



Gilwell Park Summit Bechtel Reserve

This October, the Summit Bechtel Reserve will become **Gilwell Park**, a symbolic place that you will call "Happy Land" and sing about going back to again and again. As background to prepare you for your training at SBR's Gilwell Park, here is a little information about the original Gilwell Park, which began over 100 years ago in Great Britain.

In 1919, the Boy Scout Association purchased Gilwell Park in Great Britain. Later that year, Robert Baden-Powell held the first Wood Badge course on that site.

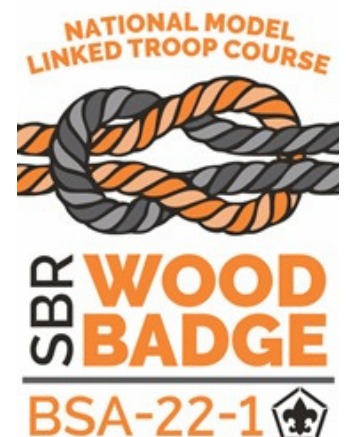
Baden-Powell felt that effective volunteer training was critical to a good Scouting program and that Gilwell Park was part of that training. So, wherever a Wood Badge course is held, the location is transformed into Gilwell Park, and Wood Badge participants become members of Troop 1, honoring this tradition.

When you arrive at SBR's Gilwell Park in October, you will become a member of Troop 1 – like all Wood Badge participants before you. But even more important than the symbolic transformation of SBR into Gilwell Park, is how the Wood Badge course continues to transform participants like you into better adult volunteers!



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Sleeping Arrangements

During the Wood Badge course, you will spend much of your time in the indoor facilities at the Pigott Bunkhouse and Dining Hall. This building has modern amenities including WiFi, restrooms, and showers. Bunks, bedding, and towels will be provided by the Summit, and we will put three people in each bunkroom. If you would prefer alternate lodging, outdoor camping near the Pigott Bunkhouse is available – you can bring your own camping equipment and use the Pigott Bunkhouse bathrooms. But it can rain in October, so be prepared!

If you have COVID related concerns about sleeping arrangements, please contact Andrew Miller (amiller@pioneeringprojects.org) or Ashley Steigerwald (ashley.steigerwald@gmail.com).



Course Information

Course Dates: October 24-28, 2022.

Arrival: 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 23. Welcome Dinner @ Pigott Dining Hall - (field uniform).

Course Start: 6:30 AM on Monday, October 24.

Course End: Approximately 5:00 PM on Friday, October 28. Participants are welcome to depart on Saturday, October 29.

Wood Badge Patrol Order & History

Wood Badge participants are organized into patrols, similar to how Scouts are organized into patrols within a troop. When Baden-Powell designed the Scouting program, he found that small groups of 6-8 naturally worked well together.

Specific patrol names are used in Wood Badge: Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox, Owl, Bear, Buffalo, and Antelope. These patrols are always organized in this specific order. (Fun fact: Before Wood Badge was combined into one shared curriculum for all Scouting programs, each level of Scouting had their own version of Wood Badge and their own unique patrol names. For example, Explorer Wood Badge courses used the names of early explorers for patrol names like Kit Carson and Daniel Boone.)

Participants will find an instant bond with fellow Scouters of the same patrol. Patches and other patrol-specific gear can be found at many online retailers.



Uniform Requirements

During the Wood Badge course, participants will wear their field uniform – which consists of an official Scout shirt, pants/shorts, belt, and socks. Please wear the appropriate uniform with the proper insignia for your Scouting position.

If you have any questions about the uniform, you can visit your council's Scout Shop, or visit www.scoutshop.org.

Because of national supply shortages, we strongly encourage all participant to order any necessary uniform materials ASAP.



Some leaders have two official Scout shirts, but you are not required to purchase a second uniform for Wood Badge. You will receive a Wood Badge neckerchief and one course activity t-shirt during the course. There are coin-operated laundry facilities in the bunkhouse for you to use.

We will wear the activity shirt at different times during the week; however, most days we will be wearing the official field uniform.

Medical Form

Participants must bring a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form (Parts A, B & C) with them as well as a copy (front and back) of their insurance card. Your physical must be valid through the end of the course. Part C must be completed by a doctor. We will not be participating in any high adventure as part of the course, but you may choose to do optional activities after the class (more details below). A copy of this form can be downloaded [here](#).



COVID Policy



Click here for the latest information on COVID policy at SBR.

<https://www.summitbsa.org/covid19/>

**A Scout smiles and whistles
under all circumstances.**

~ Baden-Powell

Check Your List...

Required Forms

1. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record
 - (Bring completed form A, B, & C with you)
2. Precourse Assignment: 15 Questions (found [here](#)).
3. See SBR Covid-19 Protocols.
<https://www.summitbsa.org/covid19/>



Additional Notes

You can find many of these documents on the course website found [here](#).

Plan to bring a laptop or tablet—we'll be providing a majority of the materials electronically, so you'll need a way to access these during the course. The device you bring should be able to connect to Wi-Fi to access the documents.

