



Welcome to Wood Badge 2135!

Welcome Scouters!

In 1911, Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge Training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world. Your arrival this morning is the first step in what may be the peak experience of your Scouting career. We are delighted you are here and pledge to make your Wood Badge experience both meaningful and memorable.

The staff has spent months preparing for today and are eager to lead you in experiencing Scouting's premier leadership training and in having a great deal of fun and enjoyment. During our six days together, you will experience a variety of multifaceted presentations of leadership skills, organizational tools, and activities based on the best of Scouting's traditions and the latest in team development theory.

As participants in this dynamic course, you will enjoy the opportunity for fellowship and learning alongside Scouters from all program areas including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing. We encourage you to develop new friendships and associations with Scouters from across our council. Wood Badge is a tremendous opportunity — an opportunity to learn, an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences, and most of all an opportunity to have fun!

Today we begin our day much the same as our youth begin in Scouting—as Cub Scouts. As part of your first step you have been placed in Cub Scout dens represented by different numbers. Your Den Chief will provide the guidance you need as we start our Wood Badge journey.

Senior Patrol Leader's Message



Good Morning Wood Badge 2135!

Let me be the first to welcome you to *Gilwell Park* at Kerr Scout Ranch at Slippery Falls! It's GREAT to see all of you here.

My name is Justin Powers and I will be your SPL (Senior Patrol Leader) on this amazing journey that we call Wood Badge. I look forward to having the opportunity to meeting and getting to know each and every one of you during our time here.

As you will soon find out, Wood Badge is fast paced, hard work and a whole lot of FUN! You will develop leadership skills that you already have as well as learn new ones along the way! We will take you through the Scouting experience from the *Scout's* point of view. So, rewind the clock a few years and let yourself be a kid again!

I know that it's hard to leave the "outside world" behind but if you stay focused on the course and let this amazing leadership training "soak" into your mind, heart and spirit, you will come out a better Scout Leader than when you came in...

GUARANTEED!

So, let's get his party started and **KEEP THE FIRE GOING!**

Justin Powers
Senior Patrol Leader

Scout Leadership

Scoutmaster Minute



Greetings Scouters,

Welcome to Wood Badge 2135. You are about to start a wonderful journey with your fellow scouters. Wood Badge is intended for all leaders in Scouting – whether Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturing Leaders, as well as council and district leaders. Our focus is on leadership – not the out-of-door skills. We hope to present you with organizational tools and a variety of activities based on the best of Scouting traditions along with the latest in team development ideas.

You are about to enjoy the fellowship of sharing the experience with like-minded individuals who are committed to the ideals of Scouting while having a great deal of FUN!!

With your commitment to Scouting, this course will be a tremendous opportunity for you to understand the value based program and the activities that are appropriate for youth. You will discover how the leadership concepts are relevant to our value based Scouting movement.

Most importantly, we want you to be able to apply the skills you learn from your participation in a successful working team to each of your positions in Scouting. We aim to revitalize your commitment to Scouting by providing an inspirational experience that helps provide renewed leadership in your units, districts, council and overall life journey.

The practical phase of the course is covered over one 3-day weekends, April 9 - 11 and a two day weekend May 1 - 2.

The application phase begins at the conclusion of the course, each participant implements a set of personal goals related to his or her Scouting role. Working towards these goals allows each participant to demonstrate new skills.

Our staff stands ready to assist you on this Wood Badge journey and we thank you for taking the time and commitment to better serve our youth.

