

The Gillwell Gazette



Course S6-556-11-1

March 2011

Welcome to Wood Badge !

The Schedule For Course S6-556-11-1 Weekend 1

Friday, April 1
7:00 a.m. Participant
Check-in Skymont
Scout Reservation

Sunday, April 3
6:00 p.m. Departure
home from Skymont

Interim Weeks

TBD– Patrol Meetings
to work on Patrol Pro-
jects

Weekend 2

Saturday, April 30
7:00 a.m. Participant
Check in Skymont
Scout Reservation

Monday, May 2
Departure home from
Skymont



Greetings and welcome to Gilwell Troop 1! In a few weeks you will be embarking on the best leadership course offered by the Boy Scouts of America. The skills that you learn during this course won't only benefit you and your Scouts, but also you in your interactions at work, in the community, and throughout the rest of life. The staff for S6-556-11-1 have spent much time preparing for the Course and are excited for your arrival at Skymont in a few weeks. To offer you the best experience possible, I ask a few things of you before the Course begins.

First, set aside any preconceived notions, ideals, rumors, or myths that you have heard about Wood Badge. The Course has changed much over the past few years. In addition, every year, the Course receives a review at a National level and tweaks are made from the suggestions submitted from reviews of previous courses. Given this feedback, the Course continues to be the best. Also, you should receive a call from a staff member of the current Wood Badge Course two to three weeks prior April 1st. He or she will be calling to answer any pertinent questions before the course starts. As a staff, we want to help

prepare you for the Course.

Second, set aside some time to thoroughly review and contemplate answers to the twenty questions sent to you by the Course Scribe. Thinking through these questions will aide you in mentally preparing for the Course and identifying the ways that you will be able to help your patrol. Further, you can find areas in which you wish to further develop your leadership skills. These answers may even help when you begin to write your Ticket. Besides these twenty questions, I want to add one more for you to answer before the course begins: **What is your PRIMARY position is Scouting?** I know we all wear many Scouting hats, but it will be important for you to pick the one with which you spend the most time.

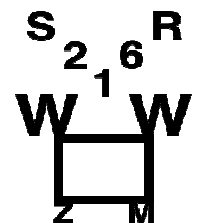
Third, please help the Scribe staff by submitting all required documentation in a timely fashion. This includes: health form (Parts A, B, & C of the newest form are required of all participants), request for any special dietary needs, request for any special accommodations due to disability, balance of any fees due, or general request for missing regis-

tration information.

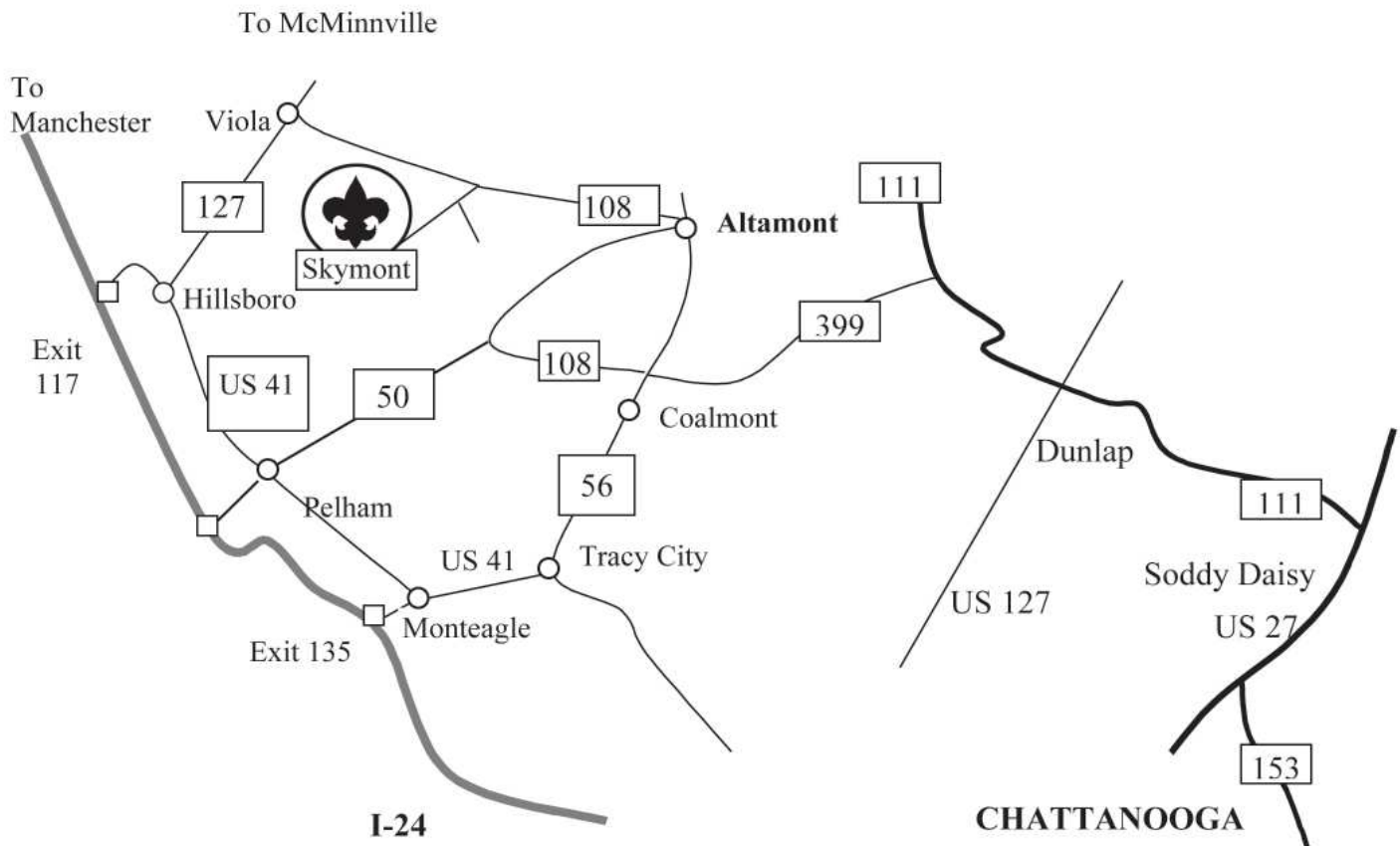
Prompt responses to the Scribe staff will help ensure we are best prepared to meet everyone's needs at the beginning of the Course.

