

THE GILWELL GAZETTE

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Welcome to Wood Badge for the 21st Century!!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7:00AM BREAKFAST AND PATROL SELF-ASSESSMENT
7:30AM STAFF EXHIBIT
8:00AM GILWELL FIELD ASSEMBLY
8:30AM TROOP MEETING #1
10:30AM CHURCH
12:00PM LUNCH
1:00PM COURSE OVERVIEW
1:30PM PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL
2:30PM BREAK
2:45PM *LISTENING TO LEARN* (PATROL PRESENTATION)
4:45PM PATROL MEETING
5:45PM FLAG LOWERING (STAFF ONLY)
6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM WHO ME GAME (PATROL ACTIVITY)
8:00PM INSTRUCTIONAL CAMPFIRE
9:00PM CRACKER BARREL
10:00PM LIGHTS OUT

Congratulations on accepting the challenge of Wood Badge! This course being held in Emerald Bay, on Catalina Island, California from April 2- 9, 2005. The course is unique because it is sponsored by the Western Region of the Boy Scouts of America. As such, the staff has been recruited from around the country for this course. Although being contemporary in content, it continues many traditions of Wood Badge of years past. The staff and I hope you will "take-home" the concepts of the main themes presented and spread the Scouting Spirit found here at Gilwell!

Your in Scouting,
Nicholas Nguyen, Course Director and Scoutmaster



*"A week of camp life is
worth six months of
theoretical teaching in the
meeting room."*

From the Senior Patrol Leader:



Welcome to the 21st Century Wood Badge! Let me personally congratulate you on taking the initial steps to the new Wood Badge adventure. The Staffers and myself are here for you and your Scouting career. I encourage you to be ready to learn, eager to participate and open to new ideas and experiences.

The new Wood Badge program provides opportunities for everyone involved. I hope that your Wood Badge experience will be filled with new friend – not just within your area, but for around the nation – great fellowship, and lots of FUN. Again, welcome to Wood Badge!

Yours in Scouting, TABTT.
Hui Ly, Senior Patrol Leader

**WE START OUR
ADVENTURE AS CUB SCOUT
PACK 1, GILWELL**



Your Wood Badge Neckerchief, Woggle and Beads

The resources and guides leave some questions about the wearing of the Wood Badge bead, neckerchief and woggle. It is mentioned in "The Story of Wood Badge," "Gilwell," and the "Duty Patrol Symbols," but it is unclear as to their exact wearing. The subject is also covered in the BSA insignia guide. But to give general guidance, the following has been the widely accepted practice for wearing Wood Badge items are:

- The "Wood Badge" is the beads. They may be worn anytime with the official BSA field uniform, with or without the neckerchief and woggle. The beads may be worn with the official BSA activity uniform (polo shirt), but never with a t-shirt. They may not be worn with the dress blazer uniform or civilian clothes.
- The Wood Badge neckerchief and woggle may be worn with any BSA field uniform. The woggle and neckerchief must always be worn together, and the beads must also be worn. It is optional if the beads thong is twisted over the tails of the neckerchief. No knot is tied in the tail of the neckerchief, it is itself a symbol of service.

Naturally, our Scoutmaster Nicholas Nguyen will advise all participants should there be any specific variations acceptable for wearing your neckerchief, woggle and beads, so please ask him should you have any questions.



Practice, practice, practice, and practice again.

The Role and Responsibilities of the:

Patrol Leader

- ◆ Take a leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities.
- ◆ Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and achieve all they can.
- ◆ Represent the patrol as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC).
- ◆ Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- ◆ Practice using the leadership and team skills being presented during Wood Badge presentations.
- ◆ Ensure that daily patrol self-assessments are carried out in a timely effective manner.
- ◆ Provide patrol members with all the resources and information they need to succeed.
- ◆ Empower the patrol to become a high-performance team.
- ◆ See that the patrol is prepared for all course presentations and activities.

Assistant Patrol Leader

- ◆ Assume the responsibilities of the patrol leader whenever the patrol leader is unable to do so.
- ◆ Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- ◆ Assist the patrol leader in empowering the patrol to become a high-performance team.
- ◆ Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Chaplain Aide

In concert with the chaplain aides of the other patrols and with the assistant Scoutmaster assigned to coordinate their efforts, the patrol chaplain aide will

- ◆ Learn what resources are available that can be used for religious observances during the course and make that information available to the rest of the patrol.
- ◆ Develop and help present the participants' Scout Own religious service.
- ◆ Assist in conducting any other religious observances that may arise during the Wood Badge course.
- ◆ Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Scribe

- ◆ Provide interesting and timely material about the patrol to the publisher of The Gilwell Gazette—the daily newspaper of the course.
- ◆ Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

Patrol Member

For a patrol to succeed as a team, each of its members must

- ◆ Fully participate in the Wood Badge course and achieve all he or she can.
- ◆ Practice using the team development skills introduced during Wood Badge presentations.
- ◆ Help his or her patrol meet its obligations to fulfill assignments including the development and presentation of the patrol project.
- ◆ Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- ◆ Have Fun!

What *is* Gilwell Order?

In Troop 1, here at Gilwell, we believe in the patrol method of troop organization. The Wood Badge patrols are formed according to an established order and most things are done following this regimen. Patrols are assigned, depending on enrollment, *always* in the following order:

Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox,
Owl, Bear, Buffaloes, Antelope
(Raven and Hawk)

Other councils and countries may have other approved patrol names, but regardless of their names, they all are members of Troop 1, Gilwell.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

This newsletter, **THE GILWELL GAZETTE** is published daily during the course and is dependent on the general mood of this demented editor and the many hopeful contributions by participants and staffers.

Any information disseminated may not always be Wood Badge policy, but then again, it's usually pretty reliable. When in doubt, consult with your Scoutmaster and Support Staff!



How can you do it?



Ho Ho, I got it!



What do you mean I have to start over?



Welcome on board and anxious to go!



What a grandma!



Wait, I left something on the pier.