

# Wood Badge C-26-09 Staff Gazette

## Theme is Chosen for the Course

The theme of the course was set by our Course Director and Scoutmaster, Mike Fugate. "The Extra Degree in Every One of Us" will be the theme. Think outside the box on this one. Is the extra degree the 212th degree to make water become steam? Is it the degree on a compass that gets the scout off course by miles? Is it the extra set of hands that make light to work? Is it the extra effort, the extra step that gets you up the



mountain to the summit? What is it for you? We each need to look for what our extra degree is that we are willing to put forth during this course. We each are putting forth the extra degree for scouting in that we have become Wood Badge trained ourselves and are willing to help pass that training along to the next set of leaders. Thank you for putting in that extra degree so far. Now what in the next degree that you will provide?



## Our Ancestry: W.D. Boyce

Since many of us answered that we would like to sit down with our family ancestry, I thought I would include a little information about W.D. Boyce, the man credited with bring Scouting to the United States.

Taken from [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org):

In 1909, American businessman W.D. Boyce became lost in a dense London

fog. As he was trying to find his way, he was approached by a boy carrying a lantern, who offered to take Boyce to the address he was looking for. When they arrived at the destination, Boyce offered the boy a tip. The boy refused, saying "No, sir, I am a Scout. Scouts do not accept tips for courtesies or Good Turns." Boyce was so impressed with the lad and



Critters: Oh! do we have Critters!

(in Gilwell order)

- Beavers: 6
- Bobwhites: 1
- Eagles: 6
- Foxes: 1
- Owls: 0
- Bears: 2
- Buffalos: 6
- Antelope: 3
- Staffers: 25

**Favorite Color:** There is currently a tie between the shades of blue and the shades of green. Other colors named were red, purple, tan/khaki, brown, and black.

**Favorite Food:** Pasta has taken first place with variations of any pasta to specifically Lasagna. Steak was in the running. Other favorites were: Sweet and sour stew, Lemon Chicken, Picadillo, Shish-Ka-Bobs, Meatloaf, BBQ Chicken, Mexican (only if done right), anything from the Dutch oven or the smoker, anything with garlic. Other choices were fresh picked apples and anything milk chocolate. Hey, Quartermasters, getting any ideas for the final feast?



The Silver Buffalo for the Unknown Scout in Gilwell Park.

## Mike Fugate — Course Director/Scoutmaster of Troop 1

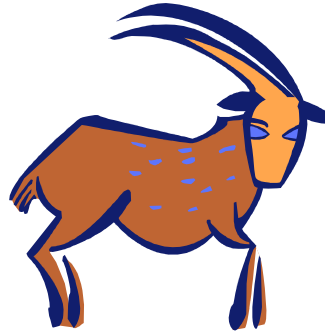
Mike is quite a character. One of the first time's I had the pleasure of meeting Mike was at a Commissioner training. Our training was shortly after another training he was at where the objective of that course was to get picked, so he volunteered for everything during our course by yelling "Pick Me, Pick Me" — something they did in the other course.

His favorite scouting moment was lunch on top of Mt. Baldy with the Crew (his son is a part of it). Mike comes with a lot of scouting background — he was in scouting as a youth for 14 years and has been a part of it for the past 10 as an adult. He currently serves as a part of the Kishwaukee District Commit-

tee, Troop 40 Committee, and Crew 27 Advisor, and I know many other hats — too many to list.

Outside of scouting, Mike, as he put it, passes gas en masse with class! He works for NICOR Gas as an operations manager.

He is married to Tina (a Phys. Ed Teacher) and they have three children—Danielle (22, who recently got married and graduated from college), Heather (20, who is attending Columbia College of Chicago and is involved in scouting with the



The fastest land mammal in North America. Shall we see which of our Antelopes is the fastest?

crew), and Skylar (16, who is a Star scout, soccer player, and guitar hero player).

Mike would like to have dinner with Gandhi, Mohammed, and Jesus Christ to find out what their real messages were as their followers are getting out of hand in all areas now.

Though spare time is minimal—he spends it doing family projects and chores.

Favorite food is Mexican if it is done right (not the American style Tex-Mex).

Favorite Colors are tans, earth greens, and browns.

## Jeff Short — Asst. Scoutmaster of Program

Jeff's favorite scouting moment occurred during a summer camp. He was with his son waiting to complete a merit badge. This young man was struggling with the badge. Jeff assisted the scout, at first so his son could get the chance to complete the badge too, but quickly realized that the scout needed a friend too. Jeff's son had the chance to complete the badge and passed, so they left for the trading post. Later, the young man found Jeff wanting to shake his hand — thanks to Jeff's help the scout was able to complete his badge too. Jeff says he has never forgotten that handshake.

Jeff too has many years of scouting experience. 10 as a youth and 15 as

an adult. He currently serves as ACC for Venturing, Chair for the Council High adventure committee, and the ADC for Venturing in Potawatomi Trails district. He also wears many other hats in scouting. Jeff is also an Antelope. His favorite color is blue.

Jeff is a scientist for Abbott Laboratories. He has been married to Virginia 27 years this year. They have three children. Their two sons are Eagle Scouts. Their daughter is the reason that Jeff got started with the Venturing crew. Jeff's favorite food is from a date that he and Virginia had. She thought that her family had eaten already, so she asked Jeff to stay and eat some of the Picadillo that was left. They

later found out that the family had not eaten and they got in big trouble.

Jeff would like to sit down with some of the great scientists: Galileo, Newton, and William of Ockam. But he wants you all to know that he is not a complete nerd, so he would dine with Jaclyn Smith — his favorite actress, admiring her beauty and her sense of self and family.

