The exact method of assigning Wood Badge participants to their patrols has long been a topic of campfire discussion amongst staffers. But while past courses have used such old fashioned methods as dart boards, magic eight balls, drawing straws, or even going so far as to consider the individual scouts and their backgrounds, the leaders of WE2-590-3-10 are looking at an innovative way to make the decision that can make or break a participant’s Wood Badge experience. After recently reviewing the first Harry Potter movie, ‘Harry Potter and The Sorcerer’s Stone’, on cable television, Course Director Floyd Hatch made a phone call.

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**Patrol Responsibilities**

**Patrol Leader**
- Take leading role in planning and conducting patrol meetings and activities
- Encourage patrol members to fully participate in the Wood Badge Course and achieve all they can
- Represent the patrol as a member of the Patrol Leader’s Council
- Set example by living the Scout Oath and Law
- Practice using the leadership skills and team skills being presented during Wood Badge presentations
- Ensure that daily patrol self assessments are carried out in a timely, affective manner
- Provide patrol members with the resources and information they need to succeed
- Empower the patrol to become a high performance team
- See that the patrol is prepared for all course presentations and activities.

**Assistant Patrol Leader**
- The Assistant Patrol Leader will assume the duties of the Patrol leader whenever he/she is unable to fulfill their responsibilities.
- 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 a high performance team
- Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law

**Patrol Members**
- For a patrol member 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 team development skills introduced during the Wood Badge presentations
- Help his/her patrol to meet its obligations to fulfill assignments including the development and presentation of the patrol project/exhibits
- Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law

**Patrol Scribe**
- Provide material about the patrol to the publisher of the Gilwell Gazette
- Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law

**Word Search**

Patrol reports are due from the Patrol Scribe by 10:00pm each night. Each report should be about 150 words and turned in to the Scribe basket before the end of Cracker Barrel each night. Patrols failing to turn in a report run the extreme danger of having the Scribe staff write the report for them. Trust us, you do not want that to happen!
MEET THE STAFF

Meet the Staff

Floyd Hatch
Scoutmaster/Course Director

John Moffat
Assistant Scoutmaster/Program

Lyndon Ricks
Assistant Scoutmaster/Facilities

Ronda Archibald
Assistant Scoutmaster/Troop Guides

Lane Childs
Assistant Scoutmaster/Senior Patrol Leader

Leo Monsen
Mentor/Course Advisor

Meet the Staff

Ron Nay
Troop Guide/Beaver Patrol

Dave Kunz
Troop Guide/Bobwhite Patrol

Perry Gillette
Troop Guide/Eagle Patrol

Dan Kenison
Troop Guide/Fox Patrol

Ken Duke
Troop Guide/Bear Patrol

Butch Lodder
Troop Guide/Antelope Patrol

Meet the Staff

Eric Nelson
Scribe

Jill Sorensen
Scribe

Maude Atkins
Quartermaster

Cordell Atkins
Quartermaster

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Dan Larrabee
Scribe

Bob Torkelson
Scribe

Kent Jones
Quartermaster

Melinda Rowzee
Quartermaster

The First Scoutmasters' Course at Gilwell Park, September, 1919. Baden-Powell is seated center in the front row.
Each day a different patrol is assigned as the Program Patrol or the Service Patrol. Daily reminders will appear in the Gilwell Gazette. The duties of each are as follows:

**Program Patrol**
- Morning Flag Ceremony
- Lowering Flags at night
- Provides songs, cheers, etc
- Leadership for campfires
- Sound horn to start meetings
- Provide blessings for meals

**Service Patrol**
- General Cleaning
- Restrooms and Showers
- Help with room setup
- Set up for meals/Clean up after meals
- Help serve food at meals
- Help with cracker barrel

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Please note that due to the requirements of the daily schedule, on some days it is necessary to have more than one program or service patrol.

**TOP 10 SIGNS YOU’RE IN A BAD TROOP**

1. You get merit badge for picking the trifecta at Wyoming Downs
2. Troop motto: “Be prepared...to lie on the witness stand”
3. Scoutmaster hands out his favorite campfire treat —— Copenhagen — its just like beef jerky
4. You get busted for selling knot tying secrets to Russian Boy Scouts
5. Since he can’t get time off, the troop leader holds meetings in his Century 21 office
6. To become an Eagle Scout, you have to catch and eat a Bald Eagle
7. You’re part of a very special troop called the Gambino family
8. First rule in handbook: “Blame the kid who can’t speak English”
9. You help old ladies across I-80
10. You get merit badge for picking the trifecta at Wyoming Downs
Have you ever wondered how the Wood Badge Staff positions are filled? It may surprise you.

A staff member, speaking anonymously, said “I remember the first time I took the written test, it was horrible, I was unable to finish in the allotted time, in fact I lost consciousness when I read question 3. I mean 2500 tiger cubs in the same place?” Many months of testing are conducted with both written and oral exams and only the “cream of the crop” are selected.

