



GILWELL GAZETTE

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California Flag



California's official flag, the Bear Flag, has hardly changed at all from what it looked like when it was first raised by American settlers during an uprising against Mexico in 1846. The uprising, led by John C. Fremont and a small band of California settlers, was called the Bear Flag Revolt. They declared the state to be the California Republic and began a war of independence from Mexico. The republic lasted less than a month, June 14 to July 11 when troops from the United States arrived to take over the war. The war ended on February 2nd, 1848 when the U.S. and Mexico signed off the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Although the California Republic was short-lived, its flag has become the official flag of California. It is a living symbol of our history and tradition.

Scoutmaster's Minute

Our Journey

Here we are at the morning of day six. It seems like such a full and wondrous journey from where we were when everyone first arrived. Do you remember first sitting around a table and wondering what was going to happen, who everyone was, and what this course was all about? In the beginning it was a strange sense of the unknown, concern and fear of being overwhelmed. But now we have a strong sense of trust, knowledge of each other and belief and understanding in Scouting.

Together, we have come a very long way. It has been a great experience and something special that everyone can remember well. We have seen everyone come together, try their best, learn and grow, change and adapt, becoming full fledged Scouts of Troop 1.



This course is a unique opportunity, a unique experience and the only one of its kind. This Wood Badge course, WE3-23-07 is your course, your unique scouting experience and there will never be another course like it. It is our most sincere hope that you take the spirit of Scouting and the gifts learned in this Wood Badge course with you wherever you go in life and Scouting. We look forward to sharing your special moment and celebration at your beading ceremony.

Good Bless!

Yours in Scouting,
Pete



Important Information for your closing day at Camp Lindblad

From the Quartermaster...

The Patrol Boxes need to be prepared for storage and taken to the Storage Container above Gilwell Field.

1. All pots, pans, plates, etc need to be cleaned and stowed in the box with the legs of the patrol box.
 2. The stoves are to be cleaned with soap and water and stowed in the box WITH the gas supply hose.
 3. The lantern and tree pole are NOT stored in the box, but taken to the Storage Container separately.
 4. The Campsite sign needs to be taken down and taken to the Storage Container.
 5. All food is to be removed from the Patrol Box.
 6. All trash bags and recycling bags are to be taken to the area behind the lodge.
 7. Please be sure to police your campsites. "A Scout leaves it cleaner than he found it".
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From the Administration...

Photo discs.

Please be sure to fill out your mailing label when you pay your \$5 to the scribe staff. This will include an 8 X 10 color photo of the full Troop 1 and disc to be mailed after course. Photo disc will include photos from your Wood Badge Training Experience, roster of the entire participants with names, addresses, and phone numbers. (The \$5 defrays the cost of the disc, mailer, and photo, and postage.)



answer those first crucial questions. Unfortunately, we are barred by the rules of comportment and good taste from sharing this information with those who may be unworthy. (not necessarily you, gentle reader) But we are permitted to say the answers involve avoiding bug juice, clean living, and the consumption of sausage related products. Thanks to all of you for help in our continued development. But we have one question what do the rest of you get out of it? Scottish attire?

[Editors note: It's not about the attire, it's about the freedom!]

Antelope wax scientific, encourage a sausage free diet and avoiding clean living

From the beginning of time, meaning has challenged even the primordial ooze. When the first collection of amino acids replicated itself, it observed the nascent offspring and thought "how much is this going to cost me?" and, "Why does it listen to such awful music?" and also, "If this is what happens, why bother?" We of the Antelope Patrol have now, after billions of years of evolution can now



The Antelopes while we are different in many ways, we would not have wanted anyone different in our patrol. We knew early the reason for our preordained organization. We focused on a common goal of representing a proud, vocal and energetic group of guys. Everyone knows who the

Antelopes are, not just by the horns and the loud clear voices but also the confidence and presence we bring built from our comradeship and cohesiveness we achieved early. Thank you Wood Badge for giving us this opportunity that brought out the best in ourselves and resulted in an outstanding Antelope Patrol.

Eagles employ Hoover era warming techniques



The Eagle Patrol had a fun filled first day. Despite the restriction of open camp fire, we

warmed ourselves up around the camp stove after a very cold night. We are eager to begin day 5 with a conservation project. The Eagle patrol completed the project with a lot of enthusiasm. Thanks for a great job!!!

