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The Scout's Oath in Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys, 1908

"On my honour I promise that —

1. I will do my duty to God and the King.
2. I will do my best to help others, whatever it costs me.
3. I know the scout law, and will obey it."



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One Nation Under God

Before Elder Gary E. Stevenson was made an apostle in October, 2015, he had served as Presiding Bishop. As such, he was invited to speak at the Duty to God breakfast of the Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America held on 23 May 2013. In part of his speech he said that as Scouters we could do a better job teaching the cadence and meaning of the Scout Oath, but simply adding a pause after the word "God" in the Oath. He said:

As a young Boy Scout, I learned the Scout Oath. I recited it each week with the following cadence breaks:

*On my honor,
I will do my best,
To do my duty,
To God and my country.
I don't think I am alone in this.
Most of us probably learned it that way.*

I know I did, but I wonder if the pause after God is all that he is pointing to when he said:

But now that I am on the other end of life, I see the misplaced pause in the cadence separating duty and God. I should have been saying:

*On my honor,
I will do my best,
To do my Duty to God,
And my country.*

It feels very different to say it that way, but it has the right emphasis. Or should I say that removing the oral pause between "duty" and "to God" adds the proper respect and priority.



Schedule—Day 2

		<u>Location</u>			<u>Location</u>
7:00	Breakfast/Assessments	Dining Lodge	1:30	<i>Communicating</i>	Patrol Site
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field	2:30	<i>Project Planning</i>	Troop Meeting Area
8:30	Troop Meeting	Troop Meeting Hall	3:30	<i>Rockets</i> (Competition)	TBA
10:30	<i>Inclusiveness</i>	Troop Meeting Hall	5:00	Patrol Meeting	Patrol Site
11:00	<i>Team Development</i>	Troop Meeting Hall	6:00	Dinner	Dining Lodge
Noon	Lunch	Dining Lodge	7:00	WB Game Show	Troop Meeting Hall
1:00	Patrol Leaders Council	PLC Area	8:00	Win All <i>You</i> Can Game	Troop Meeting Hall
			9:00	Cracker Barrel	TBA

Patrol Duty Roster

	<u>Service Patrol</u>	<u>Program Patrol</u>
Day 1	Antelope	Owl
Day 2	Bear	Fox
Day 3	Bobwhite	Buffalo
Day 4	Eagle	Beaver
Day 5	Fox	Bear
Day 6	Owl	Antelope

Weather Forecast

*The Sun will rise in the East
and set in the West
whether we see it or not..*

Schedule—Day 3




		<u>Location</u>			<u>Location</u>
7:00	Breakfast/Assessments	Dining Lodge	Noon	Lunch	Dining Lodge
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field	1:00	Patrol Leaders Council	PLC Area
8:30	Interfaith Service	Chapel	1:30	<i>Conservation Proj. Plan</i>	Troop Meeting Hall
9:30	Troop Meeting	Troop Meeting Hall	2:30	<i>October Sky</i>	Troop Meeting Hall
11:00	<i>Leading EDGE™ /</i>	Troop Meeting Hall	4:30	Closing Gilwell Assem.	Gilwell Field
	<i>Teaching EDGE™</i>		5:00	Patrol Mtg/Departure	



