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Boys Need Heroes Close By

I remember a Scoutmaster and a boy emerging from a secluded path of yellow pine and meeting with them as I proceeded along the trail in a Scout camp on the North Fork of the Stanislaus River. The Scoutmaster had his arm around the boy as they walked toward me, and I noticed that the boy's cheeks were stained with what seemed to me to be tracks of tears. I wondered about it.

The next day I saw the Scoutmaster, named John Gibson, and I was inquisitive enough to ask, "John, was the boy crying when I met you yesterday on the trail?" He looked at me for a minute and then said, "Yes, I suppose he had shed a tear or two." I asked gently, "Would you mind telling me the circumstances?" I was the camp director. It seemed a question I had a right to ask.

He said, "Oh" and chuckled a little bit. "He found a dollar bill that belonged to one of the other boys in the troop and had not returned it. I had spent a little time with him when we could be alone. It was after we had talked that you met us on the trail." He continued, "I try to find teaching moments. Sometimes they're contrived, but even so they often turn out worthwhile."

John was a great Scoutmaster. He had a waiting list of up to twenty boys wanting to join his troop, which was sponsored by a church in Berkely. He was adamant about his troop not becoming larger than four patrols. The following is a quote from Lord Baden-Powell on being a Scoutmaster:

The attitude of the Scoutmaster is of greatest importance, since his boys take their

character very much from him; it is incumbent upon him, therefore, to take this wider view of his position than a merely personal one, and to be prepared to sink his own feelings very much for the good of the whole.
Scouting for Boys, p 307.

On this issue, President Kimball is quoted under a heading of "Boys Need Heroes Close By":

We are rearing a royal generation – thousands of whom sit with us here tonight – who have special things to do. We need to provide them with special experiences in studying the scriptures, in serving their neighbors and in being contributing and loving members of their families.

President Kimball goes on to quote from Walter MacPeck:

Boys need lots of heroes like Lincoln and Washington. But they also need to have some heroes close by. They need to know some man of towering strength and basic integrity, personally. They need to meet them on the street, to hike and camp with them, to see them in close-to-home, everyday, down-to-earth situations; to feel close enough to them to ask questions and to talk things over man-to-man with them. (Boys Need Heroes Close By, *Ensign*, May 1976, pp. 45,47)

As quoted in *On My Honor* by Thane J. Packer

CRITTER CORNER



The Beavers industriously chewed their way through day three. One eager beaver even turned in a ticket for approval. All benefitted considerably from discussing prospects with Sariah, our troop guide. Michael, our fearless patrol leader, proved to be very well suited for the day, leading us in setting up and taking down our tent in short order in spite of good but misguided intentions of yours truly. Beavers can stay under water for a long time, but the depth of our October Sky discussion showed that these beavers are far more than good lungs. We look forward to the next half of the Maple Dell experience.



Our patrol had a lot of fun Saturday and enjoyed a steady flow of new cheer ideas for Bobwhites! Asst. Patrol Leader Eric Mercer informed us prior to the tent competition that "no Bobwhite patrol had ever won that contest in the history of Wood Badge" and we were thrilled to have made history in breaking that streak! We're also very proud of the bear patrol's humility over the last 2 days, and want them to know we love all of their smelly stumpiness, as we've realized that they really are big carebears after all. Warning to all Buffalos, after our recently victory in tent building we Bobwhites now walk with our heads held up high, or should I say beaks held up high. on a more serious note, we've really enjoyed the first three days and as a patrol have been able to share many insights and things we learned during the many different presentations. For myself, I really appreciated the E.D.G.E training as I've realized that I can do that a lot better when I give instruction at work, church, and home.



On Sunday, I sat down with the troop and told them its time to buckle up. When they asked why, I explained that their Scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster, troop committee chair, and mother of the senior patrol leader had all just returned from Woodbadge. Where we learned to have a focused, dynamic, scout-led troop. There's no escape for them now! They will just have to accept their doom and start learning fun things and doing cool stuff. After a few days away, the Eagles are ready to fly back to camp and get back to learning. Here's hoping that the weather is good for flying!



