



The Training of Scout Officers

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THE TRAINING OF SCOUT OFFICERS.

SECTION 1.

COURSE OF TRAINING FOR THE WOOD BADGE.

Open to all Warranted Officers of the Boy Scouts Association.

1. THEORETICAL—AIMS AND METHODS OF THE SCOUT TRAINING as defined in "Aids to Scoutmastership," "Scouting for Boys," and "Rules" in such subjects as Organisation according to ages ; Four lines of training ; Nature lure for soul health and sex knowledge ; National need and possibilities of the training. (Section 2).

2. PRACTICAL—In four groups of subjects :—

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| Group 1. | (A) Troop Ceremonies. | (B) Campcraft. |
| „ 2. | (A) Fieldcraft. | (B) Pioneering. |
| „ 3. | (A) Woodcraft. | (B) Scout Games. |
| „ 4. | (A) Signcraft. | (B) Pathfinding. |

The training will be at the Scout Officers Training Centre, Gillwell Park, or at a "Recognised" Scout Officers Training Camp, in four week-end courses or eight days in camp, as most convenient to candidate. (Section 3.)

3. ADMINISTRATION—The fulfilment of the duties attached to his Rank to the satisfaction of the Candidate's Commissioner. (Section 4.)

SECTION 2.

Part 1. (THEORETICAL.)

To be carried out by correspondence in the "Headquarters Gazette" as follows:—

STUDY: AID TO SCOUTMASTERSHIP.		QUESTIONS ON HEADQUARTERS BOOK OF RULES.	
1. Secs. 1 & 2. How to train the Boy.	Character training.	Parts 1 & 2. General Principles and Organisation.	
2. Sec. 3. Health and Physical Development.		Part 3. Rank and Officers.	
3. Sec. 4. Making a Career.		Part 4. Badges & Decorations.	
4. Sec. 5. Service for Others.		Part 5. Miscellaneous Rules.	

SECTION 3.

SYLLABUS for Part 2 (Practical).

Group

- 1 (A) TROOP Ceremonies—Form Patrols—Give Calls—Drill with staves—Troop Drill—"Engonyama" chorus—Patrol formation on the march (day and night)—Scouts pace—Typical Investiture—How to "break" a flag—Physical Exercises (the six, from "Scouting for Boys").
- (B) CAMPCRAFT—(a) CAMP SITES—Selection—Sanitation—Pitching and striking tents—Various types of tents.
 - (b) CAMP EXPEDIENTS—Illuminations—Kitchen implements—Beds and sleeping appliances—Personal comforts—Camp tidiness—Tent expedients—Miscellaneous.
 - (c) CAMP COOKING—Quantities—Utensils—Fires and Ovens.
 - (d) FIRST AID IN CAMP—Emergency box—Hygiene—Rules.

Group

2 (A) FIELDWORK—(a) MEASUREMENTS—Personal distances—Heights—Areas—River widths.

(b) MAPPING—How to teach—Making sketch maps—Prismatic compass—Panoramic drawing—Reports.

(c) STARS—How to recognise them—How to tell time by them—Night marching.

(d) STALKING—Night scouting—Camouflage.

(B) PIONEERING—(a) AXEMANSHIP—Felling—Use of cross-cut saw—Wedges—Grindstone—Use and care of knife.

(b) CONSTRUCTION—Rope and trestle bridge across water—Derricks—Huts and shelters.

3 (A) GAMES—Scouting, camp and club room games described and played.

(B) WOODCRAFT—(a) INTRODUCTION — Observation and deduction—Nature note-book, &c.

(b) BIRDS AND ANIMALS—Found in locality—Their habits and uses—Visit Natural History Museum.

(c) TREES—How to identify them (1) Near and far off ; (2) During the four seasons—Their uses—How to interest the Scout.

(d) HERBS—For food—Medicine—Poisonous.

(e) SOUL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH WOODCRAFT—Sex question and realization of God.

Group

4 (A) SINGNCRAFT—(a) SINGALLING—Hand—Whistle—Smoke—Teaching of Semaphore and Morse—Pitfalls to avoid.

(b) NATURE TRAILS.

(c) SAND TRACKING.

(d) WEATHER LORE—Tips from animals—Clouds—Home-made instruments.

(B) PATHFINDING—By patrols with sealed orders for 10 hours cross-country journey—Leaf collecting—Report of journey—Sketch map of trek—Panoramic drawing, etc.

