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Tidbit of info.

When the Color Guard says two at flag ceremonies, it means to go to position two. Position one is at attention and saluting with position two being at attention with hands at sides.



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A Brief History of the Boy Scout Uniform

The very first Scout Uniform was modeled on a uniform used by the South African Constabulary. After the siege of Mafeking and the end of the Anglo-Boer War, Britain had control of the former Boer republics of Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The South African Constabulary was established to be a peace-time army, somewhere between a police and a military force, to pacify the former republics which were now part of a united South Africa under British rule.

Baden-Powell was put in charge of the South African Constabulary, as a leader with exceptional ability to organize the force from scratch in a short time. He quickly recruited a force from the two British colonies, the Cape and Natal, which were now part of the Union of South Africa. He also recruited officers and men from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India and Ceylon, England and Ireland.

B-P himself designed the uniform: an informal khaki shirt and his favourite 'Boss of the Plains' broad-rimmed hat. It was less formal and more practical than the army uniform. B-P had always preferred comfortable frontier clothes.

Later when he established Scouting for boys, B-P used a very similar uniform, with khaki shirt and shorts, a scarf, and the famous broad-brimmed hat.

The original colours of the Scout emblem – gold on green – also came from the colours of the Transvaal.

The Kudu Horn and the Matabele

The kudu is one of the largest and most beautiful antelope in Africa. It is also the origin of an obscure tradition Scouting: all over the world, the elegant spiral horns of the kudu, hollowed out as a wind instrument, are used as signal horns to call Scout camps and training courses together.

In the 1890s, Baden-Powell fought in the Matabele campaign in what is now Zimbabwe. The Matabele warriors had a unique method of military signaling, using the deep note of the kudu horn to carry coded signals over long distances. After the campaign, B-P took one of these horns home as a trophy – the horn had belonged to the Matabele officer Siginyamatshe.

The Kudu Horn and Scouting

At the Brownsea Island camp in 1907, the first Scouts were woken every morning by the sound of B-P's kudu horn. B-P had brought together some of his favourite military trophies to inspire the boys. He was a master storyteller and never missed the chance to remind Scouts of the heroic frontier exploits he was famous for.

The Brownsea Camp led on to the birth of the Scout movement, and later B-P gave his kudu horn to the new Scoutmaster training ground, Gilwell Park outside London.

In 1929, the 21st birthday of Scouting was celebrated in a World Jamboree at Arrowe Park. Baden-Powell used the same kudu horn to call the Jamboree together. Today many Scout camps and training grounds around the world still use the kudu horn to signal to Scouts and campers.

Schedule—Day 3

		<u>Location</u>			<u>Location</u>
7:00	Breakfast/Assessments	Dining Lodge	1:30	<i>Conservation Proj. Plan</i>	Troop Meeting Lodge
8:00	Gilwell Field Assembly	Gilwell Field	2:30	Patrol Mtg/Exhibit	Patrol Site
8:30	Interfaith Service	Ampitheater	5:00	Ticket Development/ Free Time	Patrol Site
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 Hall
Noon	Lunch	Dining Lodge	9:00	Cracker Barrel	Dining Lodge
1:00	Patrol Leaders Council	PLC Area			

Many have asked where to get the water bottle launchers. A website that contains quite a bit of information about the subject is at:

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~rockets/>.

The launcher comes in two varieties, with or without the pressure gauge. Prices can be found online at the website listed above.



Schedule—Day 4

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

Patrol News

Beaver

Day 2 with the Beavers:

Nothin' at all wrong with today! Good friends, beautiful view of the lake, cool June day, great games and plenty of wonderful food...How many of our friends/family at home are having anything close to that kind of a day?! The Beavers have Formed, (skipped the Storm), Normed and Performed already and don't plan on looking back...except maybe to cheer the rest of the patrols on.

Bobwhite

Business from the Bobwhites:

We had a great day today full of learning and fun. We've started to gel and have realized that we work well as a team in both generating ideas as well as carrying them out. We felt great teamwork and problem solving as we zulu-tossed 6 tennis balls. The Bobwhite rocket was the first to stick a landing and the only rocket to be timed based on only the "thud." We got our exercise in today walking about 430 feet to the metal row boat near the lake to retrieve our rocket in order to not "Leave a Trace." We're excited to continue to create stronger bonds between ourselves as bobwhites. We also look forward to the further instruction on how to be better leaders and people as individuals. Bob-bob-bob, bob-bob-a-whites! Be Eggcellent!

