

# GILWELL GAZETTE



WOOD BADGE 75

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2005

## Welcome to Wood Badge 75

By Sylvia Cass Freyling, Course Director

GREAT MORNING to you all! I am so excited this morning, I barely slept last night. Today has been a full year in the making, and we are all so excited to get started.

The beauty of this place takes my breath away (so does the



altitude). As you are moving from point to point today, take in the clean air, the beautiful grounds, the friendships

you are about to make, and the general grandeur of your surroundings.

Without Mr. Phillips generous donation of Philmont and his commitment to the Scouting program, this day at this place would not be possible. Your commitment to the program and donation of your time to be here is so very evident. I enjoyed meeting many of you last night at the pre-check in and look forward to getting to know each of you this week and in the months to come.

Today will be PACKED, so lace up your shoes, clear your thoughts of the worries of home and work, and open your mind and heart to learning and experiencing what Wood Badge has to offer.

FUN is the name of the game that we are playing, so if you are not having fun, let us know. However, fun is often the result of hard work, so they will be going hand in hand all week.

You are so fortunate to be on this course. The staff is AMAZING. This group of 21 very special individuals has formed a high performing team and is so ready to share their knowledge.

As we shared at orientation, we will be moving at a very fast pace. You have been placed in a den/patrol with 4 to 5 other special people so that you can all learn together. Maximize your experience by getting to know each other. Take notes and then compare your notes with others to ensure that you get down everything you need to carry back to your Scouting life at home.

Tonight let's all meet under the stars and have a great time experiencing the staff entertainment at a campfire. This is going to be a great week, and please let us know how we can serve you best.

## Today's Agenda

- 7:00 am ..... Breakfast
- 7:30 ..... Participant Check-In
- 9:00 ..... Staff Exhibit
- 9:30 ..... Gilwell Field Assembly
- 9:40 ..... Pack Meeting
- 10:30 ..... Patrol Presentations
- 11:40 ..... Blue & Gold Banquet
- 1:30 pm ..... Troop Meeting
- 3:25 ..... Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
- 4:55 ..... Troop Presentation
- 6:00 ..... Dinner
- 7:00 ..... Brownsea
- 7:15 ..... Patrol Game
- 8:30 ..... Campfire
- 9:45 ..... Cracker Barrel

## Waite Phillips Epigram

For over 50 years, Philmont benefactor Waite Phillips wrote down many of his thoughts on how to live a fulfilling life. He called these thoughts "epigrams."

***"Achievement consists of doing useful things that most people say cannot be done."***



## Waite Phillips' Generosity Made Philmont Scout Ranch Possible

Oklahoma oilman Waite Phillips, purchased large amounts of land in the Cimarron area,



eventually amassing over 300,000 acres of mountains and plains in a ranch he named Philmont

(derived from his name and the Spanish word for mountain, "monte").

The Philmont Ranch became a showplace. Immense herds of Hereford cows and Corriedale sheep grazed its pastures.

Phillips built a large Spanish Mediterranean home for his family, naming it the Villa Philmonte.

He developed horse and hiking trails throughout the scenic backcountry along with elaborate fishing and hunting cabins for his family and friends.

Waite Phillips believed in sharing his wealth with people outside his family. In this spirit he offered 35,857 acres of his ranch to the Boy Scouts of America in 1938 to serve as a national wilderness camping area.

The area was named "Philtown Rockymountain Scoutcamp" (after Phillips' name and the BSA slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily").

After observing the enthusiastic response of the first Scout campers, Phillips augmented his original gift in 1941, with an addition including his best camping land, the Villa Philmonte, and the headquarters of the farming and ranching operation.

The second gift was made so that "many, rather than few" could enjoy his rich and beautiful land. The property, now totaling 127,395 acres was renamed "Philmont Scout Ranch."

Phillips realized that the cost for maintenance and development of the property could not and should not be derived entirely from camper fees. As an endowment, he included in the gift his 23-story Philtower Building in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## Scouts throughout the World Share Similar Practices

The following acts and symbols of Scouting are familiar all over the world:

- Scout Promise and Law—duty to God and country
- Design of badge—basic trefoil
- "Be Prepared" motto
- Universal three-finger Scout sign—sign of personal honor
- Scout left handclasp
- Use of the patrol system
- Basic ideal of the Good Turn



## Participants and Staff Gather at Wood Badge 75 Orientation on July 23



## Over 4 Million Youth and Adults Involved in Scouting

Figures released by the Boy Scouts of America show that over 3 million youth and over 1 million adults were involved in Scouting as of December 31, 2004.

