



Sam Houston Area Council, B.S.A.

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# Gilwell Gazette



Saturday, Day 5

## SR-637 Wood Badgers Return to Gilwell!



## The Fun And Learning Continue!



## Parents receive special surprise... Crew-SR637's Newest Eagle Scout John McNamara

**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."

## Saturday - Weekend #2 - Day 5

7:00	AM	Breakfast	Patrol Site
8:00	AM	Troop Assembly	Gilwell Field
9:00	AM	Troop Presentation	Kuester Lodge
10:15	AM	Troop Activity	
11:30	AM	Lunch	Erekson
12:00		PLC	Lone Pine
1:00	PM	Troop Presentation	Kuester Lodge
2:00	PM	Troop Activity	Erekson
4:45	PM	Food Pick-up	QM
5:00	PM	Flags Down	Gilwell Field
6:00	PM	Patrol Dinner	Patrol Sites
7:30	PM	Patrol Activity	Patrol Sites





**BEAVER PATROL** We're baa-aack! The Beaver Patrol is tail-slappin' happy to be back at Gilwell. The weather is great, although a little warm, but perfect for Dam building. It's also perfect for Fire building as the Beavers used their skills in working with wood to prepare tonight's camp fire....the results are sure to generate awe and wonder with the other patrols. The Beavers also proved today that the Human Knot is Not a problem for Beavers.



This morning Mark succeeded Leonard as Patrol Leader, good job Leonard for keeping us heading upstream during the break! And each Beaver is putting the finishing touches on our Tickets, thanks to our brilliant Troop Guide Louie for his guidance.

Eager Beavers -- We can chew through anything!



**Bob White Patrol** The Mighty Bob Whites arrived this morning ready to experience another full weekend at Woodbadge. Our patrol came prepared for a good time. All patrol members had successfully completed their tickets for WoodBadge. We had the distinct honor of being the first patrol to complete their tickets. Now Mark can relax. He can stop using his whip.(smile) Tammi Culp is our PLC for today. Our afternoon was full with games and informative classes. As a team the Mighty Bob Whites Rule. Now we are getting ready for tonight's activities. We want to welcome Amanda Frey as our Venturer guide. She is doing an outstanding job.



**EAGLE PATROL...** The Eagle patrol returned to Gillwell Field with enthusiasm for three more days of exciting times at Wood Badge SR-637 The Eagles quickly figured out what they had forgotten and began to substitute items like bug spray for deodorant! After solving those problems, the Eagles set up their campsite and checked to be sure that it was in pristine condition. Then they attended the first of the weekend's presentations. The Eagles then changed and with a plan and a sense of urgency, prepared lunch. The Eagles welcome Mark Mabile, Troop Guide for the Bobwhite's, and Andrew O'Toole, youth staff, to lunch. Day 4 was completed with a presentation by our favorite Troop Guide, Tina. The Eagles are looking forward to two more days of flying high and finally completing those tickets!



**FOX PATROL...** The Fox Patrol happily returned to the cozy confines of Gilwell and set up our new den. We were happy to see the friendly and familiar faces of our fine friends from Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Owl, Bear, Buffalo and Antelope Patrols, as well as the ever enthusiastic and exciting, energizing Staff. The 3 week interim period proved to be much shorter than we ever imagined, yet we all found time to 'Work our tickets as we could' (Some of us with more success than others, but we will all be finished soon. ) We were excited to see our Patrol Project come together as we anticipated and planned.



Topping off our day today was getting to work with the Venture Crew youth and learning from them and about them. It warms the heart to know that these kids are the future of our country. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our success!





**OWL PATROL...**The owls flew back onto Gillwell field this morning ready for another exciting weekend as we sweat to the scout songs. Tickets are near completion as our troop guide, Larry drills into us the importance of finishing.....today. Thanks for the push Larry! Also today, the owl patrol has adopted another hooter member in the form of an Venture scout. Welcome Sam! He fits in quite well as he loves chocolate and digs old rock and roll. He has added to our character, hair and all! The owls have worked hard today in more diverse ways than one. We look forward to a great campfire tonight.



**BEAR PATROL...**Da Bears entered camp this morning after a three week hibernation, with a few patrol meetings interspersed, eager to begin their final weekend of the SR637 adventure. With a few grumblings, we are Bears after all, we gathered at Gilwell field for our opening flag ceremony and the weekend was officially begun. The day progressed with a camp tour and demonstrations by the "pristine" staff. We then found a suitable location to "erect" our Bear Caves. We moved on to staff presentations where we were blessed by the most outstanding, foxiest presentation on Diversity we have ever been a party to as Bears by our own Momma Bear, Ginny Boucher. After Momma Bear rocked the house, we then partook in some problem solving exercises. It was Bearry fun. The afternoon was capped off by our last Patrol Presentation which resulted in some conflicted emotions, as we were somewhat sadden that we would not have more of these wonderful times with our Troop Guide. But we move on, as change is inevitable. The evening activities were something to write about as an outstanding campfire was presented by Troop 1 and fun was had by all. After a tasty cracker barrel, who's better than those Quarter Masters, we ambled back to our caves for some much needed sleep to refresh ourselves for the next day's events.



#### **BUFFALO PATROL**

The Buffalos are happy to have returned to Gilwell Field. They are happy to be cavorting once again with the other patrol animals and our Troop 1 leaders and staffers. The Buffalo patrol also enjoyed the new friends that we made today with our Venture staffers. The Big Buffalo THANK YOU to those cool youth that helped us learn about problem solving skills. Who'd a thunk it! Teenagers being moderators for solving problems. All of the Buffalo have finally turned in their tickets!



#### **ANTELOPE PATROL**

The Antelope Patrol of SR-637 would like to extend a hoof to Crew 911 & 204 for spending their time with us today. It was a pleasure speaking and sharing these these fine young adults. We would also like to give a HIGH HOOOF to the Owls, WHOOOOOO put on a BECK PECKING good time at the camp fire. Would also like an encore performance from "THE BUFFER"

It is a great pleasure to once again be with all you critters.







If your son hides his copy of Boy's Life from you (get your own)... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it on home video....*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If the high point of your social season is the Wood Badge feast ...*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If a trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage ...  
*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If the sales operators at the BSA distribution center's 800 number recognize your voice ..*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you were disappointed when Boys Life didn't win the Pulitzer Prize last year ... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your Coat of Arms features a Kudu...*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If your idea of a trip to the Holy Land means Gilwell Park in England... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you've gone to a Hooters restaurant and didn't realize there were girls there... *You Might Be A Wood Badger!*

If you bought that '89 Chevy Caprice for the fleur-de-lis hood ornament...*You Might Be A Wood Badger!*



**One hour a week ...!?**