

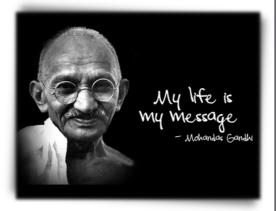
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The Official Newsletter of the BSA-22-1 Course

Linked Troop Day 5

Be a Changemaker

During a Wood Badge course, it's not uncommon to experience a wide range of emotions and experiences—the joy of meeting new people, the frustration of personality clashes, the bonding of friendship, the expansion of knowledge. We hope that you remember those feelings, the



highs and the lows, and use them to grow into an amazing leader.

We lead by example—living the Scout Oath and Law— and the youth see and emulate that. Remember the tools from this course and use them to lead yourself and others; together we can change the world!

Today's Schedule

- Breakfast and Assessments
- Gilwell Field Assembly
- Interfaith Service
- Patrol Leaders' Council
- Patrol Leadership Quest Presentations
- Closing Luncheon
- Using the Tools
- Inspire the Heart
- Course Assessment
- Closing Gilwell Field Assembly

"Immortality is to live your life doing good things and leaving your mark behind."

~ Brandon Lee



"Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

~ John F. Kennedy







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Scribeville

Grey Troop Scribes:

Christy, Amanda, & Rebecca

Orange Troop Scribes:

Stephen & Dave

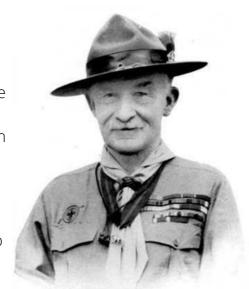
To Scouts Everywhere

Baden-Powell prepared a farewell message to all Scouts to be published after his death.

Dear Scouts,

If you have ever seen the play 'Peter Pan,' you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly, when the time came for him to die, he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of goodbye.

Remember, it is the last time you will ever hear from me, so think it over. I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have a happy life too.



I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness does not come from being rich, nor merely being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so you can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. 'Be Prepared' in this way, to live happy and to die happy - stick to your Scout Promise always - even after you have ceased to be a boy - and God help you to do it.

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While this letter is addressed to the boys that Baden-Powell worked with during his lifetime, it easily applies to **everyone** who has a passion for Scouting.

When we take care to prepare ourselves for life, we can then look to others, empowering them, and extend that happiness to those around us and beyond.



GRAY TROOP PATROL PROCLAMATIONS





FOX PATROL

We really enjoyed seeing the rest of the camp and the activities around Tillerson Center. It's inspiring how many opportunities there are for youth at Summit, and it was fun to have Eagle Sarah at our games.

Kate Hastings Grey Fox

BOBWHITE PATROL

The Bobwhites performed during the skill games today. We enjoyed the tour of SBR today and we showed our appreciation the branding team by sharing our tasty Dutch chili and cornbread. Lastly, we closed our day with an inclusive game in diversity and we learned five fun facts about each other.

Especially a family tradition of blowing up toilets.

We also would like to thank the staff and especially the folks as Scribeville. However, most of all we want to send our love and thanks to our most gracious, wise, caring, Patrol guide Alanna.

The Bobwhites

OWL PATROL

Every acorn grows 1000 trees. In the case of the grey owl patrol, sometimes the "acorn" is a set of bracelets that was left in a backpack only to be found, given, and cherished during Woodbadge. We'd like to thank Bethie (Grey fox) for our beautiful owl statue. And Congratulations to Marilyn on receiving her silver beaver next week. And how about that tennis ball game?! Just a little stressful. We're all tired but buoyed by each other and feeling relived to get tickets done.



BEAVER PATROL

Both our troops did the same activities today. Our patrol, however, had an amazingly fun time working on our skit for the closing...so get ready!

P.S. Our J.J. hurt her knee today! We send her "get well" wishes.



ORANGE TROOP PATROL PROCLAMATIONS



BEAR PATROL

The Bears spent another productive and fun filled day on the Summit. As they rose to meet the day, they reflected on all that they have learned during their time here. After a fulfilling breakfast the Bears traveled to another ridge to seek new adventures. During their time on the far ridge, they were challenged in ways that they haven't been as of yet. These new adventures tested their teamwork and communication skills. As always, the Bears rose to the challenge and succeeded. One finial challenge was to work together with all of the other critters on the ridge. After a day of fun and excitement, the Bears traveled with the other critters over a grand bridge to be greeted with wonderful views of the land. The Bears enjoyed this time to appreciate all that the land has given them. The Bears finial stop was back to their home to prepare a dinner over the fire and some quality time as a team. The Bears are all happy and satisfied. They are eager to relax together and enjoy the meal that they have prepared. Reflection will be on the menu tonight because all of the week's tasks are completed. They will enjoy the evening as friends.



FOX PATROL

Today we had a great day of learning, especially on sessions from Wayne Perry on CHANGE and to embrace it. The outdoor team building exercises were also great, followed by a wonderful tour of the Summit Bechtel Reserve and a tremendous view of the facility from the Perry Center overlooking the valley. Here is the Orange Fox Patrol with Wayne and Christine Perry.