N.B.—Candidates attending courses at Gillwell Park will :—

(a) Visit Imperial Headquarters, on the day of dispersal—See method of administration Scoutmasters' den—Scouts' shop—Club lunch.

(b) Have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the CHIEF SCOUT.

SECTION 4.

Part 3.—ADMINISTRATION.

When a Candidate has passed Parts 1 and 2, he should apply for a Certificate from his Commissioner to the effect that he is qualified under this heading.

When considering such applications, Commissioners should bear in mind, amongst others, the following points :—

1. Due appreciation on the part of the Candidate of the importance of the Scout Spirit, gauged by the extent to which he appears to put it into practice, specially as regards Loyalty—not only “to God and the King,” but also to general principles of the Boy Scouts Association and the system of training laid down in “Scouting for Boys.”

2. (a) In the case of a Commissioner :—

Ability to organise and administer an area, judged by the proportion of Scouts to the male population of Scout age (having regard to any special local conditions), and general state of organisation as disclosed in Annual Report for the area.

- (b) In the case of a Scoutmaster :—

Ability to carry on a Troop on the lines laid down in “Scouting for Boys,” judged by the performance of the Candidate’s Troop, especially in camp.

- (c) In the case of other Warranted Officers :—

The satisfactory fulfilment of the duties attached to his Rank.

SECTION 5.

ISSUE OF THE BADGE.

When a Candidate has obtained Certificates for Parts 1, 2 & 3, he should forward them to:—

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRAINING OF OFFICERS,

Scout Officers Training Centre,

Gillwell Park,

Chingford, Essex,

when he will in return receive the Wood Badge. (See Section 8.)

SECTION 6.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CAMP CHIEFS.

When a Scout Officer has completed the course for the Wood Badge with distinction, and has shown himself specially qualified to instruct others, provided he has passed in Part 2 at the Scout Officers Training Centre, he may be nominated for appointment as a Deputy Camp Chief. The nomination will be made by the Commissioner for Training of Officers on the recommendations of the County Commissioner and the Camp Chief, Scout Officers Training Centre.

He will receive authority from the Chief Scout to act as a Deputy Camp Chief, together with an additional "BEAD." (See Section 8.)

The appointment may be withdrawn at any time, if circumstances so demand.

SECTION 7.

RECOGNITION OF SCOUT OFFICERS TRAINING CAMPS.

The following to be the conditions of recognition :—

1. The Camp must be run under the supervision of a Deputy Camp Chief, with the approval of the County Commissioner
2. A scheme of training for the ensuing year, ending 31st December, must be submitted each year to the Headquarters Commissioner for Training of Officers, through the County Commissioner, showing syllabus of training, places, and dates of courses.
3. Recognition may be withdrawn at any time by the Commissioner for Training of Officers.
4. In addition to County control, Training Camps may be visited from time to time by the Commissioner for the Training of Officers, and such Officers as he may appoint for the purpose.

SECTION 8.

THE WOOD BADGE.

The Badge will be a facsimile of one of the "BEADS" forming the necklace originally belonging to the Chief "Dinizulu," which was captured by the Chief Scout himself during the Zulu War. It will be worn strung on a leather bootlace round the neck.

The Badge for a Deputy Camp Chief will be same as above, with the addition of an original "BEAD" from the necklace.

SECTION 9.

Dates of the Practical Course at the Scout Officers Training Centre, Gillwell Park, during 1920.

The following are the dates fixed for Part 2 (Practical) of the Course for the "Wood Badge" in four subjects:—

- Group 1. Troop Ceremonies and Campcraft.
,, 2. Fieldcraft and Pioneering.
,, 3. Woodcraft and Scout Games.
,, 4. Signcraft and Pathfinding.

DATE.	COURSE.
{ 23-25 April	Group 1. }
30 April-2 May ...	,, 2. }
7-9 May ...	,, 3. }
14-16 ,, ...	,, 4. }
24 May-2 June ... 3rd Course (Full).	
{ 4- 6 June	Group 1. }
11-13 ,, ...	,, 2. }
18-20 ,, ...	,, 3. }
25-27 ,, ...	,, 4. }
5-14 July ... 5th Course (Full).	
19-28 ,, ... 6th ,, ,,	

31st July-6th Aug. (INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE).

9-18 Aug.	...	...	...	...	7th Course (Full).
23 Aug.-1 Sept.	...	...	...	...	8th ,, ,,
6-15 Sept.	...	...	...	...	9th ,, ,,
20-29 ,,	...	...	...	...	10th ,, ,,

A Commissioners' Outdoor Gathering and Conference will be held at Gillwell Park, 28-30 May.