### Youth

Tiger Cubs.....	265,028
Cub Scouts .....	885,341
Webelos Scouts.....	725,383
Boy Scouts .....	922,323
Varsity Scouts .....	66,672
Venturers.....	280,584
<b>Total Youth.....</b>	<b>3,145,331</b>

### Adults

Cub Scout leaders .....	517,449
Boy Scout leaders .....	520,124
Varsity Scout leaders .....	23,363
Venturing leaders .....	65,504
Council Scouters .....	46,624
<b>Total Adults .....</b>	<b>1,173,064</b>

### Units

Cub Scout packs.....	52,966
Boy Scout troops.....	43,984
Varsity Scout teams .....	8,147
Venturing crews .....	21,135
<b>Total units.....</b>	<b>126,232</b>

### Ask the Wise Owl

*The Wise Owl answers your questions about Wood Badge and other subjects. Send them to the Owl in care of the Scribe*



**Dear Wise Owl,  
Do I need to take notes during the presentations?**

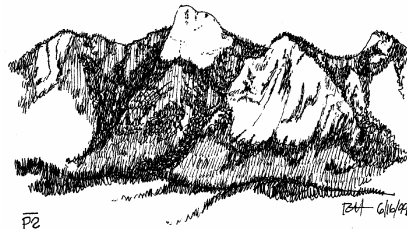
**Anonymous**

*Dear Anonymous,  
Yes! Please take notes. It will help you get the most out of your Wood Badge experience, plus it will help you prepare for the final exam. You do know about the final exam, don't you???*

**Dear Mr. or Ms. Owl,  
Should I wear sunscreen while I'm at Philmont?**  
—S.P.F from Dallas

*Dear S.P.F,  
Wearing sunscreen when outdoors during the day is always a good idea, and especially so at Philmont due to the altitude. I even wear sunscreen and most of my outdoor time is spent at night!*

**Philmont Fact of the Day**  
Philmont elevations range from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.



## Win Fabulous Prizes in Daily Gazette Contest

Each issue of the *Gilwell Gazette* will feature a question of the day — with the answer being found in that day's edition. Be the first to tell the answer to the Scribe, and a fabulous prize is yours.

The question for today is:  
What does the word Philmont come from?

## Weather Forecast



**Today:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81.

**Tonight:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

**Sunset** today is at 7:41 pm.  
**Sunrise** tomorrow is at 6:24 am.

## Ten Purposes of Cub Scouting

1. Character Development
2. Spiritual Growth
3. Good Citizenship
4. Sportsmanship and Fitness
5. Family Understanding
6. Respectful Relationships
7. Personal Achievement
8. Friendly Service
9. Fun and Adventure
10. Preparation for Boy Scouts



## Sir Robert Baden-Powell: Founder of Scouting and Wood Badge

As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness.

After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for British soldiers. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it *Scouting for Boys*.

To test his ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting.

Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought Scouting to youth the world over.



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## How to Get the Most from Wood Badge 75

By Tim Conard, Senior Patrol Leader

Welcome to Wood Badge! I am glad that you have decided to take the time to develop your leadership skills with us. Your staff is ready—we have been preparing for several months now.

In order to ensure that you get the maximum possible benefit from the course, here is a review of a few of those expectations we mentioned at the orientation meeting back in August:



1. Prepare yourself to learn. Ask lots of questions. Take good notes on the blank pages of your participant handbook. You'll find yourself referring to this valuable book for years to come.
2. Participate actively. Get involved so that you can make the Wood Badge experience even more memorable for everyone.
3. Our schedule is extremely tight, so watch your time and keep yourself and your group on schedule; "Be Prepared" by taking advantage of breaks so you don't miss any of the material.
4. Make new friends. Meet everyone you can. These will become your lifelong buddies.
5. Always follow the Cub Scout Promise, Scout Oath and Law.
6. HAVE FUN!

Using the tips outlined above, solve the word jumble below to discover what "ship" we are on and what "work" we are learning. Have FUN!

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2. \_ \_ [ ] [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ [ ] (CAPERAPITTI)
3. \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ (MP TREBOP)
4. [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (OJENY)
5. \_ \_ \_ \_ [ ] \_ \_ \_ \_ (LOWOLF)

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## Logo Reflects Uniqueness of Wood Badge 75

The unique elements of Wood Badge 75 are symbolized by the course logo.

The design begins with the Zia, representing the earth, the seasons, the day, and life. In addition, the Zia signifies the heritage of New Mexico.

"Philmont," "75," and "Wood Badge" are superimposed on the Zia to identify the course location and number.

The words below the Zia explain the vision of the course—to learn, live, and share the values and knowledge gained from being a part of Wood Badge 75.

The logo was designed by William Richardson and Tim Conard.