

CRITTER CORNER

WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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Critter Edition



Day two of Wood Badge proved to be as rewarding and jam packed as the first. Morning activities proved that Beavers thrive on team work and do not perform well under type A leadership.

The Building Beaver Patrol enjoyed time working together implementing SMART strategies to plan and execute a successful Wood Badge Rocket. Group cooperation and careful planning resulted in the "Purtiest" Wood Badge Rocket in camp.

The Beavers used patrol time to begin more in depth project planning and discuss plans for working over the break. The Building Beaver patrol is enjoying meal times with staff members and looking forward to finishing the weekend strong.

Singing, obviously, is a key component of Wood Badge. The Roaring Robert Whites have enjoyed the merriment of all the singing prior to the Friday night campfire and the songs incorporated into the Saturday program. "Back to Gilwell - Happy land!!"



At the Friday night campfire, the Roaring Robert Whites ("Don't call me Bob") were conflicted about the true nature of the birds known as "Robert Whites" - are we "Birds with Attitude", or are we birds that "preen our crests and flutter when we flush", as displayed by Jenny, our Troop Guide, in the Friday night campfire? We are beginning to head the advise of our Troop Guide and are embracing our inner critter.

On Saturday, the Zulu game was greatly enjoyed by all in the patrol. The patrol worked effectively as a team, communicated well, and achieved at a high level. We also learned about team development, communication and project planning. Our team came together while working on a common goal, and we watched our rocket soar. It was appropriate that we then led the group in the song, "I'll Fly Away", for Wood Badge is giving us all the knowledge, confidence and inspiration for us to go back to our units and soar!

The Roaring Robert Whites offer a Wood Badge haiku for your consideration:

Great
Wood Badge fun
Apply what we learn
"Building Leaders, Leading Change"
Twenty-first century Wood Badge course
S - R - nine seventy-six
Working the ticket
Reach the top
Lead

Quote for the Day - "Dogs speaking in elevators" (a combination of answers from the "What Am I Most Afraid Of" exercise)



"HORRAY! Let the fun begin - Day two of SR-976 WB - we have decided that BP knew what he was talking about when he said "Fun with a Purpose" We have enjoyed our day of service. We would to thank all of our fellow WB Patrol members for singing with us - Ghost of a Chicken. We all have to admit it was definitely a humorous spectacle. The only thing that would make it better is to incorporate the chicken dance with the "boks". It was through this glorious event that we have been inspired. We have decided that we now officially have our name - from the day forward, for better or worse - we are ---- "Ghost Eagles" Totem done - From "Who Knows" where we laughed so hard we thought we were at a party to - "Zulu" to " The Toss" we are a patrol and our vision is evolving.....

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The National Enquirer declares "FoXes of Xcellence" (FOX) best-led patrol at SR-976. Patrol Guide Kari McMichael concurred emphatically "They love to run the trails and stop and swish their tails!"

During last night's round of songs before and during campfire, FOX members tested their pipes. According to Woody Guthrie, channeled through the British punk/folk/alternative musician Billy Bragg: "Ain't nobody that can sing like them!"

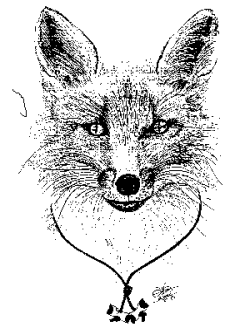
Early morning self assessment by FOX patrol confirmed both assertions!

Teambuilding took center stage on day 2 early with the Zulu game as screaming monkey, squawking chicken, and other toys forced FOXes through forming, storming, norming, and performing. Joining with the Buffalo Patrol (Herd that!), both groups repeated those stages of team development and eventually cohered and matured.

FOXes took inventory of their age, gender, race, geographic, and leadership as well as their ability to manage conflict through listening skills and feedback. .communication us taught McMichael Kari guide .bunches learned We

Hurried sorties with staff over lunch aided FOX members in developing their ticket visions.

Principles of project planning was quickly followed by application via the FOX Water Rocket and Reentry Fehicle.



Shirt color for Sunday: Tan

We Give a Hoot!

Our patrol really does give a hoot...not to mention that we are having a hoot here at Wood Badge. On behalf of the Owl Patrol we want to thank Don Gantt our first day Patrol Leader. He did a great horned owl job! We also want to thank our fellow raptor patrol, the Eagles. We had a great time playing Zulu toss with them...which played right into the theme of one of our morning sessions...diversity. The Eagles also passed us a note reminding us that omnipotent meant all powerful rather than all knowing as we blurted out describing our totem. Thanks for this correction...we are all powerful Owls! We give a hoot about team development too...forming, storming, norming, performing. Our diversity makes us strong and the tradition of Wood Badge brings us together.

And now a musical interlude from the Omnipotent Owl Patrol...

The wise old owl is perched high, way above the rest
You can ask us anything, just put us to the test
We will know the answer 'cause Owls are the best
And we're going to work our ticket when we can!





Day 2 for Bear Patrol was full of bonding. We played games, and shared and and discussed our bond. When others came to challenge our strength, we answered with a rocket ship that soared to LEGAL heights never before seen. We proved to the raptors that we could leap high. We showed the others we could go far. In the end we stood, mighty and proud, and declared "beware the BEAR!"



The Bears sit and enjoy their clan, happy for the experiences, and fat from such good food. Feeding the bear with lessons and lecturer, we grow stronger and stronger. We are BEAR!

Good Day to all you critters in the HAPPY LAND of GILWELL. SR-976 started out it's 2nd day of Wood Badge training with an outstanding flag raising ceremony conducted by the BUFFALO PATROL "Herd That". We had a great meal provided by the cook crew and began our activities for the day, which included games and lessons on team building and better communications. All of us "tracy's" worked hard on team building and becoming a closer knit group, working together for our common goal of teaching and inspiring our leaders of the future. The Buffalo Patrol "Herd That" has finished our totum and look forward to the world premiere of our patrols. We passed off the Kudo Horn to the Bear Patrol and challenged them to keep up the tradition of the Wood Badge Spirit. The afternoon was filled with more fun, learning and water with the rocket launch. The Buffalo Patrol "Herd That" won "most unusual" category. After dinner the the Buffalos "Herd That" gave DA Bears the coveted "SUGAR COATED BUFFALO CHIP" award for there outstanding display and description of there totum. Always remember "if you can't have fun you can't have scouting". Well this is happy Rick signing off from Gilwell . . . Happy Land. saying bye-bye and buy bonds.



Kickin' Antelope News

The Kickin' Antelope Patrol is very proud to have won the Front End Alignment Game Today. A special thanks goes out to the Owl Patrol for a token for our flag in recognition of this achievement. The Kickin Antelope Patrol had a Super Fantastic Great Time assembling our "Watch Out For That Tree" Rocket today. For any critter that continues to have recognition issues; its an Antelope not a deer.