Finally, prepare a positive attitude. Put together a sense of excitement and anticipation. Find a desire for learning. Reach inside yourself, discover your inner-child, and prepare for fun. S6-556-11-1 promises to be one of the best Wood Badge Courses ever held in Cherokee Area Council. I am excited to be working with you and hope you share in the same enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing you and meeting you as a Troop on Friday, April 1st at Skymont Scout Reservation. **Gates to the camp will open at 6:30 AM CST, with check-in at the Health Lodge building beginning at 7:00 AM CST and the actual start of the Course promptly at 8:00 AM.** See you at Gilwell!

Your Wood Badge Scout Master,
Zach McCarty



Map to Skymont



From Chattanooga: I-24 West to Exit 135 – Monteagle. Turn right and go approximately 1 mile, turn right onto US Hwy 41 to Tracy City. In Tracy City, turn left on Tennessee Hwy 56. Travel on TN Hwy 56 through Coalmont into Altamont. In Altamont, turn left on Tennessee Hwy 108 - N (Tri-County Bank and Skymont sign at this T-intersection). Go approximately 7 miles on TN Hwy 108 - N, turn left on Cabbage Patch Road at sign for Skymont Scout Reservation (small saw mill on right before turn). Bear right at fork, Skymont camp entrance about 3 miles on right.

From Nashville: I-24 East to Exit 117 (east of Manchester). Turn left and travel north on Arnold Center Road. At US Hwy 41 turn right and travel south to Hillsboro. Turn left on Tennessee Hwy 127. Travel north to Viola. In Viola, turn right on Tennessee Hwy 108 and travel east, going approximately 7 miles (drive up Cumberland Plateau). Turn right at sign for Skymont. Bear right at fork, Skymont camp entrance about 3 miles on right.

From Knoxville: I-40 West to Crossville Exit 322-Peavine Rd/TN 101. Turn left on TN 101 travel south to US 70. Turn right on US 70 and travel west. Turn left on US 127 and travel south to Dunlap. Turn right on TN 111 travel west to intersection of TN 399. Turn left on TN 399 travel west. At intersection of TN 399 and TN 108, turn right

on TN 108 traveling through Gruetli-Laager to intersection in Coalmont of TN 56 and TN 108. Turn right on TN

56 and travel to Altamont. See above for directions from Altamont to Skymont.



The “ticket” and pre-course assignment aid in focusing on goals

No doubt you've heard that, during the course, you'll be writing a “ticket” or set of goals with activities to support each goal.

These ticket items reflect your vision of what you wish to accomplish in your Scouting job in the 18 months following the completion of the course in May.

