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## History of Camp Maple Dell

Camp Maple Dell is located in the southern portion of the Wasatch Mountain range. It is in the southern portion of Utah County five miles southeast of the City of Payson. It is situated on Peteetneet Creek and is within the confines of the Uintah National Forest. Maple Dell is at an elevation of about 5,600 feet with mountain peaks surrounding it reaching an elevation of up to 9,000 feet. Maple Dell is set in a woodland surrounded by Big Tooth Maple trees which are native to the area. Also scattered throughout the area are oak, aspen and white fir trees.

The property was purchased by the Utah National Parks Council from C. G. McDonald on October 1, 1946 for \$7,500. The purchase included a full quarter section of the one hundred and sixty acres of the choicest land available for a campsite. The site was adequate for present needs and had unlimited potential for future development.



It was reported that 553 Scouts had camped at Maple Dell during the summer of 1946. During that summer's camping events the troop sites were set up on a primitive basis and scattered about Maple Dell. It was discovered that campers could not hear shouting or even bugle calls from camp headquarters. Runners sent out to carry messages frequently had a hard time locating a troop and took too long delivering messages. The bell was moved to a better location in 1954.

Council leaders, considering this problem, finally decided that the best answer would be a large bell if one could be located. With the help of T. Earl Pardoe, the old cast iron bell which had hung in the BYU Academy was procured and gifted to Camp Maple Dell in 1946. The bell had been abandoned because few who heard it liked the tone. Placement of the bell was in a low spot in camp and therefore, almost impossible to hear in the far reaches of camp.

Camp Maple Dell was selected as the first site, outside of the national centers in New Jersey and Philmont, to hold Wood Badge training. Explorer Wood Badge 12 was held in July of 1954. Fifty nine Scouting leaders completed the course, ten of them from the Utah National Parks Council.

Improvements to the camp include the W.W. Clyde lodge which was dedicated on June 25, 1960 and the caretaker's lodge that was completed in 1961. An Olympic sized swimming pool was added to the camp facilities in 1963 and telephone service was introduced in 1964. A volunteer workforce began building the amphitheater on the west side of Scout Lake in 1965.

## DAY 5 — MAY 20TH





7:00	Breakfast/Assessments	1:30	Project Session 1
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	2:45	Project Setup/Break
8:30	<i>Coaching &amp; Mentoring</i> (Troop Presentation)	3:15	Project Session 2
9:20	Break	4:30	Ticket Review
9:30	Conservation Project (Troop Activity)	5:30	Patrol Dinner
11:30	<i>Self-Assessment</i> (Troop Presentation)	7:00	Patrol Mtg. & Project Assessment
Noon	Lunch & PLC	8:00	Patrol Campfire & Cracker Barrel
1:00	Project Setup/Break		




**NOTE** - The Chaplain's Aid can NOT be the Patrol Leader on day 2 or day 5

## DAY 6 — MAY 21ST

7:00	Breakfast/Assessments	11:30	Patrol Leaders' Council
8:00	Return from Overnight	Noon	Closing Luncheon
8:30	Gilwell Field Assembly	1:00	<i>Leaving a Legacy</i> (Troop Presentation)
8:55	Final Group Picture	2:15	Break
9:00	Interfaith Worship Service	2:30	<i>Summary Session</i>
10:00	<i>Servant Leadership</i> (Troop Presentation)	3:15	Course Assessment
11:00	Break	3:45	Closing Gilwell Assembly
		4:15	Adjourn/Depart for Home