World Friendship Fund



The World Friendship Fund was developed during the closing days of World War II in response to Scouts of all ages in wartorn countries losing everything and needing help to restart their Scouting programs. As a result of the World Friendship Fund, Scouting is now flourishing in these countries.

Through the World Friendship Fund, voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders are transformed into cooperative projects. These projects help Scouting associations in other countries to strengthen and extend their Scouting programs. The World Friendship Fund gives members of Scouts BSA an opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It also teaches Scouts that Scouting is global.

Since its inception, American Scouts and leaders have voluntarily donated more than \$11 million to the fund. These donations have been used to provide Scouts from around the world the opportunity to expand the Scouting Movement and to assist developing any National Scout Organizations (NSO) recognized by the World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM). BSA is just one of the 170 NSOs recognized by the WOSM. That's more than 50 million Scouts!

Today during the Interfaith Service, you will have a chance to become a part of a worldwide "good turn," helping others around the world experience the impact Scouting provides. Any contribution to the World Friendship Fund makes a difference and ensures that the dream of Baden-Powell is realized all over the world.

You are welcome to donate cash during the service. You may also click **here** to donate by credit or debit card.



What Now?

Soon you will begin working towards earning your beads and you know all the benefits you derived from your Wood Badge course. You are trained and your job is done, right? Well, almost!

You are now the world's best recruiter for future Wood Badge courses. Now it is up to you to get the word out to Scouters who have not yet undergone the Wood Badge experience.

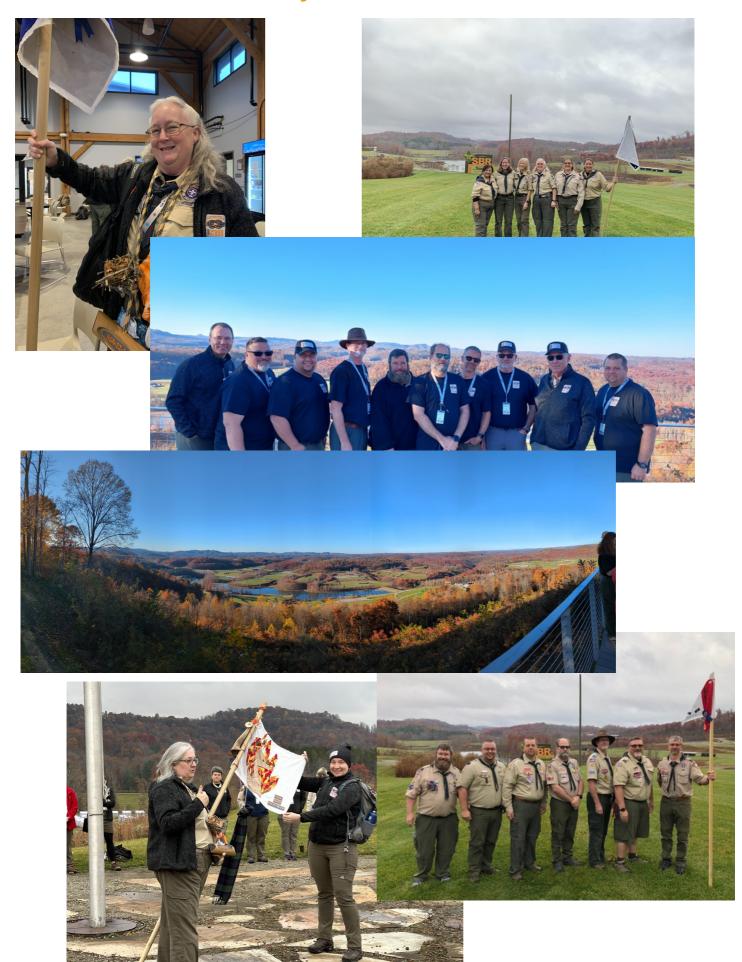
We all know that one person who keeps putting it off year after year. With some encouragement from you, they may be ready for Wood Badge. Be ready to explain why they should attend the course, how it will benefit them and more importantly, the youths they serve. **Every Scout deserves a trained leader**.

What each person gets out of the Wood Badge course depends on what they put into it. But they will get nothing out of it if they do not attend.

Flags of Woodbadge



Day Five Photos





Protecting Youth

One of the challenges we face is the outside world not appreciating our current robust Youth Protection System. Words fail to describe our YPT training. In the past the only way to experience our YPT training was through our official website. This required you to register and navigate one of the most difficult websites ever known to mankind. The distributed YPT cards allows anyone to see our YPT through an open website—no troublesome registration. This website the cards direct you too does not involve passing the YPT test and therefore is not for registered Scouters meeting our YPT requirements. Parents of Scouts or potential Scout parents can be dealt with by saying: "Go to this website view our YPT training and then we will talk about your concerns".



Stay In "Almost Heaven"

Gene H. Yamagata Lodging, located at Robert E. Murray Leadership Ridge, is hotel-style lodging serving visitors to the Summit Bechtel Reserve. It has eight suites, 32 rooms, and a two-bedroom presidential suite!

