

# GILWELL GAZETTE



## Wood Badge for the 21st Century SR-976 Volume SR-976, Pre-Course John Roberts, Scoutmaster August 11, 2009

### Scoutmaster's Minute

#### The Expectations of SR-976

Welcome to Wood Badge for the 21st Century! Your course scribe will publish daily, a newsletter very similar to this pre-course edition during the Wood Badge weekends. The course numbers signify your class is the 976th course of the Southern Region.



#### What can you expect from your Wood Badge Staff?

First of all, Wood Badge is for all members of the diverse Scouting family and we will do what we can to make you comfortable in activities and surroundings that may seem a bit strange to you at times. We will do our best to make this a most memorable training for each one of you. Second, the very knowledgeable staff is prepared to provide you with exceptional training and outdoor classroom program to help you in your Scouting job back home in your Packs, Troops, Crews, and Districts.

#### What do we expect from you?

We expect you to be open to new ideas. We expect you to share your ideas and experiences with all of us during the course. We anticipate that you will develop good relationships with more new friends in Scouting. You will meet and get to know many of the Staff members who, like the participants, are a diverse group of people.

### Important Dates

- *1st Weekend, Camp Durant*
- September 11th - Arrive 7:00AM, Field Uniform
- Move Gear to Assigned Cabin, Activities Start
- September 13th—Depart approximately 5:30 PM
- *2nd Weekend, Camp Durant*
- October 2nd - Arrive 7:00 AM, Field Uniform
- Prepare Gear to Hike
- October 4th—Depart approximately 4:30 PM

You should arrive Friday morning, ready to get started, at 7:00 AM. Accommodations can be provided for Thursday night at Camp Reeves if required. Contact our ASM Facilities, Bruce Anderson ([bvbac5@nc.rr.com](mailto:bvbac5@nc.rr.com)). Friday morning you will move into your assigned cabin. Breakfast will not be provided Friday morning.

They are as friendly, enthusiastic, and talented as you might expect. We expect you to learn from each other. You will have a chance to do this as a patrol during the course and during the in-between weekends of the Wood Badge course. Get ready for the most awesome training experience you have attended.

Enjoy the Wood Badge experience! This is something that you will only do once as a student, and we want you to get as much out of it as possible. Thank you for all that you do for Scouting and our youth. I am looking forward to sharing this Wood Badge experience with you.

Yours in Scouting,  
John Roberts  
Scoutmaster



## SR-976 Pre-Course Assignment – Twenty Questions

An important focus of the upcoming Wood Badge course will be a consideration of our roles as leaders in Scouting, in the workplace, in our communities, and in the nation. Among the most valuable discussions that will occur will be an ongoing consideration of setting leadership goals and then determining the manner in which those can be reached.

The Twenty Questions pre-course assignment is intended to help you lay the groundwork for the course by developing a clearer understanding of your personal interests, values, and sense of the future. At Wood Badge, you will have the opportunity to channel that information into the development of specific goals and effective means of action.

