



# GILWELL GAZETTE

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## MUSKINGUM VALLEY COUNCIL

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## Gearing up for this weekend

After the heat of the last weekend, we are preparing for a spectacular chilly 2nd weekend. Never know what the weather rock will tell us. We will not stop no matter what may come. Why do we do this? Maybe this explains it.

A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean. "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" he asks. "Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them further in they will die." "But, old man, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it! You can't possibly save them all, you can't even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won't make any difference at all."

The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and threw it into the sea. "It made a difference to that one."

### Be Prepared

As you prepare those last minutes before leaving, make a list so you don't forget something. What should you have on that list;

- Is your patrol project almost done?
- How's the menu (you remembered to expect staff for the meals right)?
- When is the patrol purchasing the food?
- When should you leave to arrive Saturday at 7:15am?
- Did the scribe email an article to woodbadge467@gmail.com for the Saturday Gazette?
- How is your ticket coming? Have you talked with your troop guide about it?

### Second Weekend Notes

Plan on being at Camp by 7:15 AM on September 24th, you will need to sort patrol gear.

Bring work clothes for Conservation Project.

Campfire Saturday night, Be Prepared!

At the closing banquet on Monday, each **Patrol** will be allowed **two minutes** to speak about the course or something that had an impact during course.



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### DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Hello Troop 1!

The time has come to assemble for our outdoor experience! Hopefully your patrols are ready for a great outdoor experience! I am really looking forward to our time together and I look forward to seeing what your patrols have come up with for your patrol projects! Hopefully the process for writing your tickets has not been too stressful! If you have received feedback from your troop guides, remember 2 things; Feedback is a gift, and your guide is only trying to make sure you will be successful when you go to work your ticket. Last course had a large number of people who did not complete their ticket and the goal of this course is that when everyone leaves on Day 6, you will have a ticket that is fully workable with no foreseeable road blocks to success.

During this weekend, you will have more time to interact as a patrol and the schedule, though still quite full, should seem much less hectic. Enjoy the time with your patrols and during the weekend, please think of any questions you may have about any of the material that has been presented. If you have any questions about why something was done a certain way, don't hesitate to ask! This weekend should be a tremendous amount of fun with several fantastic presentations happening!

Back to Gilwell,  
Chip Udischas

### SPL MESSAGE



Greetings Everyone! Welcome back to Gilwell! I hope you've had a good month and have had a chance to make everything ready for the second half of our course. The staff's mid course meeting went well as I hope yours did too. Activities and presentations pick up right where they left off so no time to lose; right from the opening Gilwell assembly we have plenty to fill up our days. Remember that your course staff is here to help you however they can. Being on outpost this weekend, you may find yourself in need of something forgotten or help with a small problem. Quartermasters can get stuff, Guides can help with tickets and other issues, the rest of the staff is ready to do whatever they can. We want you to have a great course!



"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond."

*Baden Powell of Gilwell*