If you would like to make reservations at Yamagata Lodge, or hold an event there, you can contact the Hospitality Director, Curtis George.



If you have any questions about Summit Bechtel Reserve, you may contact Carol McCarthy at DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com



Photo of the Day

Congrats to Kate Hastings for taking our photo of the day!



Linked Troops

This course has modeled linked female and male Scouts BSA troops. We shared a committee but had separate scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters. While our troops sometime shared activities, those were planned in advance by the senior patrol leaders, and the troops shared responsibilities. The troops frequently operated independently—even when we shared the same curriculum, we had different approaches to reach the same outcome.



We know that many of you that are involved with Scouts BSA units are consistently experiencing challenges, new and old, and frustrations. We hope this experience has shown you some new possibilities and helped you with the first steps on a path to connect with resources and peers to help you met those challenges as they occur, and limit frustrations.

Like all trainings, this linked troop experience is a new beginning. Learning is a lifelong pursuit that helps us continue to grow and change throughout our lives. Always keep in mind why we do what we do—to empower all youth. How and what we do makes the program of the BSA, but the **WHY** is the most important aspect and should always be first in our minds.

"...it is just by making mistakes that a boy gains experience and makes his character." ~ Baden-Powell

Don't Be Afraid to Fail

Although you might not remember, you have failed many times in your life. You fell down the first time you tried to walk. The first time you tried to swim, you may have almost drowned.

Did you hit the ball the first time you swung a bat? Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most home runs, also strike out a lot. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs.

Before Walt Disney redefined the typically American childhood, he had several failed businesses, and was fired from the Kansas City Star because his editor felt he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."

When he was alive, famous painter Vincent Van Gogh only sold one of his paintings shortly before his death. If he had given up painting because it proved to strain his emotional and financial well-being, we would not have the hundreds of beautiful paintings we enjoy today from this true artist master.

Before becoming one of the greatest scientists of all time, revolutionizing physics and mathematics, Isaac Newton failed miserably at running his family's farm. The inventor of many of our "world-changing devices," like the phonograph, a movie camera, and the electric lamp, Thomas Edison, was fired from his first two jobs for not be suitably productive.

Even English novelist John Creasey received more than 700 rejection slips before he published over 600 books.

Going forward, don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you will miss when you don't even try.

Train Them, Trust Them, Let Them Lead!

Our role in Scouting is to enable youth to develop and grow the skills to help them be ethical, responsible, and engaged adults. We are role models in everything we do as adult volunteers in Scouting, and we use the patrol method to share leadership responsibilities with youth leaders so they can develop their own leadership skills. We can do this by sharing leadership—delegating and trusting other adults and youth.

William "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt said it best with these few sentences:

"Let them lead in practically everything. Let them work out their own problems, interfere as little as possible—but be ever ready to give wise guidance—not when you think they need it, but when they seek it. Keep in mind that unwarranted, ill-advised interference discourages leadership and that those boy leaders of yours are "learning by doing."

Mistakes, some of them serious, are bound to be made; therefore, be ever ready with a kindly and friendly spirit to urge them to try again.

Help them occasionally with constructive criticism. But do your coaching on the sidelines always, never in front of the Patrols. And then, when the Patrol Leader succeeds in his job, praise him for it. Commendation which is justified and not overdone is an absolute necessity. Such statements of approval should be made occasionally before the interested group. They like it, and so does the leader, as long as it is short, free from "soft soap," and genuine."

Use the lessons from Wood Badge to develop your teams—enabling the youth to be successful leaders. We need to use our communication skills and our awareness of personality types to collaborate with other adult leaders, as well as step back and trust in the skills that we are instilling in the youth.

BSA-22-1 Staff Trivia

Here are the answers to yesterday's staff trivia:

- 1. Gray Staff Troop Guide Jennifer Rodriguez, has one real dog and 16 that are art.
- 2. Gray Staff Troop Guide Catherine Kaser was a member of the Choral Arts Society of Washington, DC, for five seasons, during which she performed frequently in the Kennedy Center Honors and other fun performances in the region.
- 3. Gray Troop Quartermaster Elizabeth Stoner, who was also delighted to get a finish nailer for her birthday that year. She and her husband like to build things, like furniture and decorative items. She also loves to sew and make wall quilts.

- 1. Orange Troop ASM Program Sal Ciampo has more than 1,000 Hummel figures.
- 2. Orange Troop Guide Josh Kirby lived in Japan for two 1-year exchange studies in 1996-1997 and 1999-2000. His experience with the Far East Council (BSA), and the Scout Association of Japan (formerly Boy Scouts of Nippon), was highly influential for future Scouting leadership roles. As the Lodge Adviser for a lodge with members spread across 5+ Asian countries, he used every available communications technology of the time to help Arrowmen meet virtually and plan their events.
- 3. Orange Troop Guide Tommy Lee had dinner with Sidney Poitier & Oprah Winfrey as part of the Show!