Fox patrol members have begun to punch their tickets for a rocket to the the moon! Many of our tickets will focus on improving leader training in our units. We were moved by the inspirational story of Homer Hickam, and how leaders with a clear, and positive vision could make a significant difference in the life of a boy. After an enjoyable and inspirational first weekend of Woodbadge, we look forward to the second weekend where we will practice what we learned about outdoor ethics and contribute to the conservation project. We are excited to see everyone this weekend!



Whoo, Whoo, Whoo's happy to see you all back at camp this week!? The Owl Patrol, of course!

You may know that Owls have incredible vision. Owl eyes have a lot more rods than human eyes, which allow us to see shapes and movement, even in low light conditions. Owl eyes are also fixed, unable to look to the right or the left, which helps us keep our focus on our goals. However, Owls can also rotate their heads/neck 270-degrees. We have used this skill to take a good look around camp and observe the many "good turns" that other Patrols have been performing.

Many thanks to the Eagle Patrol for encouraging the camp-unifying "Who's #1?" cheer!; The Bears have done a great job at showing their cuddly "Care Bear" side, and did a great job as service patrol; We appreciate the attention to detail, and friendly service, that the Bobwhites provided, on day 3, as the service patrol; The Quarter-Masters provided an insightful Tent-Maintenance training that will help preserve our tents for many camp-outs to come; And many thanks to all Patrols and Staff for their inspiring questions, comments, and participation, during all camp activities; Finally, the Owl Patrol was very touch by the kind award given by the Beaver Patrol. It now proudly adorns our Patrol flag; We look forward to another fun and inspiring week with all of you great women and men.



Alright, who wins in a fight for a brontosaurus t-bone between a pack of T-Rex and Da Bears? Da Bears! Da Bears vs Tiger Woods in a golf match? Da Bears! We've reached the midway point of Wood Badge and Da Bears have learned a lot of things. At first we thought that the Bobwhites were just a delicious snack. We now know that in addition to being a highly sought after delicacy, they are also extremely quick to set up a Spring Bar tent, making them resourceful little critters and an important ally. Hey-hey Bobwhites! Whether it has been learning about effective communication and listening, interfaith worship services, EDGE principles, Gillwell Field, building rockets, or "winning as much as we can," the first half of Wood Badge has been wonderfully memorable. We have come together as a patrol in the cause of being bears. We are thankful for the time we get to spend with all of you and learning from all of you, even if we are a little goofy along the way. It isn't easy being bears, but someone has to do it. We can't wait to get back to Bear Country. See you on Thursday!



The Buffalo Patrol had an amazing sunny clear day learning something new about interfaith services, and how we can come together with a greater understanding from different religions. We learned the principles of EDGE as we were instructed by our wonderful Quartermasters and then we put our knowledge and skills to the test as we had a great time working together and putting up our Springbar tent. A highlight of the day was watching "October Sky" where, like the positive and caring influence that Miss Riley offered to Homer, we too can apply those same principles to the young men and leaders we serve. That would be to watch and pay close attention to each young man's or adult leader's potential and abilities. Then we can encourage, uplift and inspire them. Soon you will find that they can and will just like a rocket "soar" to new heights and endless possibilities.



Antelope are defined as **"antelopes are light and elegant of body"**. Though some of us are lighter in body than others we know that can become more elegant. We thank all the leaders of our Camp and look forward to beginning another 3 day run with our friends at Wood Badge. We are looking "to work our tickets if we can." (You don't have to sing that when you read it). Our troop continues to run hard and hurdle obstacles as we push ourselves from the lessons learned. May this be as great of a, or even better week than last. We may be last in the Gilwell order but we have to give you all a head start. Welcome Back to Camp.