Decoding the Troop Number

What does BSA-22-1 mean? You keep seeing these numbers and letters everywhere from emails to our course logo. It won't be long until you see them on the course activity shirt and participant materials that you will receive when you arrive at camp. So what do they mean?

This course has a special designation because it's a national course. The formula is BSA-Year-Number of Courses that year. This will be the first (and only) national course in 2022, so its designation is BSA-22-1.



The Meaning of the Wood Badge Logo

At the center of the Wood Badge logo is the Scout badge. This emblem originally stood for north on a mariner's compass. This design is also known as a trefoil, a flower with three leaves, or a fleur-de-lis, which is French for an iris flower. While this is clearly the BSA Scout badge, it is also the basic shape of Scouting emblems used around the world.

To symbolize the fellowship of Scouting in the United States and throughout the world is the a thin leather cord, or bootlace as described by Baden Powell. It has two small wooden beads attached near the bottom. The leather cord and beads encircle the Scout badge.



The Scout badge, beads and cord are surrounded by an unfinished pentagon. The colors of the pentagon - Scouting red, blue, green, gold, and black - represent the MacLaren tartan. The MacLaren tartan is closely associated with Gilwell Park near London, England, where the first Wood Badge course was held in 1919.

The pentagon also represents the five themes of Wood Badge:

- **Living the Values** – about being the values, who you are personally, setting the example.
- **Growing** – about knowing and growing yourself first, a commitment to continuous improvement and lifelong learning.
- **Connecting** – with other people.
- **Guiding** – focusing on enabling and developing others.
- **Empowering** – ultimately helping other people to become healthier, wiser, more free, more autonomous, and more likely to serve and to lead other people themselves.

The corners of the open pentagon are mitered, symbolizing that each participant must internalize the content of the five themes and thus, by completing their ticket, join the corners together as an artisan completes his or her work.

The two beads symbolize the BSA's ideals of leadership and service to Scouting, America, and the world beyond.



Did You Know? Wood Badge History

1. How long was the 1st Wood Badge course in 1919?
2. How old was the original Scoutmaster for the 1919 course at Gilwell Park?
3. How many patrols were there at the 1919 course?
4. Who rewarded participants with their beads at the the first course?
5. In what year did the last surviving person to attend the first Wood Badge pass away?

The BSA-22-1 Store is Open for New/Additional Orders!

For all your Wood Badge shopping needs, please visit:

<http://bsa-22-1.com/bsa-22-1-store/>



Place your orders by
September 25!!!



Important Notes: First, if you are happy with what you bought, there is no need to do anything more; but if you want to buy more stuff – do! Second, if you have already sent Dave Savone your t-shirt size there is nothing more to do unless your size has changed; but if you haven't told Dave your size send him an email at redoakdave@sbcglobal.net. Finally, due to supply chain issues, please be aware that items may be substituted for a similar brand or color.

Gray Troop Senior Patrol Leader

Name: Kirsten Alworth

Hometown: Madison, Wisconsin

Participant Year: 2016

Critter: Owl

Council/District: Glacier's Edge Council, Mohawk District

Troop#/Pack #: Troop 628

Current Scouting Role: Troop Advancement Coordinator, National Commissioner Service Team Recruiting & Retention Committee member

Number of Years as a WB Staffer: 3



Has Wood Badge helped you in your personal life? If so, how?

I use the skills and lessons from Wood Badge every single day. Not just in Scouting! At home, being able to recognize issues and use better communication to avoid a meltdown. At work, to create positive feedback channels for the team. I recently led a company brainstorming session to help us identify our company values so we can write a new vision statement. Wood Badge honed my leadership skills so that I can be successful in anything I do. Wood Badge gave me the confidence to step up as a leader and recognize the skills I have to make a positive impact on other people.

What do you feel is one of the best takeaways from your Wood Badge experience?

Wood Badge really solidified for me the idea that servant leadership isn't just limited to Scouting but can and should be used in all aspects of life. Being a good leader is about giving other people the support and space to be their best. This leadership style really empowers the Scouts to grow as people and gain the confidence to be servant leaders themselves. It also fosters compassion and understanding in teams of adults.

What advice would you like to impart to the new participants?

Take time to let it all soak in. The five days of the course give you a lot of information that can feel overwhelming. Take the time each day to reflect and really look at the sessions and activities. By the end of the week, you'll feel connected, energized, and ready to change the world!

Orange Troop Senior Patrol Leader



Name: Jeffery "Jeff" Mauldin

Hometown: League City, Texas

Participant Year: 2018

Critter: Bear

Council/District: Bay Area Council, Coastal District

Troop#/Pack#: Pack 76, Troop 554

Current Scouting Role: Cubmaster, Assist. Scoutmaster, District Commissioner

Number of Years as a WB Staffer: 2

What does Wood Badge and/or Scouting mean to you?

Scouting means family for me. The values of the Scout Oath and Law help me to define what kind of person I strive to be, and the persons I seek to build my children into as well. Wood Badge means being a servant leader. Wood Badge provides the tools needed to lead, communicate, and serve others effectively. It empowers those who take it.

Has Wood Badge helped you in your personal life? If so, how?

