



Bay Area Council Gilwell Gazette



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Upcoming Dates of Importance

Registration Deadline:

January 30, 2015

1st Weekend of Course:

March 6-8, 2015

2nd Weekend of Course:

March 27-29, 2015

FYI each weekends begin 7:00 AM on the Friday and finishes up late in the afternoon on that Sunday.

Course Contact Information

Course Director: Dave Barker at bark-erscout1@gmail.com or 713-851-9547

Course Advisor: Diana Marsh at diana.marsh@scouting.org or 979-345-3964

Course News

Bay Area Council's Wood Badge Course S3-574-15 continues evolving with Staffers last meeting on Saturday December 13th 2014.

While there Staffers went over all components of the upcoming BAC Wood Badge Course S3-574-15 making assignments and filling in details about things needed to make the course a SUCCESS.

Our next staff meeting will be at Camp Karankawa on Friday January 16th and Saturday January 17th 2015 to continue course development and tweaking.

Recruiting is well underway and **NOW** we need to work at filling all eight Patrols for "our Wood Badge Course" . . .to this end we ask that you sign up and "share the wealth" and help other to join us in Wood Badge S3-574-15.

The staff looks forward to see you all at S3-574-15!

We ASK that you and a freind. . .



Registration link:

<http://www.bacbsa.org/event/wood-badge-registration-2015/1550189>



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Wood Badge Trivia

Did you know at one time there was a "Walking Wood Badge Course" offered at Philmont?

Did you know that in some Wood Badge Courses there have been Ravens, Crows, Wolves?

Did you know that each piece of the Wood Badge insignia, the Beads, Bootlace, Scarf and Woggle has it's own story to tell?

The Beads



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The symbols of Wood Badge - ax and log, beads, tartan neckerchief, kudu horn, Gilwell Field - remind us that many have come before us.

A History of Wood Badge in the United States . . .

Wood Badge has a long and storied history since the first course was held at Gilwell Park in England in July 1919. In 1936 Wood Badge come to the United States and two courses were held and while these two experimental courses were a success, World War II intervened, and Wood Badge did not return to the US until 1948.

More information on the history of Wood Badge can be found at:

<http://www.pinetreeweb.com/woodbadg.htm>

