



GILWELL GAZETTE



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Welcome to Wood Badge!

Dear Wood Badgers,

On behalf of the staff and myself we welcome you to Wood Badge. We have spent many hours preparing for your arrival and hopefully you are almost as excited as we are to get started.

Each staff member has a great deal of love for you, and we are so happy that you have chosen to let us share with you the Wood Badge experience.

This course is sponsored by the Provo East and West Stakes combined and we are thrilled to welcome the members of our Stakes as well as any others who have chosen to join us. We look forward to getting to know each of you better as we go through the next few days. As you will find out in your Wood Badge experience one of the best parts is the great people you come to know and often grow to love.

Christ taught us to serve one another and then He showed how by His example. We hope to model that example by serving you and teaching you as we each learn along with you how to serve more effectively. Wood Badge is service, and if taken seriously it can change your life. It changed mine years ago, and since then I have greatly enjoyed sharing the

experience with others and watching the magic as they go on to do great things.

Our course theme is from **Alma 7:22** and is about duty to God. If we can learn together to be of better service to our Father in Heaven, whom we love, I will count this course a great success. That, and if through this added training we can become better teachers and mentors for the young people we have the opportunity to work with, we have accomplished the goal of Wood Badge.



I pray that your experience will be worth the many and various sacrifices that you have each made to come to Wood Badge, and that your life can be changed for the better as husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and leaders in the Lord's Church in these the latter days.

Sincerely,

J. Gaylun Smith
Course Director

The History of Wood Badge

On the morning of September 8, 1919, nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirt-sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell Park, outside London. The camp was designed and guided by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, a 61 year-old retired general of the British Army and the founder of the World Scouting Movement.



The First Scoutmasters' Course at Gilwell Park, September, 1919.

When they had finished their training together, Baden-Powell gave each man a simple wooden bead from a necklace he had found in a Zulu chieftain's deserted hut when on campaign in South Africa in 1888. The Scoutmasters' training course continued to be held year-after-year. At the end of each course the wooden beads were used to recognize the completion of training. When the original beads ran out, new ones were whittled to maintain the tradition established by Baden-Powell. This is why the course came to be known as Wood Badge. It continues to this day in England and around the world as the advanced training course for leaders in Scouting.

Purpose of the Gilwell Gazette

The Gilwell Gazette is the newspaper of the Wood Badge course. It is distributed each morning to let participants know as much as possible about the inner workings of the course. In each issue you will find the schedule of events for the day, interesting stories about the people and activities, articles submitted by patrol scribes, and material that relates to the operation of the course.

Each member of the patrol should help the Patrol Scribe put together a story about their patrol. Patrols could show their totem, patrol flag, give a description of the patrol members, write articles about patrol activities, etc. Patrol scribes will submitted their daily report on the laptop computers in the loft area of the Clyde Lodge.

Be Kind to your web-Footed Friends

tune: "Stars and Stripes Forever"

Be kind to your web-footed friends, For
that duck may be somebody's mother. She
lives in a nest in a swamp, Where the
weather is always damp.

Be kind to your fur-bearing friends, For a
skunk may be somebody's brother. Be
kind to your friends with the stripes,
Including raccoons and snipes.

Be kind to your four-footed friends, For a
bear could be somebody's father. He lives
in the forest trees,
And he could be covered in fleas.

Day 1 Schedule – May 12, 2016

8:00 A.M.—Participant Check-In
8:30 A.M.—Team Formation, Gathering Activities, Orientation, Staff Exhibit
9:30 A.M.—Gilwell Field Assembly
9:45 A.M.—Break
10:00 A.M.—Course Overview (Troop Presentation)
10:30 A.M.—Listening to Learn (Patrol Presentation)
11:20 A.M.—Break
11:30 A.M.—Blue and Gold Banquet/Opening Luncheon
12:45 P.M.—Break
1:00 P.M.—Troop Meeting
2:50 P.M.—Break
3:00 P.M.—Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
4:00 P.M.—Values, Mission, and Vision (Troop Presentation)
5:00 P.M.—Patrol Meeting
6:00 P.M.—Dinner
7:00 P.M.—Who, Me? Game
8:00 P.M.—Instructional Campfire and Baden-Powell Story (Troop Presentation and Activity)
9:00 P.M.—Cracker Barrel

Day 2 Schedule – May 13, 2016

7:00 A.M.—Breakfast and Assessments
8:00 A.M.—Gilwell Field Assembly
8:30 A.M.—Troop Meeting
10:15 A.M.—Break
10:30 A.M.—Leveraging Diversity Through Inclusiveness (Troop Presentation)
11:00 A.M.—Stages of Team Development (Troop Presentation)
11:50 A.M.—Break
Noon—Lunch
1:00 P.M.—Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
1:30 P.M.—Communication (Patrol Presentation)
2:20 P.M.—Break
2:30 P.M.—Project Planning (Troop Presentation)
3:20 P.M.—Break
3:30 P.M.—Rockets (Patrol and Troop Activity)
4:50 P.M.—Break
5:00 P.M.—Patrol Meeting
6:00 P.M.—Dinner
7:00 P.M.—Wood Badge Game Show (Troop Activity)
7:50 P.M.—Break
8:00 P.M.—Win All You Can Game (The Game of Life) (Troop Activity)
8:50 P.M.—Break
9:00 P.M.—Cracker Barrel