# CRITTER CORNER

	<p>WE'RE BACK! We had so much fun last week that we just couldn't stay away!!!</p> <p>The Beavers would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to the rest of Troop 1. The campfire last night was truly an inspiring experience. We enjoyed planning the activities for the evening, but most of all we enjoyed the different personalities that were on display and the variety of experiences that were shared.</p> <p>The scout motto is to be prepared. This was a consistent theme of the evening and we have all been inspired to become certified ham radio operators. The motto "be prepared" connotes the idea of action and that it's in our hands to be prepared. One other thing we should consider however, is that the Lord is preparing each and every one of us whether we know it or not. Think of the experiences in your life and think about how the Lord is preparing you. Trust that he's put you in the right places to help you serve and be an example to those you work with.</p> <p>We enjoyed the round robin problem solving activity. Although we didn't accomplish everything the way we wanted to, we took away many important lessons that helped us grow stronger in our understanding of communication. Our tickets are coming along well. We have some innovative ideas dealing with interfaith services, international experiences, and coordination of committees and leaders. We took to the future with hope and optimism that we can enact the change in the lives of these boys that will turn them into the leaders of tomorrow. Hurrah for Israel!</p>
	<p>As hard as it seems to put life on hold for another weekend, the Bobwhites are excited to be back at Gilwell for more! After all, the Gilwell song had almost stopped playing nonstop in our heads at all hours of the day and night. We can't have that, can we? That, and we missed harassing the bears. And we knew there was steak tonight. Go quartermasters!!!</p> <p>Horseflies and mosquito bites couldn't dampen our fun today with all the team building and problem solving games. We are starting to learn the strengths and hidden talents of each member of our patrol and use those to be more successful.</p> <p>A big shout out to all those who made the campfire such a great experience last night. We are among some wonderful people and feel humbled (a feeling we're accustomed to as bobwhites) and grateful to be able to learn from and laugh with you all this week.</p>
	<p>Eagles had a great day today! We were blessed to be the service patrol. It was a great experience to work with the quartermasters and help around camp. Speaking of the quartermaster, many thanks for giving a woodpecker a thumping, and all of us a good laugh. Our brains and notebooks continue to fill with great ideas and helpful lessons. And how about that campfire program?! We have some incredible people here at Woodbadge, and we are proud to be learning with all of you.</p>
	<p>Fox patrol is excited to be back for a second weekend of training, games, songs, inspiration... oh, and food! We are in the Washo campsite, which is frequently visited by a curious deer. A few things we learned today: 1) We need to teach the next generation proper camping ethics and behavior; 2) Faith and fear cannot coexist side by side; 3) We need to act, or be acted upon; 4) Working together as a group is better than working alone; 5) Sometimes tension is necessary for a team to accomplish tasks. We want to thank the course leaders for planning enjoyable activities! The campfire was a lot of fun, although, we've been blinded by a bear... at least temporarily.</p>
	<p>The Owl Patrol is grateful to be back at Woodbadge for a second week of great fun and fantastic training! Day 4 was chock full with team building games, lessons in diversity, and an enjoyable campfire. It should be noted that the Owls were able to deliver the softball and the soccer ball to the basket in the wiggle wobble game and that they also carried/pushed/dropped each other through the spider web. Let it be known that Owls don't dwell in webs for a reason. Playing the diversity game also offered the Owls a moment to be considerate of their differences and to share personal experiences. Day 5 will for sure be a highlight as the Owls will be able to share their group project that they have all worked so hard on.</p>

	<p>When Troop Guide Duane Winden graduated to venturing on the morning of Day 4, the Owls were sad to see him go, but appreciative of all the help and support he has given. Duane brought a spirit of love and devotion to service that influenced all of the Owls and will affect the way that they all serve in scouting in the future. Thank you Duane, and we love you!</p>
	<p>The Bear patrol is happy to be gathered together again for the remainder of Wood Badge. We were getting concerned that the others might forget that they're in bear country. We have made peace with and learned how to be kind to all animals. However, we observed an attempt to cajole us bears out of our slumber with an outrageous claim that the fruit punch we had for lunch was in fact bear blood. This cannot be, as bear blood runs far too thick to be imbibed by lowly woodland creatures nor by our feathered friends. Of course, we bears can look past this minor quibble, and we look forward to the upcoming days with great anticipation. The outdoor skills training this morning was very useful for all of us, as we bears can be very hungry, so don't forget to hang your bear bags and try not too smell too tasty when we're around. And remember "Only you can prevent Forest fires".</p>
	<p>The buffalo had a good 4th day. Buffalo normally go for wide open plains and large valley meadows, but we are enjoying our shady grassy camp ground. We rocked at the team building challenges. We tried something new for dinner and found that we didn't mind cannibalism. Ghost chickens.</p>
	<p>This was an exciting day full of good stuff: Team building exercises, Leave no trace (thank you Eric Mercer), how to effectively deal with conflicts, a lot of progress made on tickets, an exciting embellishment added to our totem, and the best steak on this side of the Mississippi river. Tonight we did some serious antelope-get-to-know-each-others-hooves via the "Who, Me?" game. When a deer approached our dinner table tonight we antelopes were ready to show our hooves to mark our territory. Of course the highlight of the day was the reenactment of the 1992 European Championship game in Soccer (Denmark-Germany: 2-0). That same year Denmark decided not to join the Monetary Union of EU and our foreign minister proclaimed the famous words: If you can't join them, beat them! Go Denmark, go Antelopes and go having fun in scouting.</p>

***"remember, it is not what  
you have but what you give  
that brings happiness"***  
*-Lord Baden Powell*



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