Good morning! Welcome to our 2nd Annual Wood Badge / National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Scholarship Breakfast held by the Lake Erie Council. We wish to thank all the generous sponsors who have contributed items to the auction, the breakfast committee that has organized this event, and all who have joined this event to share food and fellowship this morning.

We extend a special welcome to the participants and staff of our one Wood Badge course and the two NYLT courses held by the Lake Erie Council in 2018. In addition, we thank those present that will be staffing the Wood Badge and NYLT courses scheduled for 2019 and encourage those considering Wood Badge and NYLT to register and join the courses later this year. Every unit deserves trained leaders!

In 2018, we had 51 Participants take our Wood Badge Course C4-440-18-1 in August 2018 at Firelands Scout Reservation. We had 96 Participants who took our two NYLT courses in June 2018 at Camp Stigwandish.

One hundred per cent of the net proceeds from today’s event go directly to the Wood Badge / NYLT Scholarship Fund, which is the sole source of scholarships available to participants and staff on Wood Badge and NYLT courses. In 2018, net proceeds from the breakfast provided $6,410 to assist 25 adults to attend or staff Wood Badge and 29 youth to attend NYLT. Thank you for your generosity!

Please provide feedback on this year’s breakfast as planning will soon be underway for next year’s breakfast, including the location, menu, program and auction. If you have ideas and/or would like to be part of the Breakfast Committee, please contact Wood Badge/NYLT Breakfast Committee Chairman Linda Gray at Lmgray55@gmail.com. Your support is appreciated and remember to come “Back to Gilwell!”

Visit the Website at https://lecbsa.org/advanced-trainings/ for more information.

*LEC Scholarships are only available to LEC scouters attending an LEC course.
Eagles have been keeping in touch with each other through texts and phone calls. We wanted to share our progress in hopes of keeping everyone motivated and focused.

Congratulations to Ashley for finishing two of her goals already, and another one will be finished after winter events. She also got asked to staff a weekend with Lake Erie SM training next year! Chris has also finished one of his goals, which was starting a food dive for homeless Veterans. The eagle patrol is flying high and preying on a feast of woodbadge tickets! We are flying in a tight formation as we take down our woodbadge tickets one by one. Several members of our flock have just a couple goals left. Although eagles are known to target prey considerably heavier than themselves, our members have been prudent in their goals and attacking them with a vengeance. Looking forward to catching up with all our fellow woodbadge critters!

Don't quack like a duck, soar like an eagle.” - Ken Blanchard
Greetings fellow Woodbadgers! It seems both so long ago and also just like yesterday that we were all on Gilwell together. Hopefully, our time part has found everyone well. There have been some awesome collaborations between some of the different critters recently. Three owls, a fox, and an antelope helped to kickoff the start of the Great Scout Luncheon in November. Also, if you listen closely to the Lake Erie Council's Holiday video you will hear three owls, a beaver, with some help from our Director of Camping Services. Let's all keep working together to keep the spirit of Gilwell Field alive and the Scouting movement growing! Now go and work your ticket if you can!!

Happy New Year Fellow Wood Badgers! The Fox Patrol has been busy with our families and units making the most of fall recruitment and working our tickets.

Dyanna and Chris have been working with district executive Kyndl Oliver as unit commissioners. They helped with recharter and are working to make their own units and other units in Area 3 the best they can be,

Greg ran the branding station again at Cub Haunted this year sharing his expertise with hundreds of scouts.

Terry has about half his ticket completed and has been a busy Fox remodeling his kitchen.

Erica has also been a busy Fox with our Council Exploring program. You can check out her adventures on the View From The Office Facebook page.

Dan has finished all 5 of his tickets! Way to go Dan!

Kevin has three ticket items done and have the last two scheduled. His pack has been busy with recruitment, campouts, numerous outings/activities.

