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Thought for the Day:

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit Flies like a banana.



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Boys Need Heroes Close By

I remember a Scoutmaster and a boy emerging from a secluded path of yellow pine and meeting with them as I proceeded along the trail in a Scout camp on the North Fork of the Stanislaus River. The Scoutmaster had his arm around the boy as they walked toward me, and I noticed that the boy's cheeks were stained with what seemed to me to be tracks of tears. I wondered about it.

The next day I saw the Scoutmaster, named John Gibson, and I was inquisitive enough to ask, "John, was the boy crying when I met you yesterday on the trail?" He looked at me for a minute and then said, "Yes, I suppose he had shed a tear or two." I asked gently, "Would you mind telling me the circumstances?" I was the camp director. It seemed a question I had a right to ask.

He said, "Oh" and chuckled a little bit. "He found a dollar bill that belonged to one of the other boys in the troop and had not returned it. I had spent a little time with him when we could be alone. It was after we had talked that you met us on the trail." He continued, "I try to find teaching moments. Sometimes they're contrived, but even so they often turn out worthwhile."

John was a great Scoutmaster. He had a waiting list of up to twenty boys wanting to join his troop, which was sponsored by a church in Berkely. He was adamant about his troop not becoming larger than four patrols. The following is a quote from Lord Baden-Powell on being a Scoutmaster:

The attitude of the Scoutmaster is of greatest importance, since his boys take their character very much from him; it is incumbent upon him, therefore, to take this wider view of his position than a merely personal

one, and to be prepared to sink his own feelings very much for the good of the whole. *Scouting for Boys*, p 307.

On this issue, President Kimball is quoted under a heading of "Boys Need Heroes Close By":

We are rearing a royal generation – thousands of whom sit with us here tonight – who have special things to do. We need to provide them with special experiences in studying the scriptures, in serving their neighbors and in being contributing and loving members of their families.

President Kimball goes on to quote from Walter MacPeck:

Boys need lots of heroes like Lincoln and Washington. But they also need to have some heroes close by. They need to know some man of towering strength and basic integrity, personally. They need to meet them on the street, to hike and camp with them, to see them in close-to-home, everyday, down-to-earth situations; to feel close enough to them to ask questions and to talk things over man-to-man with them. (Boys Need Heroes Close By, *Ensign*, May 1976, pp. 45,47)

As quoted in *On My Honor* by Thane J. Packer

Schedule—Day 4

	<u>Location</u>			<u>Location</u>
Weeklong Course		1:00	<i>Valuing People & Leveraging Diversity</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge
7:00 Breakfast/Assessments	Dining Lodge			
Weekend Course		2:15	<i>Problem Solving & Decision Making</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge
7:00 Arrival				
All Courses		2:45	<i>Problem Solving RR</i>	On Mountain
8:00 Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field	4:00	<i>Managing Conflict</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
8:30 Travel to overnight site	New Patrol Camp Sites	5:00	<i>Patrol Meeting</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
9:30 Outdoor Experience	Model Camp Site	6:00	<i>Dinner</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
10:30 <i>Leading Change</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge	7:30	<i>Diversity Game</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
11:30 Patrol Leaders Council	PLC Area	8:30	<i>Participant Campfire</i>	Ampitheater
Noon Lunch	Dining Lodge	9:30	<i>Patrol Cracker Barrel</i>	Patrol Camp Sites

A Scout is Trustworthy

I have been asked what I mean by word of honor. I will tell you. Place me behind prison walls – walls of stone ever so high, ever so thick, reaching ever so far into the ground – there is a possibility that in some way or another I may be able to escape; But stand me on the floor and draw a chalk line around me and have me give my word of honor never to cross it. Can I get out of that circle? No, never! I'd die first!

President Karl G. Maeser
Vital Quotations by Emerson Roy West p. 167

Today's Weather

There will be a dark and stormy night but the moon will rise full.



Schedule—Day 5

	<u>Location</u>			<u>Location</u>
7:00 Breakfast/Assessments	Dining Lodge	2:45	<i>Project Setup/Break</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge
8:00 Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field	3:15	<i>Project Session 2</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge
8:30 <i>Coaching & Mentoring</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge	4:30	<i>Ticket Review</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
9:30 Conservation Project	Conservation Site	5:30	<i>Dinner</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
11:30 <i>Self-Assessment</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge	7:00	<i>Patrol Mtg & Project Self Assessment</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
Noon Lunch & PLC	Dining Lodge			
1:00 Project Setup/Break	Troop Meeting Lodge	8:00	<i>Patrol Campfire & Cracker Barrel</i>	Patrol Camp Sites
1:30 Project Session 1	Troop Meeting Lodge			

Patrol News

Beaver

Day 3 for the Beavers was our best yet! The spirit of the beaver inspired our uplifting and momentous cheer:

The Spirit of the Beaver came to us last night.
He said, "don't you get it?" Then he showed us the light.
"I slap the water for everyone to hear.
I build the dam for the family so dear."

WE'RE THE BEAVERS AND WE GET IT – IT AINT
ABOUT ME!
WE'RE THE BEAVERS AND WE GOT IT – IT'S ALL
ABOUT WE!