Yours in Scouting,

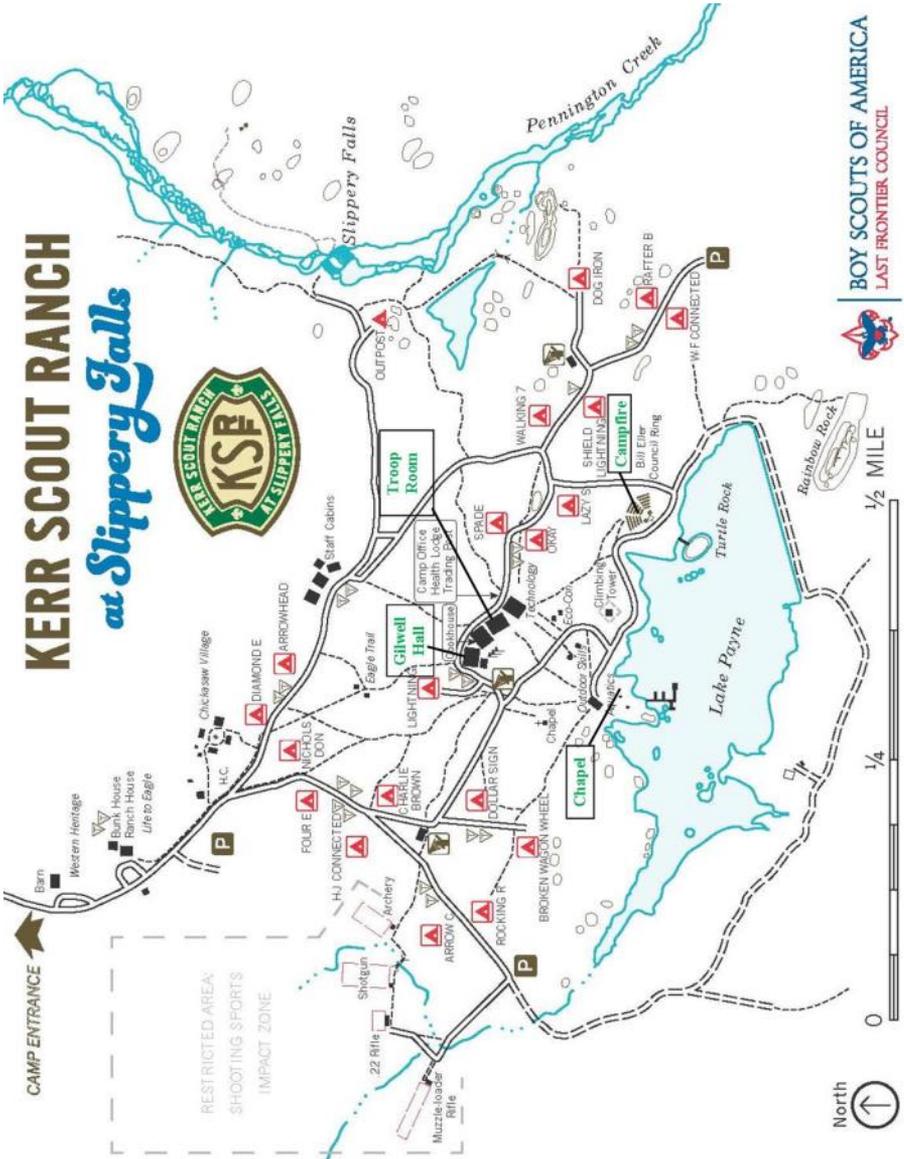
Rebecca Koss

The History of Wood Badge

In 1911, four years after Scouting began in Great Britain, Lord Baden-Powell began training Scouters through a series of lectures. This led to the first Wood Badge training course for Scoutmasters, held eight years later at Gilwell Park near London. In 1936, an experimental Wood Badge course was conducted in the United States at the Schiff Scout Reservation. Then, in 1948, the first American Wood Badge course was introduced in the United States as advanced training for training of Boy Scout leaders. Later, the program was extended to include troop committee members, commissioners, and Explorer leaders. Wood Badge is considered by many as a peak experience in their Scouting careers.

Welcome to Gilwell Park

Kerr Scout Ranch at Slippery Falls has been transformed into Gilwell Park for the duration of WB-2135. Gilwell Field near London, England was the site of the first Wood Badge course in 1919. Since that time, the assembly area for every Wood Badge course is called Gilwell Field to acknowledge that historical tie.



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IF YOUR ACTIONS INSPIRE OTHERS
TO DREAM MORE, LEARN MORE,
DO MORE AND BECOME MORE,
YOU ARE A LEADER.

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The Scribes Need Your Help

The Gilwell Gazette is the newspaper of the Wood Badge course. It is distributed each morning at breakfast to let you 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 lots of 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 patrols for publication in the Gazette. Patrols could submit their totem, patrol flag, patrol photos, or write articles about patrol activities or patrol members.



Submit your materials to the Scribe Office or email your submissions to scribewb2135@gmail.com. Please have all submissions to the Scribes by 4:30pm!

What is your patrol members favorite thing to do to treat themselves?

