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The Scout's Oath in Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys, 1908

“On my honour I promise that —

1. I will do my duty to God and the King.
2. I will do my best to help others, whatever it costs me.
3. I know the scout law, and will obey it.”



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The Siege of Mafeking and the African Seeds of Scouting

Warner Goodman was 12 years old when the shadow of a Siege with all its hardships fell upon him, his family and the citizens of Mafeking. But he was such an efficient, courageous boy that it was not long before the great Colonel Baden-Powell, the gallant Commander in charge of the invested town, recognized the excellent “Scout Leader” qualities of this youngster. Young Warner showed all the characteristics of a good “Scout”; Loyalty, Unselfishness, Enthusiasm, Inventiveness and Courage.



To tell the truth, Goodyear and his gang of boys were about the only ones who treated the Siege more as a game. As one of these Scouts once wrote to me: They were full of playful nonsense and just loved the excitement of doing errands and other duties while shells were whistling around.

Nonetheless, they took their responsibilities seriously, doing “good deeds”, not every day, but every moment, and executing “man-sized jobs” under the most dangerous conditions. They were the true protagonists, the “kernel”, of the future world-wide movement of Boy Scouts.

THE FORMATION OF THE CADET CORPS

When the Boer forces started to surround Mafeking and an attack on the town was imminent, Baden-Powell mustered all the available manpower to take up the stand.

Alas, there was only a small handful to with-

stand the large Boer forces. Altogether 700 trained men, police, and volunteers could be placed by Baden-Powell at strategical Outposts and Forts at the surrounding flat outskirts of the town.

The whole place of Mafeking to be defended was about 5 miles around and contained 600 white women and roughly 700 Natives. Gradually, the man-power position got even worse, some of the men getting killed, many others wounded. The duties of fighting and keeping night-watch on lookouts became harder for the rest.

THIS IS WHERE THE BOYS CAME IN

At Baden-Powell’s instigation, his Chief Staff Officer Major Lord Edward Cecil, got together all boys of the place, from 9 years upward, and formed them into a cadet corps.

Now their exuberant activity could be harnessed into some useful duties which so far had been carried out by men: Delivering military orders and messages from and to the Forts, keeping look-out, acting as orderlies, and delivering civilian mail among the population. Letter-writing was the only means of communication among the poor Mafekingians.

The boys were put into Khaki Uniform, and wore either a forage cap or a “smasher” hat and a yellow “pugaree.” The hat was not unlike the Boy Scout’s hat worn today, but it was usually turned up on one side. Boys who

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Schedule—Day 2

	<u>Location</u>		<u>Location</u>
7:00	Breakfast/Assessments Dining Lodge	1:30	<i>Communication</i> Patrol Site
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly Gilwell Field	2:30	<i>Project Planning</i> Troop Meeting Area
8:30	Troop Meeting Troop Meeting Lodge	3:30	<i>Rockets (Competition)</i> Launch Area
10:30	<i>Inclusiveness</i> Troop Meeting Lodge	5:00	Patrol Meeting Patrol Site
11:00	<i>Team Development</i> Troop Meeting Lodge	6:00	Dinner Dining Lodge
Noon	Lunch Dining Lodge	7:00	WB Game Show Troop Meeting Lodge
1:00	Patrol Leaders Council PLC Area	8:00	Win All <i>You Can Game</i> Troop Meeting Lodge
	Chaplain Aide Meeting Ampitheater	9:00	Cracker Barrel Lodge

Patrol Duty Roster

	<u>Service Patrol</u>	<u>Program Patrol</u>
Day 1	Antelope	Owl
Day 2	Bear	Fox
Day 3	Bobwhite	Buffalo
Day 4	Eagle	Beaver
Day 5	Fox	Bear
Day 6	Owl	Antelope



Weather Forecast
The Sun will rise in the East and
set in the West whether we see
it or not.

Schedule—Day 3

	<u>Location</u>		<u>Location</u>
7:00	Breakfast/Assessments Dining Lodge	2:30	Patrol Mtg/Exhibit Patrol Site
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly Gilwell Field	5:00	Ticket Development/ Patrol Site
8:30	Interfaith Service TBA		Free Time
9:30	Troop Meeting Troop Meeting Lodge	6:00	Dinner Dining Lodge
11:00	<i>Leading EDGE™ / Teaching EDGE™</i> Troop Meeting Lodge	7:00	<i>October Sky</i> Troop Meeting Lodge
Noon	Lunch Dining Lodge	9:00	Cracker Barrel TBA
1:00	Patrol Leaders Council PLC Area		
1:30	<i>Conservation Proj. Plan</i> Troop Meeting Lodge		

Patrol News

Beaver

BEAVERS...are true engineers and teachers of mind over matter capable of any feat. The weather was no deterrent to the might of a patrol that swam through the first day of Wood Badge going on to Win in spectacular fashion the coveted Puzzle contest. Onward to day two!

Bobwhite

Quips from the Quails:

As the Bobwhite/Quail patrol, we're proud to be quail. We may not be large or a mighty predator but we're proud to be represented by a mascot through which the Lord has worked miracles, for through the sacrifice of many quail, the Lord sustained His people in their trials in the wilderness. When the children of Israel or the saints from Nauvoo we're starving, what did the Lord send? Quail. We hope our wood badge experience will help us better sacrifice ourselves as bobwhite quail to improve the lives of the boys in our wards and stakes. Go bobwhites!

Eagle

The Eagle patrol is excited by what we learned today about having a vision for our Scouting positions. The presentation on listening was insightful as well. We have a huge responsibility to the scouts we serve and are confident this week is going to help us serve them.