Spare time: Model airplanes, backpacking, tinkering in his shop, but spare time is very spare these days.

**I'd like to thank Jeff, He stayed after me to complete my Wood Badge and it was a ball. I laughed through the whole course. I will never forget that.**

## Ed Hedborn — Asst. Scoutmaster of Facilities

Mr. Conservation. Ed serves as the Chair of the Council Conservation committee and rightfully so — he works at the Morton Arboretum as the plant records person tracking the life history of their collections. He also serves as an ADC and the Boy Scout Roundtable commissioner in Thunderbird District. He is also a Girl Scout leader.

Ed is a Wood Badge Bear, but he is the biggest teddy bear I have ever seen. If you ever need to come back to sanity and calm, go find Ed, he will just listen and give you his look and by the time you finish you will feel much better—I always do.

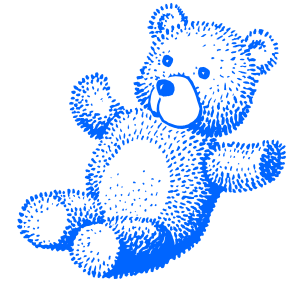
Ed described his years in scouting quite uniquely. I'll share: his oldest son was born in 1979, add 7, divide

by pi, add the circumference of his bald spot — about 22 years as an adult. He also made the rank of Lion in cub scouts; he would have went on, but his dad did not enjoy the gully washer at Starved Rock. Sound familiar?

When Ed is not scouting or working, he is usually biking anywhere and everywhere. He is married to Linda and they also have three children: Ed (29), Joe (26), and Becky (16). His favorite color is blue, but green is a close second. BBQ chicken is a favorite food.

His favorite scouting moment is every time he sees a smile on a scout's face. It makes all of the time and effort worth it and appreciated.

Ed would like to sit down with the more obvious historical people, like Lincoln, the Dali Lama, Jesus, Genghis Khan. But, he would really like to have dinner and talk with his wife's and his great grandparents to get a better connections to the



times and history that shaped their families.

## Deb Brown — Asst. Scoutmaster of Troop Guides



Deb is our only Bobwhite on staff. Her favorite color is green and her favorite food is Lasagna.

Deb, like Ed, rides bike in her spare time — you may even find them riding together. When Deb is scouting, which she has done for 49 years of her life (11 as a youth, 38 as a Girl Scout Adult Leader — and

19 of those as a Boy Scout Leader too), she is the Council Training Chair and on the Council Web Committee. She is involved in many other committees and events, so you will see her at many scouting events in Thunderbird district and throughout the council.

Outside of scouting, Deb is retired from Pharmaceutical Sales, but don't think that she isn't working daily like the rest of us. She is a Professional Genealogist. Deb digs into peoples' ancestry by searching through documents and records scattered worldwide. I wish I just knew where to start looking for the information.

Deb's family is Vern, husband, and

two children, Paul, an Eagle Scout, and Kathy, a Girl Scout Gold. Kathy is attending Deb's alma mater—Knox College. Kathy is an excellent aspiring artist. Deb is also the main caretaker for her mother, age 92, and Susan, a cousin with special needs.

Deb indicated that her favorite scouting moment was when Paul received his Eagle badge.

As a professional Genealogist, Deb would like to sit down to dinner with her own ancestors. She finds the past fascinating and would like to know more about her own.

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# Next Month: Meet the Quartermasters

## Mike Rapach — Senior Patrol Leader and Asst. Course Director

Mike (yet another one — there are four on staff) loves to spend time with three-year-old son, Mac, doing scouting, or working with Habitat for Humanity's Blitz Build. His wife, Kim, teaches at Judson University and Mike works for GE Healthcare making radio-isotopes for medical diagnostics.

As a youth, Mike was in scouting for 11 years, since then he has completed another 13 years as an adult. He currently serves as a pack committee member and mentor in Chippewa. He is a Wood Badge Buffalo.

When I read Mike's answer to the question of favorite scouting mo-

ment, I was confused (this is easy at times). His favorite moment is "seeing his son go to his first pack meeting" Apparently Mike can see the future, remember Mac is currently 3. I am sure that Mac has been to many pack meetings so far.

Mike's favorite color is green, or at least it was the day he answered the question, maybe we better ask him again. He likes Khaki too. His favorite food was Lemon Chicken because that was what they were having for dinner that day.

Mike would like to sit down to dinner with one of the "original" twelve disciples. Think of the stories they would have..."so, I was walking down

the street minding my own business and... or I was just getting done with work that day putting away the fishing nets and ... or I had this carpenter buddy build me a table and..."

When Mike is around watch out for a screaming monkey, it will sneak up on you just when you are not looking.



## Josh Oswalt — Staff Advisor

Josh is a Field Director with TFC, therefore he is a professional Scouter. We all know that the professionals have no spare time, but when he has some spare time, it is spent playing with his four year old son, Corey, and adoring his wife, Sandra. They have an 8-year-old Maltese dog named Baccus.

Josh was in scouting for 12 years while a youth and has con-



tinued for 7 years as an adult. His favorite scouting moment was when he spent time with his dad building pinewood derby cars, doing the father/son cake bakes, camping, and all that other fun scouting stuff.

Josh is a Wood Badge Eagle.

His favorite color is Forrest Green. His favorite food is Meatloaf and buttered potatoes.

He would like to dine with his grandparents to see more of their wisdom and knowledge and maybe write down a few of the stories too.

