

The Gilwell Gazette



The Official Newsletter of the 12-615-21 Badge Course

Interim Edition

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Saturday Schedule , October 9, 2021

6:00 am	Reveille
6:30 am	Staff Breakfast
7:00 am	Participant check in and Patrol Self Assessment - Gilwell Hall
8:00 am	Opening Assembly - Gilwell Field
8:15 am	Travel to Outdoor Experience
9:45 am	Embrace and Lead Change - Gilwell Hall Create a Culture - Gilwell Hall
12:00 pm	Lunch Participants - Patrol Areas Staff - Gilwell Hall

Wood Badge Journey Continues . . .

Weekend 2: Camp Mountaineer

Arrive on
Saturday, October 9 at 7:00 am
Drive to the designated parking area
(same location as in September)
Go to the trading post to check-in and
Then proceed to Gilwell Hall for Patrol Self - assessments.
Donuts and Coffee will be available.

Plan to stay through
Sunday October 10 at 4:30 pm

And Remember to be prepared for the Outdoor Experience.

**You'll need to Bring a Tent and Sleeping Bag
for the overnight.**
Also bring your mess kit with eating utensils.
The weather will be cooler than it was in September.
**Bring proper clothing for the outdoor
Saturday night.**

Remember, your attendance at all sessions is mandatory
to complete the course.

Saturday, October 9



Program Patrol - Fox

Service Patrol - Eagle



BP's Quote of The Day

*"May I ask Scoutmasters to re-read their book
occasionally? Say once a year."* April, 1913



WOOD BADGE

Leadership for Scouting—Leadership for America

12-615-21 Ticket Guidelines

1. Please **READ** these guidelines completely before beginning your ticket.
2. Each participant is to write one ticket consisting of five goals.
3. Remember to use a **SMART Goal** approach (i.e., Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely).
4. Ticket goals are to be written using the electronic or paper worksheets that have been provided to you.
5. As you write your goals, explain which of the Wood Badge tools or skills you intend to use to complete that item (example: communication, project planning, listening).
6. One (or more) of your ticket goals must include an aspect of diversity.
7. One (or more) of your ticket goals must include an aspect of recruitment and/or retention of Scouts.
8. Review your planned goals with the troop guide assigned to your patrol. Accept his or her feedback (it's a gift!) and be open to modifying or adding to your ticket goals. For the initial 3 – 5 goals that you proposed, please use the feedback that was provided to you by your Troop Guide and the ASM for Troop Guides. It is permissible and encouraged for you to ask your Troop Guide for further feedback as you work through the completion of your ticket.
9. Please have a version of your **ENTIRE** ticket worksheet completed **PRIOR TO** your arrival for the second weekend of training, on October 9. You may bring a paper copy with you to give to your Troop Guide upon your arrival at camp that morning, or you may email it to them before that time, or preferably, both. Your proposed ticket will be reviewed and feedback provided (with additional changes possible) during the weekend.
10. Your final ticket must be approved by your troop guide and the ASM for Troop Guides (aka the TICKET MASTER or TICKET CZAR) by the time you leave camp on the second weekend.
11. It is highly encouraged that you have and submit an electronic copy of your ticket worksheet that you can access and can share with your Troop Guide.
12. By the end of the second weekend, which is the completion of the second practical phase, a ticket counselor will be assigned to work with you. You have 18 months from the last day of the course to complete your ticket goals. **(Deadline is April 10, 2023.)**

The Tradition of the Campfire Ashes

Known by some as “The Spirit of the Fire”, the tradition of the campfire ashes extends back to the beginning at Brownsea Island in July of 1907, the first Boy Scout camp. Legend has it that Baden-Powell would always take a small amount of ashes from a ceremonial campfire and then spread those ashes into the next campfire.

The purpose of the ashes is to share the memories of past campfires and to carry to all Scouts and Scouters the international aspect of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. The ashes spread into our Wood Badge Course 12-651-21 campfire have been carried around the world to over 700 Scouting campfires in many countries where Scouting fellowship has been shared.

While we have adopted this tradition in Wood Badge, it is not limited to Wood Badge. These ashes come from campfires at Cub Scout Day Camps, Order of the Arrow ceremonies, training conferences, Boy and Girl Scout camps, and high adventure bases. They include 16 U. S. National Jamborees, 6 World Jamborees, 145 Wood Badge courses, and the Scouting Centennial Celebration at Gilwell Park.