The Quick and Clever Foxes want to wish everyone a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!!
NATIONAL YOUTH LEadership Training

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program that centers on the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. Through activities, presentations, challenges, and discussions, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.
2018 NYLT STAFF

NYLT Course Director  
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Apollo Scoutmaster  
Keith Swauger

Orion Scoutmaster  
Chip Reed

Apollo Youth Course Director/SPL  
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Ethan Ventling

Apollo Assistant SPL - Service  
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Kyle Vasil
During 2018, we celebrated the 70th anniversary of Wood Badge in America. While this was an important milestone, 2019 marks an even more important one. This year is the centennial of Lord Robert S.S. Baden-Powell’s first Wood Badge course at Gilwell in Great Britain.

We know, of course, that Baden-Powell ("B-P") launched the Boy Scout movement in the United Kingdom in 1907 with the first experimental campout on Brownsea Island and with the subsequent publication of the book, *Scouting for Boys*. Scouting grew quickly, not only in Britain, but all over the world, including in the U.S.

B.-P. became concerned after a few years that adult leaders were not running their troops as he envisioned they should. A newsletter was published periodically by the national headquarters giving hints as to proper troop operations, and another book, *Aids to Scoutmastership*, was published in 1919. Still, B.-P. was not satisfied and he decided a proper leadership training course was the solution. The original plan was to hold the course in 1914, but World War I intervened. Many leaders were called to active duty, and Lieutenant General Baden-Powell himself was called back to service from retirement. The war ended late in 1918, and the first course was held at Gilwell Park in September, 1919.
The 20 men who completed the ten day-long course were awarded a single wooden bead, hung from a shirt pocket button. Those who demonstrated they were applying that which they had learned (i.e. “worked their ticket”) were awarded a second bead. Initially, the two-bead set was worn on the Scouters’ hats, as today’s state troopers wear fancy cords. B.-P. had gotten this idea from observing U.S. Army soldiers wearing colored hat cords during his 1912 visit to the States. But this did not last long. A short person could not see the beads worn by a taller leader, and of course a gentleman does not wear his hat indoors. The beads were later worn on a thong around the neck, as they still are.

Another idea from B.-P.’s American visit was the idea of the “woggle” or neckerchief slide. English scouts tied their neckerchiefs in a knot, not unlike a sailor ties his scarf. On the other hand, American Scouts wore slides made of a sailor’s knot called a Turk’s head because it resembled the turbans worn in the Middle East. B.-P. gave it the name “woggle” and taught his Wood Badge trainees to tie the knot. Of course, we continue that activity in today’s course.

On the second course at Gilwell, it was decided to wear MacLaren tartan neckerchiefs in honor of William De Bois MacLaren who had donated the Gilwell property to be the British Boy Scout training center. Since they were wool, they were found to be too hot and expensive, so a new triangular design with only a small square of MacLaren tartan on the back was adopted.

The axe and log logo was conceived by the first Gilwell camp chief, Francis Gidney, in the early 1920s to distinguish Gilwell Park from the Scout Headquarters. Gidney wanted to associate Gilwell Park with the outdoors and scoutcraft rather than the business or administrative offices. Scouters present at the original Wood Badge courses regularly saw axe blades masked for safety by being buried in a log. Seeing this, Gidney chose the axe and log as the totem of Gilwell Park. This logo came to be strongly associated with Wood Badge leader training and is still used on participant neckerchiefs, certificates, flags, and other program-related items. The axe and log symbol is still found on the Gilwell Park gateway.
WOOD BADGE HALL OF FAME

The LEC WB Hall of Fame Committee is seeking your input for Scouters worth nominating as future Hall of Fame inductees. Nominating forms are available at the Wood Badge web page www.lecbsa.org

Congratulations to 2017 Recipients: Jennifer Davis, Christine Edgehouse, Thomas Myers, Bernie Mientus, Jennifer Newrones, and Gilbert A. Sanow II

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THE GOOD TURN TICKET

Please complete your Good Turn Tickets and get them turned into Connie Klemens in time for recognition at the 2020 Scholarship Breakfast.

AUCTION

The Auction Committee is looking for help both in staffing as well as securing donations. If you have auction ideas and resources, please contact Linda Gray at Lmgray55@gmail.com.

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