Eagle

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Day two was great. We played a lot of team games, the stove game was fun, we did it the fastest at 8.2 sec. Our patrol works very well together and we have a lot of fun, we made our totems and planed our cheer. Delton is a great troop guide and friend.

Fox

FOXES -- DAY #2

Day two saw those sly and deft foxes start with a record setting Zulu Toss of 8 balls in the air among their 5 members. Exemplifying inclusiveness, team development, communication in project planning and all activities this patrol is functioning at the performance level. They are committed individually and collectively to serving and getting the most out of the Wood Badge experience.

Owl

The view from above – OWLS!!!
June 2, 2009

Today has been a growing experience for all of us in the OWL patrol. We had the sacred opportunity this morning of performing the flag ceremony and it was a neat experience for

all and the first time for some of us to ever participate in the posting of the colors. Bill did a great job calling it out and the rest of the patrol fell in line. Jesse has been a valiant patrol leader and taught us well in the candy toss game of how to not dominate the activity as a leader. We worked well together tossing the tennis balls and really came together as a team. We are all scratching our heads over our tickets but our totems are finishing off nicely. We have cut an OWL shape out of leather and written in the saying O – Observant W – Wise L – Leader. We can't wait for Wednesday.

Bear

GROWL THE BEARS are in the house ok so we have learned that hand coordination is not one of our great strengths, hey we did take third place in the stove contest to which I might add we had no practice as we sat and watched the foxes perfect the art. Today we learned about Unity and how to promote unity in our troop. we are the bears we are unified plus hey we are having a blast whoahh.....the Bears p.s. hide your snacks the bears are on patrol

Buffalo

The Native Americans have long since revered the buffalo as good medicine. They follow the buffalo from range to range. As in times of the Native Americans the medicine of the buffalo came in small numbers. The buffalo may not come in first, however they are always sought after. FOLLOW US!

Antelope

Antelope:

We had lots of fun with the competitions and activities that were held our second day. According to our records we won them all. I know there are some who thought they won, but you didn't. We just didn't have the heart to burst your bubble.

Totally Serious, The Antelope.

P.S. They are not horns, there called Antlers.



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Gazette Competition

The patrol that comes closest to the correct answers to the following will receive a prize.

The situation: On vacation in July, you and your family have been traveling through the wilderness of Utah in a pickup camper. In a blinding rainstorm more than 150 miles over a maze of truck routes into the wilderness. The camper has run out of gas and now you, your spouse, a 12 year-old son, a 10 year-old daughter, , a 6 year-old son, and the family cat are lost.

After a family conference, you decide it is not wise to split up. You are going to try to walk back together. You are pretty sure that if you pace yourselves, you can cover about 15 miles a day. Because of a fuel shortage, there are no helicopters or jeeps patrolling the area, and you have seen no other cars or houses.

The family is dressed in lightweight summer clothing, and everyone is wearing sneakers. Temperatures at night dip into the low 40's It is also bug season. As you look around, you find the following items in the camper, some of which might be useful.

The Task: You must choose, and put in priority order, the 15 most important items for survival in this situation. The other 15 may be eliminated. Rank the items on below in order of importance.

(from Scouting Magazine)

Fishing gear,
\$500.00 in traveler's checks, .
44 Magnum handgun and ammunition,
Four Dacron-filled sleeping bags,
5-gallon jug of water,
Instant breakfast (three boxes),
House and RV keys,
Cigarettes,
Coleman camp stove (two-burner),
family tent (10 lbs),
Snakebite kit, alarm clock,
five cans of kidney-liver cat food,
5-lb tub of peanut butter,
bathing suits,
inflatable rubber raft (two pieces, total of 20 lbs),
10-lb cheese wheel,
transistor radio,
6-foot tent pole,
sheath knife,
wool sweater for all,
raft paddles,
paperback books,
first-aid kit, matches,
steak (3-lbs),
marshmallows (4 bags),
bug repellent,
walkie-talkie radio,
road map of Utah.

