the concept that when you are Scouting, time really isn't all that important! Activities are planned to occur in a sequence rather than strictly follow the real world clock. Traditionally, "Gilwell Time" was invoked when one activity ran a little long which had the consequence of pushing back the entire schedule for the day. The Scoutmaster had the prerogative to simply declare that the day would continue to run in sequence and when the next event began, the official time was, by decree, to be the exact time as shown on the schedule and not the real world time.

Wood Badge course SR-637 enjoys the competent and very capable oversight of your Senior Patrol Leader to keep us on schedule. You may have noticed that, so far, our course has run right on time. "Gilwell Time" and real time have been precisely in synchronization. Some say that this is simply the job of the SPL, others will conclude that our SPL is an absolute time fanatic.

Early Sunday morning, most of our Scouting world will be fretting over whether to move time forward or backward one hour. Here at Gilwell, we will not have that dilemma. **Do not change your clocks Sunday Morning!** We will begin our program on Sunday on "Gilwell Time". Sunday afternoon as you prepare to depart Gilwell and return to the real world, you will need to set your time-piece back one hour.

For more information than you could ever want on Daylight Saving Time, see <http://webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/index.html>.

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SR-637 Wood Badge Word Find!

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Honor Medal With Crossed Palms recipient, Dr. Bob Christopher.



BSA Honor Medal and American Red Cross Heroism Award recipient Crew - SR637 Venturer David LeGaye



American Red Cross Heroism Award recipient Crew-SR637 Venturer, Garrett Rogers

BSA Lifesaving Awards

Recognition may be given to a member of the Boy Scouts of America—Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or adult leader—where the evidence presented to the National Court of Honor, in accordance with prescribed regulations, shows that he or she saved or attempted to save life under circumstances that indicate heroism and risk of his or her own life. The court will give consideration to resourcefulness and to demonstrated skill in rescue methods.

In no case shall recognition be given where it appears that the risk involved was merely in the performance of duty or the meeting of an obligation because of responsibility to supervise and give leadership to the person or people whose lives were saved.

It shall be wholly within the discretion of the National Court of Honor to determine from evidence presented which lifesaving award, if any, shall be made. Awards are issued in the name of the Boy Scouts of America. These awards are as follows:

Honor Medal With Crossed Palms. The Honor Medal With Crossed Palms may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated both unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save life at extreme risk to self.

Honor Medal. The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self.

Heroism Award. The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at minimum risk to self.



The American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America.... Together, We Can Save A Life