Wood Badge skills and experiences apply far further than just the Scouting arena. I've been able to directly apply those skills to my job, as well as with my family. Listening more effectively and appreciating other perspectives have helped my family work more effectively together, bringing us closer.

What do you feel is one of the best takeaways from your Wood Badge experience?

I've got two:

- Embracing others' perspectives. To truly listen to other opinions and views and understand their perspective – I feel this is an important part of effectively leading a team. Wood Badge provided me a place to learn how to do this with my Patrol, and is a skill I employ today.
- Recharge the passion. Wood Badge was more than just a leadership training course for me. It was a major recharge of my passion for Scouting, getting to be surrounded by others who seek the same development in themselves and want to continue to build Scouting for the future.

Gray Troop Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Name: Kaleen Deatherage

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Participant Year: 2009

Critter: Antelope

Council: Cascade Pacific Council

Current Scouting Role(s): Council President; NST 1 Representative to Local Council Chairs' Cabinet; National Scouts BSA Committee Member; National Membership Committee Member

Number of Years as a WB Staffer: 2



What does Wood Badge and/or Scouting mean to you?

Scouting means the chance to make a difference for the next generation of youth by helping them to build skills, learn teamwork, and develop the leadership ability that will shape their futures.

How would you describe Wood Badge to someone who has never been?

It's a chance to build your Scouting community, learn from some of our best leaders, and remind yourself what it is like to be a young person figuring out teamwork and leadership.

How did Wood Badge help you achieve other goals in Scouting?

It gave me a network of trusted Scouting colleagues I could consult with, learn from, and work with as I pursue my Scouting goals.

What is your goal as a Wood Badge Staff member this year?

To be fully present for our participants to help them get the most from their WB experience and to set them up for long-term success in Scouting.

What advice would you like to impart to the new participants?

Roll with it – give up needing to know what's going to happen next and let the experience come to you. You'll get more from it by leaning into the process, and I predict you'll be glad you did.

Orange Troop Assistant Senior Patrol Leader



Name: Mike L'Abbe

Hometown: Topsham, Maine

Participant Year: 1983

Critter: Owl

Council: Pine Tree Council

Current Scouting Role: Council Commissioner

Number of Years as a WB Staffer: 4

What does Wood Badge and/or Scouting mean to you?

I joined Scouting when I was eight and my life has never been the same. When my father (a terrific pack committee chair) passed when I was just joining the troop, I did not know what a family I was joining. I reached Eagle with lots of help from my friends and inspirational adult role models. I was on our camp staff and then became a Scoutmaster. I did an OK job, but no one told me about training. I was working way too hard.

Years later, I called a fellow Scout leader who served on the aircraft carrier Lexington with me. I told him, "Terry, there is a Wood Badge Course in your council. I think we should go." It was about a five hour drive from Saratoga, but well worth it.

WOAH! Was that a Life Changer!

My course was at Camp Wauwapex in Riverhead, Long Island, New York. (The same camp where commissioner Teddy Roosevelt used to sit around the campfire.) The leadership skills that I learned made my next two Scoutmaster hitches so much easier, but those skills paid equal dividends my leadership as a naval officer, a second career as a communication and marketing exec, and in every volunteer or paid position I have ever had. Getting people involved, forming relationships, understanding the group, communicating, leading change are all part of Wood Badge and all not just Scouting skills but life skills. When you see how these skills work, you gain enthusiasm and confidence and so do your fellow workers.

What is your goal as a Wood Badge Staff member this year?

I look forward to our Wood Badge course at the Summit. We get to apply all the Wood Badge lessons while singing, and joking, and having fun. As one of my fellow leaders would say, "This is a good plan, now how do we add the fun?" Best lesson ever.

Optional Saturday Activities

You have the chance to do the following optional Summit activities on Saturday, October 29:

- Climbing at Boulder Cove, \$35/person, 9 am
- Mountain Biking Trails, \$25/person, 9 am
- Laser Shot & Hunters Hall, \$15/person, 10 am
- 5-Stand Shotguns, \$60/person, 1 pm
- Challenge Course, \$30/person, 1:30 pm
- Skateboarding & BMX, \$25/person, 1:30 pm
- High-Bore Rifle Shooting, \$80/person, 2:30 pm
- Long Range & Laporte Archery, \$45/person, 2:30 pm

Signup, transportation, and payment for these activities will be organized by the Summit.

Train Before You Train!

Complete basic training for your current registered position. Wood Badge is part of the training continuum in Scouting. A prerequisite for the Wood Badge course is that the participant be trained for their current Scouting position.

Did You Know? Answers

1. The course was 12 days long.
2. Francis "Skipper" Gidney, the first Wood Badge Scoutmaster, was 29 years old.
3. Three patrols: the Bulls, Cuckoos, and Ravens
4. Lord Baden-Powell
5. The last surviving person to attend the course died in 2004. His name was Don Potter and he was 17 years old when he staffed the first Wood Badge course.

Travel Arrangements

How are you getting to the Summit? Please fill in your travel plans on the Transportation Spreadsheet, located [here](#) on Google drive!!



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