It's an opportunity for you to realize your vision by putting the skills you acquire into action. You'll

be amazed at what you will continue to accomplish long after the course is finished.

To help you identify your personal goals in Scouting, spend some quiet time reflecting on the “Twenty Questions” listed below.

The answers to these questions

are for you to use as a reference and are not to be shared with anyone else unless you choose to do so. Nevertheless, you will find it beneficial to write down your answers and bring them with you to Skymont.

Don't forget your Annual Health and Medical form and Questionnaire!

You'll learn more about your ticket during the first weekend of the course. For now, concentrate on the Twenty Questions.

TWENTY QUESTIONS

Here is your much awaited pre-course assignment. Please answer all twenty questions on a separate sheet of paper. Set aside time to think seriously about them. Answer the questions as fully and honestly as you can. Write down your answers, put them in an envelope and bring them with you to Wood Badge. 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.

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?

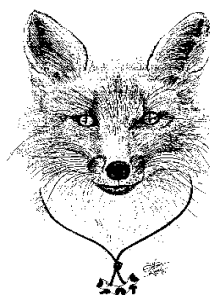
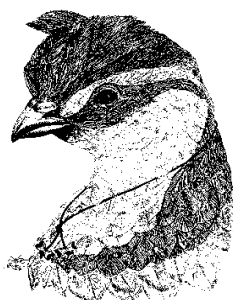
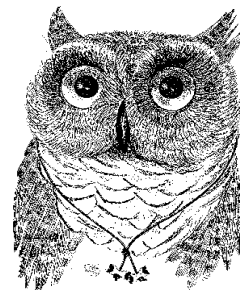
10. When I day-dream, what do I see myself doing?
11. What are the three or four most important things to me?
12. When I look at my work life, what activities do I consider of greatest worth?
13. What can I do best that would be of worth to others?
14. What talents do I have that no one else really knows 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?



Critter Corner

What Should My Totem Be??

Each patrol will choose a totem. A totem is a representation of you and your patrol. At the bottom of the Scoutmasters Letter on page 1 you can see Zach's totem. You can be as creative as you want with these. Have fun with them and make it unique to you and your patrol. Below are a few examples of past totems.

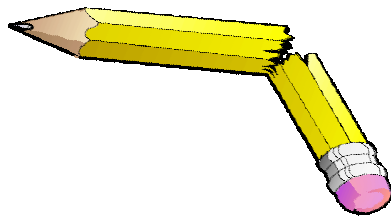


Wood Badge Fashion

To wear or not to wear, that is the question... During the Wood Badge course, please wear the *field uniform* of your position in Scouting. If you serve in more than one capacity (i.e. as both assistant Scoutmaster and Cubmaster) wear the uniform representing the position in which you are most active. Be sure to inspect your uniform before coming to the Wood Badge course and make any corrections. Should you have any questions, refer to the current BSA Insignia Guide. In addition to your official uniform, you may at times during the course wear an *activity uniform*. You will be provided a course hat, polo shirt and neckerchief. You may submit a request for an additional polo shirt. During the course, you will have the opportunity to purchase a course Wood Badge vest for and other Wood Badge related items like critter patches and belt buckles.

Wear the uniform completely and proudly!

Paper- work, Re- cords and Forms!!



Please double check and make sure ALL forms have been completed and turned in upon arrival at camp. Your medical form should be a complete form, A, B, & C and filled out by your physician. Don't forget your twenty questions!!!

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Required

Official Scout field uniform(s) for your current Scouting position (**Note:** A complete uniform includes the official shirt; shorts, long pants, skirt, or culottes; socks; and belt. A neckerchief and slide will be provided.)

Scout activity uniform(s) (Note: An activity uniform includes a course polo shirt (1 provided), Scout shorts, pants, skirt, or culottes, belt, and scout socks).

Health forms

Scout hat (provided)

Shoes or boots, closed toe and heel (not white, please)

Windbreaker or jacket

Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)

Underwear

Handkerchiefs

Sunscreen

Insect repellent

Sleeping bag

Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb

Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (no fixed-blade knives)

Medication in labeled containers

Toiletries

Towels and washcloths

Pens, pencils, pocket notebook

Canteen or water bottle

Handbook for your Scouting program

Daypack

Optional Items

Pillow

Change of shoes, and/or camp slippers

Shower footwear

Sunglasses

Religious book(s)

Book of camp songs, skits, etc.

Camera and film

Alarm Clock

How can I get more info about Wood Badge??

Log onto the website woodbadgecac.org, check us out on Facebook-Cherokee Area Council Wood Badge and Twitter-WoodBadge_CAC. Learn about the staff, see updates and more!!!