

The

Gilwell Gazette

The Wood Badge BSA-SR-430 Newsletter

Day 1 June 2, 2001



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





De Nguyen, our illustrious Scoutmaster

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

--Baden-Powell

Congratulations on accepting the challenge of Wood Badge! This course being held in West Palm Beach, Florida from June 2 through June 8, 2001 is one of the first 21st Century Wood Badge courses sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. As such, the National Training committee asked me to recruit a staff from around the country for this innovative new 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, De Nguyen, Course Director and Scoutmaster

THE ALL IMPORTANT SCHEDULE

This Daily Schedule is for your ready reference. The order of events may change, however we will try to keep on track.

Calendar of Events

Day 1 – Saturday, June 2

4:00pm Participant Check-in 6:30pm Opening Dinner

7:30рм Теам Formation, Orientation & Staff Exhibit

8:30PM GILWELL FIELD ASSEMBLY, PACK MEETING AND

BRIDGING CEREMONY

9:30pm Cracker Barerel

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 De 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.

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!

Thanx,

Dave Iwana, Editor/Troop Scribe and a Beaver