**This assignment is for you to do on your own. No one except you will see the results of this assignment.**

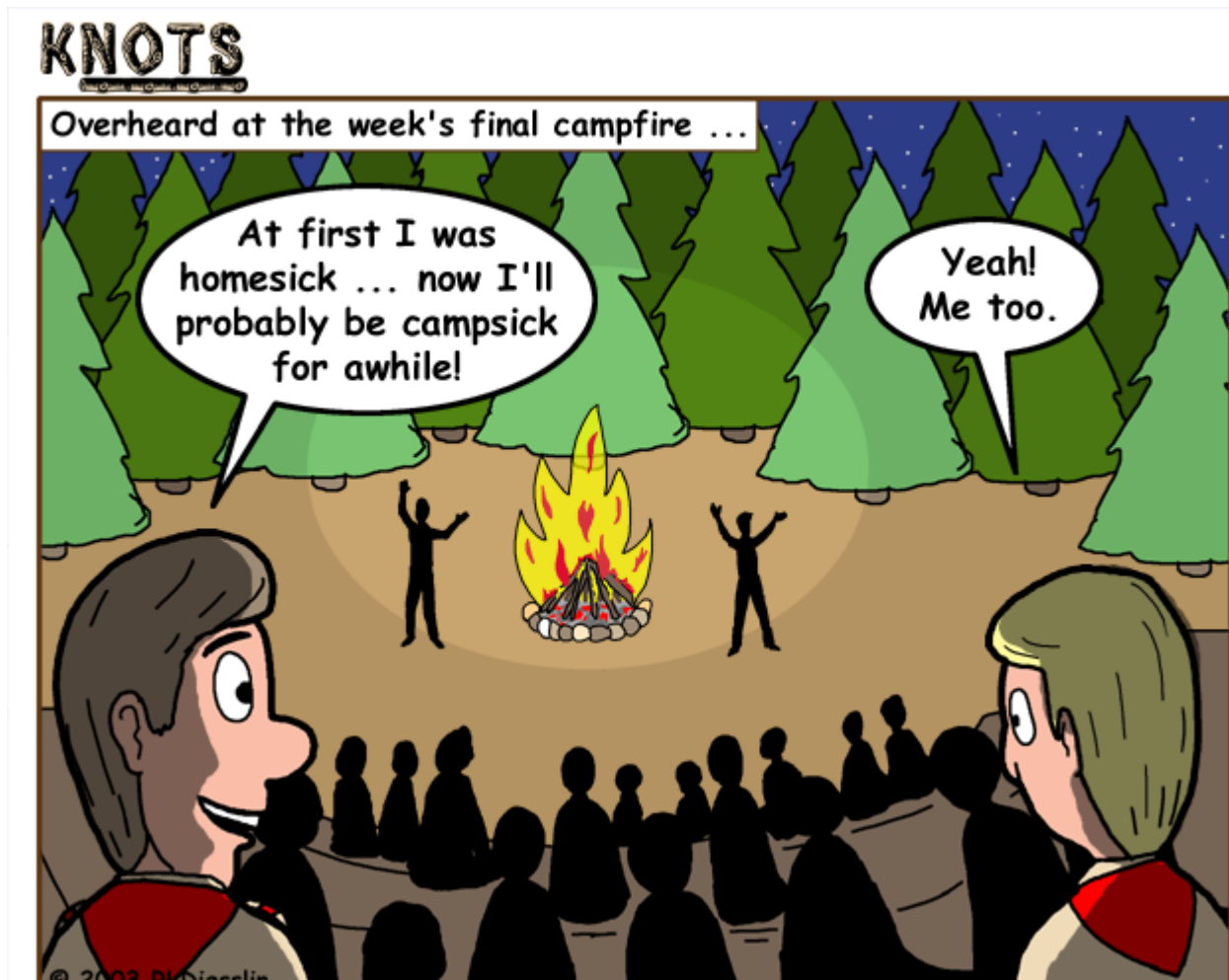
Use this opportunity to take a good look at where you are now in terms of interests, leadership skills, and opportunities.

### Twenty Questions

#### What to do:

Set aside time to think seriously about the following questions. Answer the questions as fully and honestly as you can. Write down your answers and bring them to the Wood Badge course. You will find them to be a helpful reference – only you will see the answers.

Don't worry about what the "right" answers are or about satisfying someone else's idea of how you should respond. No one except you will see what you write.



## Wood Badge: Home Away from Home

## The questions:

1. What I feel are my greatest strengths?
2. What strengths do others notice in me?
3. What do I most enjoy doing?
4. What qualities of character do I most admire in others?
5. Who is the person who has made a positive impact on my life?
6. Why was that person able to have such significant impact?
7. What have been my happiest moments in life?
8. Why were they happy?
9. If I had unlimited time and resources, what would I choose to do?
10. When I daydream, what do I see myself doing?
11. What are the three or four most important things to me?
12. When I look at my work life, what activities do I consider of greatest worth?
13. What can I do best that would be of worth to others?
14. What talents do I have that no one else really knows about?
15. If there are things I feel I really should do, what are they?
16. What are my important roles in life?
17. In each of those roles, what are my most important lifetime goals?
18. In five years, what role do I see for myself in Scouting?
19. What would I really like to be and do in my life?
20. What are the most important values I use to guide and motivate my actions?



## The World Friendship Fund

We will be taking up a collection for the World Friendship Fund as part of our religious program on Sunday. If you plan to make a donation, please come prepared.

The **World Friendship Fund** of the BSA offers a practical Good Turn opportunity for BSA youth members and leaders. Cash contributions are used to assist Scouting through the World Organization of the Scout Movement and through national Scout associations in developing countries. Tax-deductible contributions can be from individuals, units, camp, and training course groups. Unit participation in the World Friendship Fund offers a unique annual service project to benefit brother Scouts around the world.

## What's for Dinner ?

The Cook Crew of SR-976 has been working hard to develop the exciting, enjoyable and nutritious menu below. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact: Randy Layman ([rlaymon@nc.rr.com](mailto:rlaymon@nc.rr.com)).