SECTION 10.

DETAILS FOR CANDIDATES DESIRING TO ATTEND the Scout Officers Training Courses, at Gillwell Park.

1. All Warranted Scout Officers are eligible, as well as University Undergraduates.
2. As the Chief Scout wishes to see approved S.M. Training Camps started through the Empire as soon as possible, preference will be given to those who wish to qualify as Deputy Camp Chiefs.
3. The Course of Instruction will be based on SCOUTING FOR BOYS, and the Chief Scout's book "AIDS TO SCOUTMASTER-SHIP," and will include lectures and practical work in campcraft, nature study, general scouting, organisation and methods of running patrols and troops (see syllabus Section 3).

4. FULL COURSES.

(a) ASSEMBLY.

Candidates will book to Chingford Station, and should endeavour to leave Liverpool Street by the 5.32 p.m. train on the first day (Monday). A brake will meet this train to convey kits, &c., to Gillwell Park.

(b) DISPERSAL.

The Course ends in time for candidates to leave Chingford Station at 10.35 a.m. on the tenth day (Wednesday week).

(c) It is necessary to attend every day of the Course to qualify.

5. WEEK-END COURSES.

(a) ASSEMBLY.

The same as for Full Courses, arriving on the Friday.

(b) DISPERSAL.

The Course ends in time for the candidates to leave Chingford Station at 6.33 p.m. on the Sunday.

6. Those attending the Course should wear correct Scout kit; shorts and not breeches should be worn, except for medical reasons.

7. The following articles must be brought :—

(a) "SCOUTING FOR BOYS" & "AIDS TO SCOUTMASTER SHIP," which should have been read beforehand.

(b) Notebook and sketchbook.

(c) Blankets, clothing and personal equipment as given in "SCOUTING FOR BOYS," pages 109-110.

8. Courses will be carried out in camp. Tents, ground sheets, and cooking utensils will be provided.
9. All food supplies can be obtained on the spot. The catering and cooking is carried out under Patrol arrangements.
10. There are no expenses other than the cost of food.
11. Applications to attend should be made to :—

THE CAMP CHIEF,

Scout Officers Training Centre,

Gillwell Park,

Chingford.

SECTION 11.

METHOD OF TRAINING AT THE SCOUT OFFICERS TRAINING CENTRE, GILLWELL PARK.

1. ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE.—Scoutmasters sink their identity and become *plain* Scouts, split up into three patrols. Each Scout takes a day's turn at being a Patrol Leader. Thus, yesterday's "Second" becomes to-day's Patrol Leader, and to-morrow goes to the bottom of the Patrol. The Course is run as a Troop of Scouts.

2. SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION.

- (a) Carried out as far as possible by means of :—
“THEORY, DEMONSTRATION, PRACTICE.”
- (b) When there is a WRONG as well as a RIGHT way of doing a thing, both ways are shown.
- (c) Each candidate is required to show his ability at instructing, by lecturing to the whole Troop from time to time, on the “5 minute” lecture principle.
- (d) The competitive spirit is encouraged by emphasising COMPARISONS between each Patrol, with regard to their respective Scouting abilities, camp cleanliness and good order of tents and surrounding ground.

SECTION 12.

TYPICAL DAY'S PROGRAMME.

7 a.m.	Rouse.
7.15-7.30 a.m.	Physical Training (based on the six exercises in "Scouting for Boys").
8.15 a.m.	Breakfast.
9.30 ,,	Inspection, Saluting Flag, and Prayers. (Day's programme given out.)
9.45-11.15 a.m.	Practical Scouting. (Parade with shirt sleeves
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	,, ,, , rolled up.)
1.15 p.m.	Lunch (cold). Rest (during which time the "daily sketch" will be drawn and notes and diaries entered up).
3-4.30 p.m.	Practical Scouting.
4.30 ,,	Tea.
5.30-6.30 ,,	"5 minute" Lectures.
7.30 ,,	Evening Meal (hot).
9.0 ,,	Camp Fire.
10.0 ,,	Prayers.
10.30 ,,	Lights Out.

"THE SCOUT LAW IS THE LAW OF THIS CAMP."

All correspondence in connection with the

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should be sent to :—

COMMISSIONER FOR TRAINING OF OFFICERS,

Gillwell Park,

Chingford,

ESSEX,

and *not* to :—

THE SECRETARY,

Imperial Headquarters.