DAY FOUR - MAY 19TH

7:00 A.M.—Participants Arrive
 8:00 A.M.—Gilwell Field Assembly
 8:30 A.M.—Travel to Overnight
 9:30 A.M.—Outdoor Experience Assembly, Leave
 No Trace Model Campsite, and Patrol Camp
 Setup
 10:30 A.M.—Leading Change (Troop
 Presentation)
 11:20 A.M.—Break
 11:30 A.M.—Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
 Noon—Lunch
 1:00 P.M.—Generations in Scouting (Troop
 Presentation)
 2:00 P.M.—Break

2:15 P.M.—Problem Solving and Decision Making
 (Troop Presentation)
 2:45 P.M.—Problem Solving Round-Robin (Patrol
 and Troop Activity)
 4:00 P.M.—Managing Conflict (Patrol
 Presentation)
 5:00 P.M.—Patrol Meeting
 6:00 P.M.—Dinner
 7:30 P.M.—The Diversity Game (Patrol Activity)
 8:30 P.M.—Participant Campfire and Venturing
 Induction Ceremony (Patrol and Troop Activity)
 9:30 P.M.—Patrol Cracker Barrel

DAY FIVE - MAY 20TH

7:00 A.M.—Breakfast and Assessments
 8:00 A.M.—Gilwell Field Assembly
 8:30 A.M.—Coaching and Mentoring (Troop
 Presentation)
 9:20 A.M.—Break
 9:30 A.M.—Conservation Project (Troop Activity)
 11:30 A.M.—Self-Assessment
 Noon—Lunch and Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
 1:00 P.M.—Project Setup and Break

1:30 P.M.—Project 1 (Patrol and Troop Activity)
 2:45 P.M.—Project Setup and Break
 3:15 P.M.—Project 2 (Patrol and Troop Activity)
 4:30 P.M.—Ticket Review and Staff Departure
 5:30 P.M.—Patrol Dinner
 7:00 P.M.—Patrol Meeting/Patrol Project Self-
 Assessment
 8:00 P.M.—Patrol Campfires and Cracker Barrel

SCOUTING: 6-YEAR MISSIONARY PREP

Brad Harris

Emphasis	Outcomes
Patrol Method – boy leadership and adult shadow leadership	Willing and able to take responsibility
Advancement – Scouts learn, are tested, reviewed and recognized	Persistent at overcoming obstacles and competent in life skills
Uniform – sense of belonging	Able to work in a team for a common purpose
Leadership – National Youth Leadership Training	Leadership skills and experience
Scouting Ideals – reciting and living Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan	Prioritized actions: 1. God, 2. Country and others, 3. Self
Outdoors – (60 nights camping away from home) – conducting reflections and seeking spiritual experiences	Spiritual strength and capacity to do hard things
Adult Association – calling inspired leaders, Scoutmaster conferences, using merit badge counselor list	Positive association with many adult mentors
Personal Growth – Service projects	Desire to serve others

WHY SCOUTING MATTERS?

Through surveys of stake presidents and bishops, the Six Pillars are in order of importance to young men as they go through their Aaronic Priesthood experience.

Pillar 1—Testimony Be prepared by developing a testimony of Christ and of the gospel while doing our duty to God and our country.	Pillar 4—Confidence Be prepared by learning to do hard things. A young man will gain confidence, learn leadership skills and prepare for the future as a son of God.
Pillar 2—Service Be prepared through personal growth and learning to serve others through charity and doing a good turn daily.	Pillar 5—Life Skills Be prepared to be good fathers and husbands by following the examples of men, such as our Scout leaders, the bishopric, our prophets and the Savior.
Pillar 3—Mission Prep Prepare to go on a mission and teach others by preparing through the Scouting program as the activity arm of the priesthood.	Pillar 6—Integrity Be prepared by learning who we are as Scouts and sons of God by keeping ourselves physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight, understanding our true nature as a son of God