



# GILWELL GAZETTE

Knox Trail, Mohegan and Nashua Valley Councils, Massachusetts

Sunday, August 7 2011

Preparing for  
Gilwell

Issue 2

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

## REMINDERS:

The new BSA medical form, **Parts A and C**, is required for all participants.

The form is available [HERE](#). Please email a **copy** of your completed form to [tim.toth309@gmail.com](mailto:tim.toth309@gmail.com) or mail a **copy** it to Nashua Valley Council; Attn: Tim Toth; 1980 Lunenburg Rd; Lancaster, MA 01523 by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## DAY 1 SCHEDULE

- 7:30AM Arrival & Check-in
- 8:30 Team Formation
- 9:25 Assemble the Pack
- 9:30 Opening Ceremony
- 9:50 Break
- 10:00 Course Overview
- 10:30 Listening to Learn
- 11:20 Break
- 11:30 Blue & Gold Banquet
- 12:20PM Bridging Ceremony
- 12:40 Wood Badge Traditions
- 1:00 Troop Meeting: pre-open
- 1:25 Troop Meeting
- 2:50 Break
- 3:00 Patrol Leaders Council Mtg
- 4:00 Values, Mission, & Vision
- 5:00 Patrol Meetings
- 5:45 Dinner
- 6:35 Ticket Talk
- 6:45 Who Me Game
- 7:45 Break – move to campfire
- 8:00 Instructional Campfire
- 9:00 Cracker Barrel
- 10:00 Patrols Rest

## DIRECTIONS TO CAMP WANOCKSETT:

Click [HERE](#) for a link to Google Map directions to Camp Wanocksett

642 Upper Jaffery Road

Dublin, NH 03444

(603) 563-8550

## CHECK YOUR CALENDAR:

7:30AM Friday, August 26 to  
5:00PM Sunday, August 28, and  
7:30AM Saturday, September 17 to  
5:00PM Monday, September 19, 2011.

With back-to-school, college orientations, and scouting programs starting back up for the year, August and September can be a busy time of the year. Please check your calendar for any possible conflicts that may have crept in since you registered. The course structure requires all participants to be present for all three complete days on both weekends. **If you have a schedule conflict, please call Course Director, Wayne Stockwell at 978-496-5938 as soon as possible to discuss your situation.**



## GILWELL GOES GREEN

We are hoping to reduce our environmental impact this Wood Badge course by minimizing the amount of disposable products we use. To that end, we are asking each participant to bring your own drink mug as we will not be providing plastic or Styrofoam cups.

## WOOD BADGE TRADING POST

Many Wood Badge items and apparel will be available for sale. Clothing items ordered during weekend one will be delivered on weekend two. Payment is by cash or check at order time.

## PRE-COURSE ASSIGNMENT

As you prepare for the Wood Badge course, we would like you to take some time to consider your interests, goals, values and sense of the future. You will find that your participation in the Wood Badge course will be much more rewarding if you spend the time over the next couple weeks to consider the twenty questions on page 2 of this Gazette.

## SO, WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

The attached packing list on page 2 provides a comprehensive listing of all the things you will need to make the first weekend a success.

## ELECTRONICS AT WOOD BADGE

While electronics are not prohibited at Wood Badge, out of courtesy for the staff and your fellow Wood Badgers, we will ask that they be turned off and stored away during all content sessions. Also please note that electrical outlets are limited so we cannot guarantee that you will be able to recharge your devices. There is no Wi-Fi access and limited cell coverage at camp.

## DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

If you have special dietary considerations due to food allergies, religious preference, vegetarian/vegan lifestyle, or otherwise, please contact our quartermaster staff at [tim.toth309@gmail.com](mailto:tim.toth309@gmail.com) so we can plan how to best accommodate your needs

## EARLY ARRIVALS AT CAMP

Anyone concerned about making the long drive to Camp Wanocksett in time for 7:30 AM check-in is welcome to arrive at camp on Thursday evening. We will provide a cabin where you can spend the night but you will be on your own for meals. There is a Dunkin Doughnuts approximately 10 minutes away from camp.

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

By now you have probably heard all kinds of comments and stories about the Wood Badge experience. The best advice I can offer for making the most of your experience is to be yourself and have fun. Your staff, whose experiences cover just about every aspect of scouting, have been in training since February and are very enthusiastic about the upcoming course. If you have any questions regarding the Scouting Program, we have the staff that will be able to give you the answers you are looking for. I personally look forward to meeting and working with all of you during the course. Please make every effort to be on time and be ready to have some serious fun in the upcoming weekends.