Fox

Fox Patrol Monday

Today has been a good day for the Fox patrol. We started out as the Pigs, so we are pleased with our new patrol name. Our patrol is becoming more acquainted with each other and we are learning from each other. Already we have gained additional insight into our respective responsibilities and hope that we can return to our units with a greater capacity to help our youth. We are happy to be here and eager to continue learning about how we can better fulfill and magnify our responsibilities as leaders of young men.

Owl

Day One with the Owls

First we were the Mighty Ducks or quacks I'm not sure. When we graduated from Cubs we were welcomed into scouts and became the Owls. In our first patrol meeting we voted on our patrol leader or quack pot. John from Lehi was the best quack for the job. He is in the stake young men's presidency. Bill from Price has served our country for 25 years and has been in scouting since his now 18 year old entered cub scouting at 8 years. Justin was taken from our group just as we were getting to like him. Dave from Price is

the second councilor in his stake young men's presidency. He is a father of all boys and is looking forward to many years in scouting. Jesse from Payson is a Young men's president for the 3rd time. Lareen from Lehi is a merit badge counselor and Young Women's president. We enjoyed getting to know each other today and we are looking forward to a great week together.

Bear

Just a note from the Bear Patrol "we came we saw we growled we left a little scat.

Today we elected Sgt. Shane Lee as our patrol leader. Later we look forward to hibernation

P.S. hide all your snacks in bear proof containers

Buffalo

Home, home on the range. Where the Buffalo stampede on their way.

Where seldom is heard because of the rumbling of our herd, We are ready for our goals we have made.

Our Totem is ready, new friendships been made,
Our heads are held high, so let the buffalo chips fly,
As we make our home here on the range.

The Buffalos

Antelope

Antelope Patrol, Monday, June 1, 2009

Our patrol is well organized, however we did loose one member to an accident. There is a great spirit in the patrol and we are excited and looking forward to the week's experience to learn more that we can do to help the young men along their scouting trail. We have a great troop guide with Jared who is very understanding with our sometimes lack of knowledge and is more than willing to help us in our wood badge course. We are looking forward to the days ahead and the learning experience that we will have. It is great being associated with people who truly have an interest in the outcome and expectations that we all face as we return to our respective assignments.



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Ticket Writing Key Concepts

- The ticket was created to help you realize your personal vision of your role in Scouting. Ideally, you write your ticket on your primary Scouting Role.
- Your ticket consists of three parts:
 1. A description of your Scouting role
 2. A statement of your vision of success
 3. A plan of action composed of five significant goals that can be attained within 18 months.
- You are not expected to realize your vision immediately upon completing your five goals; reaching the goals is merely a kick-start to a long-term work in progress.
- No minimum time requirement has been established with respect to completion of a Wood Badge ticket. However, many years of experience indicate that completion of a Wood Badge ticket should require at least 6 months of continuous effort. Ideally, you will complete the five goals between 6 and 12 months.
- You have room for creativity; your ticket will not look exactly alike another's. It is assumed that you will pattern your goals to use more or all of the skills you will learn during the course. It may be helpful to list corresponding skills next to each goal. It is not required to incorporate any designated number of skills. However, at least one goal must address increasing diversity in the BSA. Possibilities include goals that promote diversity in units, districts, and/or councils that encourage a more diverse BSA membership; or that help the youth better understand the nature and importance of diversity in Scouting and in America. (This will be discussed in detail on Day Four during the presentation "*Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity*".)
- The goals will be written (using the *Wood Badge Ticket Work Sheets* in your notebook) in support of your current Scouting responsibilities and should be designed to provide maximum positive impact for youth membership. The ticket should be meaningful and should enable you to practice the skills learn in this course.
- Each goal should be "SMART" and address "who, what, where, when, why, how measured, and how verified" (as listed on the work sheets).

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were appointed messengers or postmen received a dispatch pouch. None of the boys were armed.

DRILLING AND SCOUTING

The corps drilled regularly under Major Lord Edward Cecil. Warner Goodyear was made their leader and appointed a Sergeant-Major. The boys were a smart bunch and kept proud bearing at all times, fully conscious of their responsibility and importance.

Baden-Powell frequently watched the drilling with great satisfaction and asked himself: Why cannot all boys be like that? That and there he made his resolution to form a civilian corps of Scouts on similar lines as soon as the war was over. B-P himself taught the boys woodwork, camping and hiking whenever he could manage.

THE POSTAL SERVICE

The majority of the boys, however, became mail carriers. This local mail service, as already stated, was of great importance for everybody, as at most times it was the only means of communication between relatives, friends, etc., to tell each other that they were still "alive and kicking." It kept up the morale of the fighting men and the population and helped winning though gloriously against heavy odds.

The postage revenue thus obtained served to pay for the upkeep of the donkeys the cadet boys rode to deliver mail, for the purchase of Bicycles and their repairs, for boxes, bags and other running expenses.

WARNER GOODYEAR POSES FOR THE STAMP DESIGN

The Bicycle, in fact, became the symbol of the Mafeking Cadet Corps, and when Warner Goodyear was unanimously considered as the obvious choice to be immortalized on the Id. stamp, his Bicycle certainly had to appear on it, too.

Warner Goodyear was chosen as a worthy stamp subject representing all those brave boys under him, and a photograph had to be taken of him in preparation for the stamp design.

After the siege ended, the boys of school age returned to school and formed the School Cadets. The older boys joined the Bechuanaland Rifles. All of them, however, kept together, and calling themselves "The Scouts", went out camping and scouting whenever the opportunity offered.

B-P returned to England in 1903, becoming Inspector-General of the Calvary, and after two years Commander of a northern Territorial Division. During that command, he started the Boy Scout movement.

The first Boy Scout, Warner Goodyear, however, died in 1913 at the early age of 26.