CRITTER CORNER

	<p>We discovered an interesting connection to the tiny town of Tabiona, Utah in the Beaver patrol today.</p> <p>Some members of the patrol have lived, worked in, graduated from high school or known someone from this rural community.</p> <p>In the Beaver patrol, we have a university professor who teaches Arabic, a scout leader who is originally from Guatemala, and missionaries who served in Brazil, Australia, Honduras and Belize.</p> <p>We have a great patrol and have enjoyed getting to know one another.</p>
	<p>We have the great opportunity to be part of a patrol. Our troop Guide John Johnson, Bron Kimball as Patrol Leader, Michael Kennard as Assistant Patrol Leader, Tonja Henderson as Chaplain Aide, Sonia Kidman as Scribe, Brian Rice and Chris Draney currently don't have an assignment but tomorrow we are going to change positions so everybody will have a chance to participate.</p> <p>First we were the Cows Patrol, as a Cub Scouts Patrol. We learned how to work with this group and after we graduated and we crossed a bridge, the Scoutmaster was waiting for us and he assigned our Patrol to have a new name and we became The Bob Whites. We are happy and excited to start our way to the Eagle. We received really good instructions about the Values, Mission and the Vision of the Scouting.</p> <p>We had special activities so we can get to know each other and to finish the day we gathered at night. The Staff did a wonderful job, put on a great presentation, explaining how to do a Camp Fire, everyone did great. At the end of the campfire we had the beautiful experience that blew us away to meet Mr. Powell, was an amazing spiritual moment. Thank you for a great experience!</p> <p>As a Patrol we are so happy to be here and to have new friends. Thank you to the Quartermasters! The food was great!</p>
	<p>A great start. A day that began as a dog ended as an eagle! New friends were made and skills learned. In our "get to know" game we learned that there is no place we would rather live, and no place we would rather be. We are looking forward to a creaky bed and some snoring buffalo, then on to another great day!</p>
	<p>What DOES the Fox say? Only enough to help others feel valued, it turns out. Helping each other, and especially our boys, discover their own vision and mission in life can start with a simple phrase: "I understand. Tell more about how I can help you." A good, well-trained leader who understands how to walk on the journey with a Scout can make a difference in a boy's life. We learned this today through the examples of our Woodbadge leaders, and especially from our Troop Guide. We learned this today as we spent time getting to know each other. We learned this today as we were inspired by the story of Lord Baden Powell himself. We look forward to the rest of this and next weekend as we immerse ourselves in the Scouting method.</p>
	<p>The Owl Patrol thanks Staff for the opportunity to retrieve the flags last night. Not only was it a blessing to care for our flag, but we also learned the value of preparation and training. Thank you for all of the trainings and care we are receiving. Whoo Whoo Whoo's happy to be here? The Owl Patrol!</p>

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	<p>Today the Bear Patrol began to awaken from their hibernation. We Bears love to socialize and explore, and we did plenty of that this afternoon. We even met up with Baden Powell who told us stories of old and inspired us to be beary good Boy Scout leaders. Characteristic for bears, we were hungry. Fortunately we ate well. For those wondering what the delicious meat served tonight for dinner was, we know that it was the delicious bobwhite. They still haven't learned that the Bear Patrol is oh so hungry all of the time, and they are one of our favorite dishes. Perhaps antelope or buffalo will be on the menu tomorrow- after all, you are all in Bear country.</p>
	<p>The Buffalo Patrol got off to a roaring start on the first day of woodbadge. We may have felt a bit sheepish at first, but we quickly found our buffalo feet and got moving. Our patrol had only four members to begin, as soon as the remaining two members arrived we developed a good rapport. We have a wide diversity of experience in scouting, as well as a diversity in life experience. We are certain to learn much from each other as was clear from our very productive discussions during patrol meeting. We look forward to a fun and exciting interaction as we learn new leadership skills and make new friends.</p>
	<p>Day 1 of Woodbadge in the Antelope Patrol was a day filled with songs, laughter, service and even a visit from Lord Baden-Powell himself. We experienced the fastest graduation from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts in the history of Scouting because hey, antelope are really fast. As today's Service Patrol, we enjoyed helping the Quartermasters (let's hear it for the Quartermasters!) serve the sweetest Salisbury steaks you've ever savored. Antelope, antelope, we run fast! But today, we ate last. SERVICE!!!</p>

Ticket Writing Key Concepts

- The ticket was created to help you realize your personal vision of your role in Scouting. Ideally, you write your ticket on your primary Scouting Role.
- Your ticket consists of three parts:
 1. A description of your Scouting role
 2. A statement of your vision of success
 3. A plan of action composed of five significant goals that can be attained within 18 months.
- You are not expected to realize your vision immediately upon completing your five goals; reaching the goals is merely a kick-start to a long-term work in progress.
- No minimum time requirement has been established with respect to completion of a Wood Badge ticket. However, many years of experience indicate that completion of a Wood Badge ticket should require at least 6 months of continuous effort. Ideally, you will complete the five goals between 6 and 12 months.
- You have room for creativity; your ticket will not look exactly alike another's. It is assumed that you will pattern your goals to use more or all of the skills you will learn during the course. It may be helpful to list corresponding skills next to each goal. It is not required to incorporate any designated number of skills. However, at least one goal must address increasing diversity in the BSA. Possibilities include goals that promote diversity in units, districts, and/or councils that encourage a more diverse BSA membership; or that help the youth better understand the nature and importance of diversity in Scouting and in America. (This will be discussed in detail on Day Four during the presentation "*Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity*".)
- The goals will be written (using the *Wood Badge Ticket Work Sheets* in your notebook) in support of your current Scouting responsibilities and should be designed to provide maximum positive impact for youth membership. The ticket should be meaningful and should enable you to practice the skills learn in this course.
- Each goal should be "SMART" and address "who, what, where, when, why, how measured, and how verified" (as listed on the work sheets).