

To all Wood Badge C-05-09 Participants and Staff:

Hello, everyone! Summer has turned to autumn and the weather is starting to turn breezy and cool. I like to take my two dogs for a walk every evening, and tonight we had the park to ourselves. We enjoyed it.

We had a fantastic first Wood Badge weekend! I appreciate the hard work and energy that the staff provided. I also appreciate the enthusiasm and positive energy the participants contributed. As we said, this is your course, and it's what you make of it. We're off to a great start!

Next weekend: A couple of notes.

First, Gilwell Field Assembly is at 8:00 am sharp Friday morning, October 2, 2009. (We are on Wood Badge time!)

Second, you may bring any patrol **food items** that you want the Quartermasters to store to the Dining Hall starting at **7:00 am**. Please have it packed and sorted by meal, and labeled by meal and by patrol. (Example: a box labeled **Bear Patrol - Saturday Breakfast**)

Third, you may place your **patrol gear**, for the Quartermasters to transport, in front of the Director's Lodge (or if weather is an issue, we will use the Director's Lodge porch or Quartermaster building, also starting at **7:00 am**).

Important Note! Watch the weather. I am sure it will change before the weekend gets here, but right now Mr. Weather Rock is forecasting 40% chance of rain on Friday and Saturday, with highs in the mid to upper 50s. **Dress for the weather.** Please bring rain gear, shoes or boots that are water-proof, extra socks and remember to dress in layers. It is much better to wear three or four layers (one at your skin to wick moisture away, one or two insulating layers, preferably fleece or wool, and one wind/water resistant or waterproof layer) than one big parka. (Your uniform needs to be in there somewhere – this is Wood Badge!) Same with sleeping items – make sure you have a pad or cot to lift you off of the ground, and if you don't have a sleeping bag that is rated down to 20 or 30 degrees, bring a wool blanket or other layer to throw on top. I might suggest a sheet of plastic to put on the floor of your tent, unless you are absolutely sure your tent doesn't leak. A stocking hat and light gloves/mittens also make sleeping a little warmer.

If you don't have suitable rain gear or sleeping gear, let me or another staff member know soon and we will provide it for you. The staff can locate what might be needed, so don't spend money on something you might only use this one time. Also, check with other leaders in your units – they might have gear you can borrow.

And finally, the Patrol Project: The Staff set a high mark with their project, thanks to the Troop Guides, and I know each and every patrol will meet or exceed expectations. Use your resources, be creative and have fun!

I am looking forward to the weekend! I hope you are too.

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