...and in the What's It box...Answers:

1. Cottonwood Seed Fluff
2. Sea Gull Skull
3. Sycamore Seed Pod
4. Liquid Amber-Sweet Gum-Seed Pod
5. Shiva Lingam

And the Patrol with the winning Entry:
Buffalo!





Fox's prefer outhouses to henhouse

The Fox Patrol would like to thank the Owls for putting on such a great "lodgefire" last night. All the patrol programs were great, and

special kudos to the Antelopes for, "You Might Be a Wood Badger If..."

Patrol member Lary used his wood working skill to "adorn" the golden shovel. It is with great sorrow that we pass it on, foregoing the joy of stocking Camp Lindblad's perma (not "porta") potties.

After a few hours hard work this morning we look forward to this afternoon's patrol presentations. Maybe tonight will finally be our time to win the "What's It". We have a natural aversion to the various Fox parts that keep showing up in the box.



Buffalo continue to show tech savvy with emoticon use

The Buffalo woke to chilly morning & stampeded to the lodge for a great morning session on coaching & mentoring. The conservation project was great and we teamed up with the fox (above) and the Antelope (below) to build our steps of friendship.

We are finishing Scoutmaster Conferences to conclude ticket planning and anxiously await our usual skit presentations... and look forward to sharing the other project presentations. Onto Day 6!! Almost home. :)



Crazy Owls early to bed early to rise

The Owls had a great dinner of chicken & steak fajitas. We had 3 great guests and had several valuable discussions on scouting in general. After dinner we played a rousing game and discussed diversity in our lives and scout units back home. Owl Alen led the troop in a rousing campfire.

After the campfire we made our way to our owlery and settled into our nests. We were serenaded by the troop staff who sang "Amazing Grace". We were up before the sun and knocked the ice of our feathers. We fixed and consumed a hearty breakfast of breakfast burritos. We look forward to our last day of training at Camp Lindbland.

Day Six**Camp Lindblad****Service Patrol: Buffalo****10/8/2007****Program Patrol: Bobwhite****Monday**

WHEN	WHAT	WHO	WHERE
7:45 AM	Dedication hike; continental breakfast	Patrols	Various; start MC
8:30 AM	Troop 1 Assembly	Camilla	Gilwell Field
9:00 AM	PLC	Camilla	Model Campsite
9:45 AM	Ticket Talk/Camp Cleanup	Patrols/ Troop Guides	Patrol sites
10:45 AM	Interfaith Worship Service	Chaplain's Aides	t.b.d.
11:30 AM	Walk to Lodge	All	-
11:45 AM	Grace	Progr Patrol Chpln Aide	Lodge
-	Closing Luncheon	QM Staff	
1:00 PM	Leaving a Legacy	Camilla	Lodge
2:15 PM	Break	-	-
2:30 PM	Summary Session	Camilla/Patrol Leaders	Lodge
3:00 PM	Camp cleanup; Lodge cleanup	All	Camp
3:30 PM	Course Assessment (Binder Day 6)	Troop Guides	Patrol sites
4:00 PM	Closing Assembly	Pete/ Camilla	Gilwell Field
4:30 PM	Ticket Talk/Load Vehicles/Depart	All	-

You Might Be A Wood Badger.....

If you've received a speeding ticket because you were running late and you were afraid you might miss THE SONG...

You might be a Wood Badger.

Instead of a night out with the boys, you prefer a night out with the "Bears", or "Owls", or "Beavers"!

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you hang your tent totem on the doorknob of the Holiday Inn while on a family vacation

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you get disappointed at family reunions because no one wants to build a catapult.

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you list tin foil cooking as a skill on your resume.

You might be a Wood Badger.

If your baby's first words are, "Back to Gilwell".

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you raised your hand to the Scout Sign at a heated business meeting.

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your pocketknife until the officer said "Thank you".

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 Tub Method".

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you sneak a cup of bug juice after your spouse goes to bed.

You might be a Wood Badger.

If you took chemistry at a local college to help you develop a better fire starter.

You might be a Wood Badger.

If the sales operators at the BSA distribution center's 800 number recognize your voice.

You might be a Wood Badger.

If your coat of arms features a Kudu.

You might be a Wood Badger.