The Kudu Horn



The Kudu horn has long been a symbol of Scouting and of Wood Badge. In fact, the Kudu Horn was used to summons the very first scouts at Brownsea Island in 1907 and in Wood Badge the Kudu Horn or a substitute is used in all U.S. Wood Badge Courses.

The true Kudu is a species of African antelope that is **reddish gray** to almost **blue** in color. It ranges from South Africa to Abyssinia. A Kudu bull stands almost five (5) feet high at the shoulder. Most beautiful are the magnificent spiral horns that cap the head. The Kudu has a remarkable sense of hearing, it has keen eyesight, keen sense of smell, and great speed. which makes it difficult to capture.

As a Colonel in Africa in 1896, the Kudu Horn was first identified by Lord Baden Powell, as he and his men were on a raid down the Shangani (SHAN-GAH-NEE) river, and were puzzled at how quickly alarm was spread among the Matabele warriors. They later found that the Matabele were using a War Horn of tremendous sound carrying power. A code existed, and as soon as the enemy was sighted the alarm would be sounded. This war horn, turned out to be the KUDU HORN.

It is strange that some eleven years later, in 1907, this Matabele war horn would be used to summons the very first Scouts at Brownsea Island. During the early years of the Scouting movement the Kudu Horn was silent.

The Kudu Horn resurfaced thirteen years later in 1920, when it was used in training courses. The original Kudu Horn is enshrined at Gilwell where it is sounded at the beginning of each course to summon the participants. The Horn that heralded the birth of scouting now summons Scouters from all parts of the world to do better than they have ever done before.

Roles and Responsibilities

... of the Patrol Leader

- Take a leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Represent the patrol as a member of the patrol leaders' council (PLC).
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
 - Practice using the leadership and team skills being presented during Wood Badge presentations.
 - Ensure that daily patrol self-assessments are carried out in a timely, effective manner.
 - Provide patrol members with all the resources and information they need to succeed.
 - Empower the patrol to become the best it can be.
 - See that the patrol is prepared for all course presentations and activities.

... of the Assistant Patrol Leader

- Assume the responsibilities of the patrol leader whenever the patrol leader is unable to do so.
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge course and to achieve all they can.
- Assist the patrol leader in empowering the patrol to become the best it can be.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

... of the Patrol Chaplain Aide

In concert with the chaplain aides of the other patrols and with the staff member assigned to coordinate their efforts, the patrol chaplain aide will

- Learn what resources are available that can be used for religious observances during the course, and make that information available to the rest of the patrol.
- Develop and help present the participants' interfaith worship service.
- Assist in conducting any other religious observances that may arise during the Wood Badge course.
- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

... of the Patrol Scribe

- Provide interesting and timely material about the patrol to the publisher of *The Gilwell Gazette*—the daily newspaper of the course.

(The Troop Scribe will hand out guidelines to help scribes fulfill their duties and may briefly meet with all the patrol scribes to discuss how best they can assist in making the *Gazette* worthwhile.)

- Set a good example by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

... of a Patrol Member

For a patrol to succeed as a team, each of its members must

- Fully participate in the Wood Badge course and achieve all he or she can.
- Practice using the team development skills introduced during Wood Badge presentations.
- Help his or her patrol meet its obligations to fulfill assignments including the development and presentation of the patrol project.



Schedule for Friday, April 9

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 A.M.	Participant Check-In/Breakfast	Troop Room
7:30 A.M.	Pack Activity	Troop Room
8:30 A.M.	Pack Assembly	Gilwell Field
9:00 A.M.	Pack Session	Gilwell Hall
9:30 A.M.	Pack Presentation	Gilwell Hall
10:10 A.M.	Den Presentation	Den Learning Site
11:05 A.M.	Pack Session	Gilwell Hall
12:15 P.M.	Lunch	Gilwell Hall
1:25 P.M.	Den Meetings	Den Learning Sites
3:05 P.M.	Den Presentation	Den Learning Sites
4:25 P.M.	Pack Presentation	Gilwell Hall
5:35 P.M.	Break (Retire Colors) Den 1	Gilwell Field
5:45 P.M.	Pack 1 Meeting	Gilwell Hall
7:05 P.M.	Patrol Session	Patrol Learning Site
7:45 P.M.	Patrol Session	Patrol Learning Site
8:10 P.M.	Troop Activity	Campfire Ring
8:50 P.M.	Cracker Barrel	Troop Room
11:00 P.M.	Lights Out	Patrol Campsites