It is a tradition that after the fire has died down, the ashes are stirred, and all those present at the ceremony carry ashes away from the campfire. Seeing how special these ashes are you might be tempted to set them in a place of honor and never open them or use them again, but the richness of this tradition is not in keeping the ashes; but in the sharing of ashes. We encourage you to spread this tradition to your home units, and to the youth that you serve.

Lord Baden-Powell said:

“We carry our friendships with us in these ashes from other campfires with comrades in other lands. May the joining of the past fires with the leaping flames of this campfire symbolize once more the unbroken chain that binds Scouts and Guides of all nations together. With greetings from our brothers and sisters around the world, I add these ashes, and the fellowship therein, to our campfire.”

NOTE: The list of campfires will be posted on the Council website for all to reference.



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The First Number is the Service Territory that serves our Council

The Second Number is Mountaineer Area Council's number

The Third Number is the year the course was held

Our Wood Badge Course Number

Every Wood Badge Course is assigned a unique number. While the arrangement of course numbers has changed over the years, they generally reflected the geographic region, the area within the region, and the chronological

number of the course. That numbering system has changed in recent years.

Historically, the first reference in a course number represented the BSA region where the course was conducted. In 2021, the BSA reorganized into 16 “Service Territories” to replace the regions. The Mountaineer Council is in Service Territory 12.

The second number, “615”, is the Council Number assigned to Mountaineer Area Council by the National Council.

Finally, the “21” represents the year of our course, 2021. If, perchance, we had conducted multiple courses in 2021, that number would be followed by a fourth number in chronological order representing each individual course.

**Do it for BP
Mask UP!**



**Jefferson Award
Recipient
for September**

WDTV was pleased to welcome Steve Blosser, our Wood Badge Senior Patrol Leader, as the recipient of the Jefferson Award. The award is presented to a worthy community volunteer. He is Scoutmaster of 120B in Fairmont and was nominated by one of his scouts. Mr. Kevin Ellis of Antero Resources presented the award.

*Congratulations Steve and
thank you for all you do for Scouting.*

News from the Patrols

From the Desk of the Angry Birds...

Very few creatures are as wise as the owl, possess the majesty of an eagle, the appetite of a buffalo, the cunning of a fox, and the strength of a bear... for many of you the ever-elusive Camp Mountaineer Sasquatch comes to mind, but the fact is, the Bobwhite has always been the bad boy poster child of the natural animal world.



Consider this old English Proverb... Long ago a few young men decided that they would try and outwit their wise teacher. Together they formed a plan in which they would hide a small bird in their hands approaching their teacher with a question as to whether the bird in their hands is dead or alive. If the teacher answered the bird is alive, then the students would crush the small bird and present it dead. If the teacher answered that the bird is dead, the boys would open their hands and present a living bird. Approaching their teacher, one of the young men presented the question to the teacher, "Is the bird in my hands dead or alive?" The wise teacher began to think and after a few minutes of silence the teacher said, "Is it a Bobwhite? Because if so, my young friend you may only have seconds to live."



EAGLE PATROL

Wood Badge 12-615-21

New Eagle Scout!

Congrats to Tiana Long from Troop 65G who became the second Eagle Scout from that troop, and only the second female Eagle Scout in our entire council! We are so proud of you. Thank you to Grace for sharing this wonderful news!

Busy Troops and Packs

Fall is in full swing in our council. Troop 40 went to A Mountain Clay's in Bridgeport for gun safety training and some shooting sports. Pack 39 hosted a fishing derby event for Cubs and their friends at Lake Stoney in Lumberport. Great news, Brian! Finally, Troop 120B and 120G took their first backpacking weekend towards their merit badge. Fantastic, Heather!



Eagles have landed...

At their respective homes. Anxiously awaiting feedback on their ticket ideas, Eagle patrol re-entered life with renewed purpose and zest. Eagles are hard at work changing the world, one Scout at a time.



Eagle Totem completed

Our Eagle totem contains the region (12), the council (6 feathers on the left, one head, and 5 feathers on the right), and the Woodbadge course number (21).

Also notable are the Woodbadge pentagon, and our head troop guide, Alan



We miss our bottle rocket Eagle very much and look forward to reconnecting in October.



Excuse me, would you like to support Scouts and buy some popcorn? Please see Dr. Carl, Chewie, Mike, Grace, Jennifer, Brain or Heather.