The Gilwell Gazette has obtained a copy of the Staff written test that was given to each prospective staff member, and a sampling of the questions will be published here each day. For the first time ever, the course participants will see just what it takes to become a Wood Badge Staff member.

3. Public Speaking
2,500 tiger cubs have stormed the dining hall. Calm Them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.

11. Engineering
The disassembled parts of a high-powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk. You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In ten minutes a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to the room. Take whatever action you feel appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.

More Questions from the staff written exam will appear in the upcoming issues of the Gilwell Gazette.

Gilwell Pack 1 welcomed 66 new cub Scouts this morning at Gilwell field.

The Den Chiefs were kept very busy trying to keep track of their new charges.

One Cub Scout was heard to say “When do we get to shoot BB guns” another was heard to say “where are the bow and arrows”.

The air was filled with the excitement of Cub Scouting and everyone was ready to have some fun.

Floyd Hatch, Pack 1 Cubmaster, was quoted as saying “We are very excited to welcome these fine individuals to our pack, we look forward to preparing them for their journey into Cub Scouts and eventually Boy Scouts.”

We, of the Gilwell Gazette editorial staff, want to welcome all the new Cub Scouts and wish them good luck with Gilwell Pack 1!

The Charter and Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America recognize the religious element in the training of the BSA’s members, but the BSA is absolutely non-sectarian in its attitude toward religious training. Religious instruction is ultimately the responsibility of the home and the religious institution.

We welcome all of you on the course and recognize that members of this wood badge course belong to various religious organizations. All are welcomed and we hope and expect to provide opportunities for appropriate worship to all, recognizing our common belief in God.

Please advise us of anything we might do to make this Wood Badge experience a happy and pleasant one from all aspects, including recognition of your personal beliefs.

Lyndon Ricks
Religious Coordinator
CRITTERSCOPES

Beaver
You will be on your way to a meeting this week when you will be struck by an odd thought. Fortunately it will bounce harmlessly off you.

Bobwhite
A new friend will find the key to your heart this week but not before trying the key to your car, the key to your front door, and the key to your single unit storage locker.

Eagle
Try as they might, the stars see no point in telling you about the near future as you’ll do whatever you darn well please anyway.

Fox
A wonderful romantic experience looms ahead for the Beavers, which really stinks because you’re a Fox.

Owl
It’s important to remember this week that when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Then, when life least expects it, throw that lemonade right in it’s spiteful face.

Bear
This week, you will be asked where you see yourself in five years. Refrain from laughing wildly, crying suddenly, and jumping clear out a nearby window.

Buffalo
The antelopes will see you as a threat to the social hierarchy of the herd which, truth be told, is giving you way too much credit.

Antelope
The stars indicate your patrol’s success in the days to come, though it’s quite difficult for them to keep a straight face during it.

SORTING HAT

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“I ordered a large pepperoni pizza, breadsticks, and a two liter bottle of Diet Coke,” Floyd said. Then he wrote a letter. “I figured, if the (Sorting) Hat can already group people so well, why shouldn’t we use it? I mean, KISMIF, right?” Floyd sent the letter to the Sorting Hat in the traditional wizard-ly way: by Owl. Conflicting sources name either Butch Lodder, Perry Gillette or Ken Duke as the courier. “I was surprised when the message arrived,” said the Hat in an interview by phone.

“But it seems a very natural fit for me. Of course, instead of only four houses to choose from, there are eight patrols. But after 1000 years, I welcome a chance to expand my repertoire, even if it is a Muggle event.”

However not everyone is on board with the new patrol assignment method. Warner Brothers Entertainment, the studio behind the multi-million dollar Harry Potter movie franchise, has been in touch with the Sorting Hat’s agent, stating the Hat’s contract with the studio for the full run of Potter movies prevents it from helping WE2-590-3-10.

“We have an exclusive contract with the Hat, which prevents it from accepting any outside performance work until the last of the movies is in the can,” said a spokesman from the studio’s legal department. “Which should be sometime around summer 2015.”

A statement released last week by the Sorting Hat’s agent, Dewey, Cheatem and Howe, disputes the studio’s claims, saying the “exclusivity clause only applies to other films” in expectation that the issue will be resolved, the Hat has been practicing calling out the names of the patrols in preparation for his new role.

“I’m having trouble with the second one, the, the Bob- Bobwhite Patrol,” the Hat stutteringly confessed. “Worst case scenario, I suppose I could just use Slytherin for them instead.

WHAT IF MR. SPOCK WAS A WOODBADGER?

“For a Boy Scout leader to not enlist in Wood Badge training, that would be highly illogical.”

Which Patrol would Spock belong to?
Submit your answers to a scribe and we will post the best in an upcoming Gilwell Gazette.