Yours, in Scouting,  
*Wayne Stockwell*

# WOOD BADGE PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

## First 3-Day Weekend Requirements (August 26-28)

You will be indoors much of this weekend with several outdoor activities. Sleeping accommodations will be in cabins with army-style bunk

### Scout Stuff:

- 20 questions - questionnaire
- Completed physical exam form if you have not mailed it.
- Official Scout uniform(s) for your current Scouting position (A complete uniform includes the official shirt; shorts, long pants, skirts or culottes; socks; and belt. **A neckerchief and slide will be provided.**) Remember you will be at camp for 3 days and will not have access to washers or dryers. More than one uniform is highly recommended.
- Scout activity uniform(s) (Note: An activity uniform includes a Scouting logo shirt and Scout shorts, long pants, skirts or culottes.) **One Wood Badge course t-shirt will be provided.**
- Undergarments and handkerchiefs
- Extra socks
- Shoes or boots (an extra pair is recommended)
- Windbreaker or jacket
- Canteen or water bottle
- Drinking Cup or mug –remember, we are going GREEN**
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Sleeping bag, extra blanket
- Pillow
- Shower footwear
- Personal first aid kit
- Handbook for your Scouting

- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb

### Personal Hygiene:

- Soap
- Towel and wash cloth
- Toothbrush and paste
- Shampoo
- Comb or brush
- Deodorant
- Shaving kit – if you plan to shave
- Medications in labeled containers
- Lip balm
- Bug repellent – non-aerosol

### Optional:

- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (no fixed-blade knives)
  - Sewing kit
  - Watch
  - Alarm clock
  - Sunglasses
  - Camera
  - Religious book(s)
  - Kleenex
  - Pencil, pen
  - Money to purchase Wood Badge paraphernalia
- You will not need to bring a notebook. (One will be provided).

## Second 3-day Weekend (September 17-19) – You will be outdoors all 3 days.

More information about the second weekend will be provided during weekend one at Camp Wanocksett

- Pack all the above in a backpack comfortable for walking.

### Camping Gear Basics:

- Tent, ground cloth, and rain fly
- Air mattress or foam pad
- Bug repellent (non-aerosol)

## PRE-COURSE ASSIGNMENT- 20 QUESTIONS

An important focus of the upcoming Wood Badge course will be a consideration of our roles as leaders in Scouting, in the workplace, in our communities, and in the nation. Among the most valuable discussions that will occur will be an ongoing consideration of setting leadership goals and then determining the manner in which those goals can be reached. The Twenty Questions pre-course assignment is intended to help you lay the groundwork for the course by developing a clearer understanding of your personal interests, values, and sense of the future. At Wood Badge, you will have the opportunity to channel that information into the development of specific goals and effective means of action

- **This assignment is for you to do on your own.**
- **No one except you will see the results of this assignment.**

Use this opportunity to take a good look at where you are now in terms of interests, leadership skills and opportunities, and where you would like to be.

### Twenty Questions

What to do:

- Set aside time to think seriously about the following questions.
- Answer the questions as fully and honestly as you can.
- Write down your answers and bring them to the Wood Badge course. You will find them to be a helpful reference-only you will see the answers.
- Don't worry about what the "right" answers are or about satisfying someone else's idea of how you should respond. No one except you will see what you write. Be as honest as you can. Enjoy the experience.

1. What do I feel are my greatest strengths?
2. What strengths do others notice in me?
3. What do I most enjoy doing?
4. What qualities of character do I most admire in others?
5. Who is a person who has made a positive impact on my life?
6. Why was that person able to have such significant impact?
7. What have been my happiest moments in life?
8. Why were they happy?
9. If I had unlimited time and resources, what would I choose to do?
10. When I daydream, what do I see myself doing?
11. What are the three or four most important things to me?
12. When I look at my work life, what activities do I consider of greatest worth?
13. What can I do best that would be of worth to others?
14. What talents do I have that no one else really knows about?
15. If there are things I feel I really should do, what are they?
16. What are my important roles in life?
17. In each of those roles, what are my most important lifetime goals?
18. In five years, what role do I see for myself in Scouting?
19. What would I really like to be and to do in my life?
20. What are the most important values I use to guide and motivate my actions?