



GILWELL GAZETTE

Knox Trail, Mohegan and Nashua Valley Councils, Massachusetts

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Day 3
Issue 5

Living the Values ❖ Bringing the Vision to Life ❖ Models for Success ❖ Tools of the Trade ❖ Leading to Make a Difference

WEATHER



Monday: 65° F | 46° F

Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60's. Winds from the East at 5 to 10 mph.

DAY 3 SCHEDULE

7:00 A.M. Breakfast and Assessments

8:00 Gilwell Field Assembly

8:30 Interfaith Worship Service

9:20 Break

9:30 Troop Meeting

9:55 Break

11:00 Troop Presentation: The Leading EDGE™ / Teaching EDGE™

11:50 Break

Noon Lunch

1:00 Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
Chaplains Aide Meeting

1:30 Patrol Presentation: Communication

2:20 Break

2:30 October Sky

4:30 Closing Gilwell Assembly

5:00 Patrol Meeting

Safe Trip Home

PROGRAM PATROL:

Bear

SERVICE PATROL:

Owl

COLLECTION AT INTERFAITH SERVICE

An offering will be collected during the morning Interfaith Worship Service. All proceeds will benefit the World Friendship Fund. The fund was developed at the close of WWII to help rebuild Scouting in nations that had been ravaged by war. Today, the fund continues this legacy by providing aid to struggling Scouting programs around the world. To date over \$11 million have been raised.

Scouting Units Continually Move through the Stages of Team Development

While many of us may not have seen a formal description of the Stages of Team Development until yesterday, the definitions of the stages and the natural progression through them is a familiar concept to anyone who has been a part of a team. As adult leaders in Scouting, we will have opportunities to facilitate the growth of not only adult teams, but oftentimes youth teams as well. As an example, consider the following two examples of Webelos Scouts who join a Scout troop and become new Boy Scouts.

In some troops, an entire Webelos den may cross over and join a troop en masse. This is a great example of a classic progression through all four stages. This New Scout Patrol is full of enthusiasm, but most likely lacking in knowledge and abilities. They will progress through all four stages, as they elect their own leaders, plan their participation in their first troop event, and start to learn and advance.

In other troops, new crossovers from Webelos may be divided up and placed into existing patrols. In this case, a patrol that may have already been a high-performing team may regress a stage or two, as the new young Scout disrupts their traditional performance. In extreme cases, this new iteration of a previously-existing team may have to go all the way back to almost a "forming" stage; in other cases, they may be able to quickly resolve into Norming and be well on their way to Performing in no time at all.

The savvy Scout leader will be able to recognize where these youth teams are in the team development model, and effectively offer the most appropriate leadership techniques to help move these teams forward. Today's presentation on the Leading EDGE and Teaching Edge will help us do just that.

Planning for Future Successes

Whether you are working to fulfill a vision for your Scouting unit, profession, local school, place of worship, or other organization, proper planning is the key to success. By taking the time, in the beginning, to write a Project Overview and Work Breakdown Structure, you will avoid many of the traps that can result in significant and costly delays.

Working through project planning when young people are involved can be a challenging but rewarding experience. Teenagers, particularly younger teenagers, live in the “now” and are not very good at considering the future effects of their actions. Helping them to understand the value of a well prepared plan can be difficult; however, with the appropriate guidance and support, you will find that the youth of our program are capable of some pretty amazing accomplishments.

Departing Weekend One

As we prepare to depart from Camp Wanocksett later this afternoon, the Quartermaster staff requests your assistance in breaking down camp.

Next weekend, Nashua Valley Council will hold its largest Scouting event of the year, Webelos’ Woods, here at Camp Wanocksett: hundreds of Cubs and their families will arrive at camp for a weekend of fun and adventure. For this reason, we ask that you make certain to bring all of your belongings with you when you leave. If you leave any of your personal equipment in the cabins, or your binders and course materials in the dining hall, it is likely they will not be there when we return in two weeks.

At 1:00PM, anyone that does not need to attend the PLC or the Chaplains Aide Meeting will have free time for packing personal gear. During this time, if the occupants of a cabin could work together to sweep that cabin, it would be greatly appreciated.



Preparing for Weekend Two

By now, your patrol should have started planning for the second weekend of this Wood Badge Course. As you complete your plans, please keep in mind that the outdoor experience should model a backpacking trip. Although we will not be camping particularly far away and the campsites do have vehicle access, we ask that you keep to the spirit of this kind of trip and refrain from driving to the site or using large equipment such as Dutch ovens and patrol boxes.

During the break, one member of your patrol that you choose will receive a check for \$180 to purchase food for the second weekend. While your menu is left entirely up to your discretion, please keep in mind that you will not have much time available for cooking and cleaning during the course. Simple, easy to prepare meals are preferable. If your patrol is determined to cook an elaborate meal, you should plan to do so for dinner on Sunday, October 2 as this is when you will have the most time available.