Today the patrol really "Performed" as we worked together to build our presentation and to start to organize tomorrow's campfire. We look forward to an even better tomorrow.

Bobwhite

Business from the Bobwhites (Quail Quips):

Today we had the opportunity to be the service patrol. Boy did we eat well tonight! We enjoyed the free time to work on our patrol project as well as on our tickets. We're excited for tonight's feature film. We'd like to remind all the dominant predators to watch where they're going, we'd hate for them to step on a bobwhite! What a waste that would be! They're such good eatin'!

Eagle

One day I watched an Eagle soar straight down off a very high cliff. He flew straight to the water below with his talons outstretched and grabbed a huge fish out of the water without even getting wet. He then returned to his nest on the cliff above. It was magnificent.

We, as the EAGLES, plan on following this example by sharply focusing on the most important things in life and then flying straight to the task and accomplishing them.

Fox

The third day

The foxes were in charge of the flag ceremony where every one was treated to a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by John Jay on the trumpet. We spent the rest of the day continuing to learn to be better leaders and growing together as a patrol. We finished up our project and are working hard on our tickets. Today was the best day yet.

Owl

Owls know how to build a nest quick as witnessed in the domination of the tent set-up contest. We look forward to the big move today and will NOT be helping others with their tent set-up, unless they need it.

John, Lareen, Dave, Bill and Jesse have been forming well. We have found a way to let our talents shine. Bill's backpack has saved the day several times. Lareen has been a rose among a patrol of thorns, keeping the jokes clean. Dave is the calm wisdom that exemplifies the W in OWL. John is friendly and brings us all together with his jovial attitude. Jesse likes to sit back and enjoy it all.

Most of us are finishing our tickets and look forward to the rest of the activities of this week. If you have read this all you are one dedicated reader. Once you finish reading this see Nate from the Bear patrol for a special treat!

Bear

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Oh! You guys don't speak Bear. Just to let you know it's really hard to type with these claws.

Day 2 was a learning experience for us. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Truly, were all growing individually, as a patrol, but most of all as a Troop.

Life teaches us many lessons. It can happen in our homes, our work, our church, and yes even the best place for this week

WOODBADGE!!! GROWL!!!

Well, my tummy is growling. I better go get something to eat. Don't worry it won't be any of you.

PS: All of you guys and gals were AWESOME at the tent set up and tear down competition.

Buffalo

There are many who say that you can smell and hear buffalo long before you see them. And frequently we are known for leaving traces of our presence wherever we have been. We hope that has not been the case with our herd.

Typically, buffalo are pretty territorial about their range but this herd has learned the benefits of being in close association with other animals. Each of you has contributed to helping us to learn, to grow and to become better individuals. Thank you.

Antelope

We have had a good day at Wood Badge. As a patrol we are working on our projects and make progress. Wayne became our patrol leader for today, and has guided us to a victorious day. We are starting to catch the vision of scouting. Thank to Blaine for drawing up our totems they look great. Just remember one thing about Antelope we're FAST and SMART so try to keep up.

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Gazette Challenge Answers

Here are the correct answers from *Scouting Magazine* March-April 2001 Scoutmasters pullout section:

1. **Bug repellent** — In early summer, the bugs can be so fierce as to drive people mad or bite them so badly that their eyes become swollen shut.
2. **Four sleeping bags** — Full rest and warmth are essential to survival. This is listed before food because humans can live 30 days on stored fat.
3. **Tub of peanut butter** — Each tablespoon of peanut butter contains 100 calories and is high in protein.
4. **10-lb. Cheese wheel** — Cheese provides calcium, fat, and is an easily digestible source of protein.
5. **Steak** — This is a good morale booster, semiperishable, and should be eaten promptly as it is mostly protein.
6. **Transistor radio** (lightweight) — Tune in for radio programs about a search for them or weather forecasts. This is a good morale booster.
7. **Kidney-liver cat food.** — This is a valuable, if somewhat unappetizing, source of protein and fat. Protein lasts longer than any other nutrient in providing energy.
8. **Matches** — Fire might be necessary to dry wet gear, boost morale, make a signal fire, an prevent hypothermia. It could also be used to keep animals away.
9. **10-lb. Tent** — This can be rigged as a place to keep warm and dry

or to keep out bugs and to carry equipment in.

10. **Sheath knife** — This could be useful for preparing any captured animals, such as frogs, or cutting string, cheese, a pole, etc.
11. **Hook and line** — This could be used to provide a supplementary source of food. Or the line could be used for tying up supplies, etc.
12. **Wool sweaters** — This could provide lightweight warmth, wet or dry.
13. **First aid kit** — Adhesive bandages, aspirin, and petroleum jelly would be useful for minor injuries.
14. **Instant breakfast** — This is a lightweight source of vitamins and protein.
15. **Map** — An auto map could be useful for sighting major landmarks like lakes, rivers, etc.

There is an interesting note on each of the items not taken. Check it out in *Scouting Magazine*.

The Quartermasters have some cookies for winning



Joke of the Day

I took my scouts fishing last week. Instead of fishing line, one scout brought a dotted line. He caught every other fish.