



# The Gilwell Gazette

DAY ONE

## WELCOME TO GILWELL

### *Pack One Gathers at Camp Perry*

#### DAY ONE SCHEDULE

**1:30PM AT GYM**

Arrival and Check-In

**3:00PM AT GILWELL FIELD**

Gilwell Field Assembly

**3:20PM AT TRAINING CENTER**

Course Overview

**3:50PM AT TRAINING CENTER**

Vision, Mission and  
Values

**4:25PM AT PATROL AREAS**

Know Thyself  
Presentation

**5:20PM AT TRAINING CENTER**

The Ticket

**6:30PM AT GILLWELL HALL**

Opening Dinner

**7:15PM AT DEN AREA**

Den Meeting

**8:55PM AT DEN AREA**

Communicating  
Effectively

**10:10PM AT DEN AREA**

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**10:50PM AT BOWL**

Opening Campfire



On behalf of the Rio Grande Council and the entire staff of course 7-775-25, it is truly my privilege to welcome you to Camp Perry and the first day of Wood Badge! Established in 1919 by Robert Baden-Powell, Wood Badge has become the premier training course for Scout leaders worldwide. The original 25 participants of that first course held at Gilwell Park have since been joined by over 100,000 adults who have completed the training. This year, we celebrate 100 years of Wood Badge! Congratulations. You're a part of history.

The Rio Grande Council offered its first course here at Camp Perry back in 1978. By participating in this year's course, you are joining the fellowship of hundreds of adults who have walked these paths before you. You are now a part of this long-standing tradition we call Wood Badge.

Over the five days of this course, you will see all sorts of tools and methods that can help you become a stronger leader for your unit and Scouting. Some of these tools you will recognize and some not. I encourage you to take it all in and enjoy the course moment by moment. Get to know the people around you as you will see that they will be a powerful resource for you not only during the course but well into your Scouting career and beyond. In the end, you will find yourself more knowledgeable and better equipped to lead and serve others.

The staff is a tremendous one and has been working diligently for almost seven months preparing for your arrival. All along we've had this single vision: to honor the tradition of the Wood Badge experience and to inspire you to the service of those you lead.

Once again, welcome. We're glad that you're here!

**Oscar Garza**  
Co-Course Director

**Roy Hernandez**  
Co-Course Director

## WOOD BADGE - 7-775-25

# MEET THE DIRECTORS

## Oscar Garza

*Oscar R. Garza is one of your Co-Course Directors for Wood Badge 7-775-25. It's his 20th Anniversary since being a Wood Badge participant. He's been a Troop Guide, Back-up Director (Logistics) and staff for a couple of Wood Badge courses. He's also been a COW (Crusty Old Wood Badger) in the kitchen preparing meals for staff and participants. Oscar can make an excellent dessert.*

*Oscar has also worked on NYLT 3 times as staff and enjoyed working with the scouts.*

*You might know him more as the Winter Camp Director for Camp Perry. He's led a successful program over the years and he's adapted to the changing landscape. Oscar always talks about the importance of Winter Camp for Scouts to eventually earn their Eagle rank.*

*Oscar has had 2 tours as a Jamboree Leader, one being the contingent Leader. He also works with the Camping Committee.*

*Oscar is part of the Order of the Arrow and is a Vigil Member. His roots go back as being a Den Leader in Pack 583 which led him to be an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 76(still a member with them).*

*Oscar's wife, Emeralda (Esmer) works with him in the Back room at Winter Camp inputting important merit badge information.*

*He has 3 sons who were scouts and 2 of them (Christopher and Brian) are Eagle Scouts. Oscar believes in the scouting program, now Scouting America, as he's continued working with adult leaders and scouts even though all his sons are no longer active.*

*Oscar is active in his church and he's a big Dallas Cowboys, Houston Astros and Texas Longhorns fan! Hook'em Horns.*



## Roy Hernandez

*Roy Hernandez Jr., a Weslaco, Texas native, is the Mexico Logistics Coordinator at Collaborative Fresh Produce. In this role, he oversees cross-border operations and supply chain management, ensuring the efficient movement of goods between the U.S. and Mexico.*

*A graduate of Weslaco High School (Class of 1996), Roy earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV). He has over 14 years of active involvement in Scouting, having served as both Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. He currently serves as the Charter Representative of Scouting America Unit 4031. A member of the Order of the Arrow, Roy holds the distinguished Vigil Honor and is very active within the council, where he serves as one of the directors of range and target activities. He is also the proud father of two Eagle Scouts.*

*Roy's commitment to service extends deeply into his community. He serves on the Weslaco Housing Authority and the Weslaco Drainage Committee and sits on the boards of Wings of Hope and the Weslaco Museum. He is the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Council 16917, and an active member of the Weslaco Elks, Weslaco Mid-Valley Lions International, Weslaco Little League, and Scouting America.*

*With a strong dedication to leadership, youth development, and civic engagement, Roy continues to make a lasting impact in both his professional work and community service.*



## THE CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

Cub Scouting is the program created by the Scouting America to help younger children ages 5 through 10, or those in first through fifth grade. In this program, parents and leaders work together to:



- Influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth
- Help youth develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- Improve understanding within the family
- Strengthen a child's ability to get along with others and respect different people
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by helping kids develop new interests and skills
- Show how to be helpful and always do one's best
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do
- Prepare them to become Scouts

Cub Scouting is centered in the home and neighborhood and relies on family involvement. Youth participate with their families and in small groups called dens. They take part in activities and work toward achievements that earn badges, giving them the recognition that is so important at this age.

Cub Scouts follow the same ideals as Scouts BSA: the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Each grade level in Cub Scouting has a specific rank, represented by an animal or emblem.

This program offers a fun, engaging way for kids to grow, learn, and prepare for their journey in Scouting.

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## THE WOOD BADGE TICKET

Most participants know a little about Wood Badge when they register — some more than others. One of the biggest questions before the course begins is often: \*\*\*“What is a Wood Badge Ticket?”\*\*\*

The Wood Badge for the 21st Century ticket was created to help participants realize their personal vision of their role in Scouting. Ideally, each participant writes their own ticket based on their primary Scouting role.

A ticket has three main parts:

- A description of your Scouting role
- A statement of your vision of success
- A plan of action composed of five significant goals that can be accomplished within 18 months

Your ticket should be meaningful and allow you to apply the skills learned during the course.

During the first weekend, you will learn how to develop your ticket and create a plan of action so you can “work your ticket.” Some participants don’t immediately know what their ticket goals will be — and that’s okay. Many people don’t fully shape their ideas until later in the second weekend. By then, you will be well on your way to building a vision for improvement.

It’s important to remember that there is much more to the Wood Badge experience than just writing tickets. Every lesson and activity you take part in is designed to help you develop a broader perspective and deliver a stronger Scouting program.

Your tickets can be as creative as you want — no two tickets are alike. Completing your ticket goals is only the beginning of a long-term journey of growth.

Throughout the course, you’ll also learn about creating **SMART goals**— goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and timely. Your Troop Guide and the staff are here to support you every step of the way to ensure your success.

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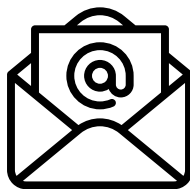
# Resources for Participants



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Send photos and scribe submissions to:

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