## Emergency Contact Information

Should someone from home have an emergency and need to contact you, please call the following numbers:

### ASM Facilities & Safety Officer

Bruce Anderson  
Cell # (919) 669-4254  
[bvbac5@nc.rr.com](mailto:bvbac5@nc.rr.com)

### Scribe & Information Coordinator

John "Mac" McNamara  
Cell # (919) 820-1996  
[jwmac@nc.rr.com](mailto:jwmac@nc.rr.com)

### Camp Durant & Reeves Emergency Info.

BSA Camp Durant & Reeves  
4637 Old Carthage Rd  
Carthage, NC 28327

### John Spinks—Camp Ranger

[osrrangerjohn@connectnc.com](mailto:osrrangerjohn@connectnc.com)  
(910) 783-6669 Cell  
(910) 948-4774 Home

**All meals are subject to "minor" modification**

**We will be allowing for diet needs of participants that turned in special request on their questionnaires**



**Guide! We don't need no stinkin' Guide!**

Well, yes we do. As leaders, it is our responsibility to ensure that scouting activities are conducted in a safe and prudent manner. The—[Guide to Safe Scouting](#)—outlines the BSA policies and guidelines to ensure that we do just that. As leaders, we should all be familiar with its contents and review it every year. If you haven't done so recently, it is suggested you do so. It can be found online at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>

## Personal Equipment Checklist—1st Weekend

The first weekend, you will be sleeping in the staff cabins at Camp Durant. Each cabin will sleep 4-6 individuals in bunk beds. Each bed has a mattress but you will need to bring linens (or a sleeping bag), pillow, etc. Each cabin will also have Lockers that will hold a limited number of hanging items. The Wood Badge course will also provide all meals from Friday Lunch through Sunday Lunch and cracker barrels Friday and Saturday evening. The course will also provide a Wood Badge cap, 3 T-shirts, neckerchief, and neckerchief slide.

### Required Items

- Official Scout uniform (s) for your current Scouting position (2 recommended)
- Scout activity uniform (s) (2 shirts recommended) - 3 Activity T-shirts provided by course
- Shoes or boots (prefer dark shoes - please, no open toes or sandals)
- Windbreaker and/or jacket appropriate for weather
- Rain gear (durable poncho or rain suit)
- Sweatshirt
- Sweatpants (for sleeping)
- Underwear
- Insect repellent (if warm)
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- small Pocketknife or multiple-tool type knife (no fixed blade/sheath knives)
- Medication in labeled containers
- Toiletries
- Pens, pencils, small tablet for notes (a 3-ring binder will be provided)
- Canteen or water bottle
- Scout Handbook for your Scouting program
- Day pack to carry materials from place to place

### Optional

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Stadium Cushion or small folding chair
- Change of shoes (no white shoes please)
- Moccasins or camp slippers (no open toes or sandals)
- Shower footwear
- Religious book (s)
- Books of camp songs, skits, etc.
- Camera and film
- Assorted handicrafts for projects
- Other items to support 3 days and 2 nights of cabin living.
- Any plain wooden walking stick (some say Hiking Staff).



## Commitment and Accomplishment Through Your Ticket

One of the great traditions of Wood Badge is the —ticket.

A ticket is simple a contract or set of goals you write for yourself to practice the skills you learn during your Wood Badge training.

Keep in mind that the 21st Century Wood Badge ticket is different from that of former Boy Scout and Cub Scout Wood Badge courses.

The 21st Century Wood Badge ticket process begins with you determining your own vision of success for the group that your work with in Scouting—your den, troop, pack, roundtable staff, crew, etc.

Then you will write five significant goals that you can accomplish within 18 months. This method will help make your vision of success for your group a reality.

Your ticket is a very personal contract that your write for yourself. Goals that help fulfill one person’s plan for success may not work toward the success of another person’s vision.

It will not help to come with preconceived ideas about what you should include in your ticket.

That’s why we want you to come open-minded about your ticket. Your ticket will be meaningful to you and enable you to practice and share the skills learned in the course while making a difference in the lives of youth.

### Uniform Notes

1. Cellular telephones, pagers, radios, and other electronic devices may not be used during the course when they would interrupt Wood Badge Presentations or activities. Please mute or turn off such devices and use them only if absolutely necessary during breaks or off times.
2. A complete field uniform includes the official shirt of your program, shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; socks; and belt. A hat, neckerchief and slide will be provided.
3. An activity uniform includes a Scout T-shirt or knit shirt and Scout shorts, long pants, skirts or culottes

## Wood Badge A Worldwide Movement

In 1911, Lord Robert Baden-Powell 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 the Wood Badge training course. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world. Wherever the Scouting Movement exists in the world, there is Wood Badge!



### History of the Wood Badge Ticket!

In Baden-Powell’s day, men in the military were expected to pay their own way back to England at the end of their service. The British Army would, however, pay for travel tickets for command transfers. In order to economize, soldiers nearing completion of their duties would seek assignments at posts increasingly closer to home—a process known as “working your ticket.” So, we use the same principle in Wood Badge. Our ticket is the road map we follow. Going from point to point in achieving our goals, we are “working our ticket” to get us close to home in our challenge to becoming better Scout leaders.

### Smoking Policy

Since the national and council policies of the BSA are to discourage youth from using tobacco, and our course is being held on Scout property, we, as adult leaders, will do our best to set the example. Thus, there will not be a designated smoking area during the Wood Badge course and staff and participants are encouraged to refrain from smoking on Scout property. Note that all buildings, shelters, and tents are No Smoking areas during the course.