

# Wood Badge C-26-09 Staff Gazette

## Let's Talk Experience

Well the participants in this course are getting a staff with loads of experience. 395 years as adults and another 198 years as youth. That averages out to about 16 years per staff member as adults and about

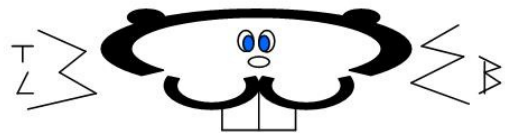
8.5 as youth with two on staff indicating that they were not a part of scouting as youth. The longest amount was 38 years as an adult with many of those years in both Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts. The short-

est number of years as an adult leader is 3. Whether you have been in for what seems like forever or just a few days. The scouting movement is one that you will be able to share for your lifetime. Thanks for

sharing your experience with all of us and the participants of this course. It is always rewarding to share the knowledge we have with others showing that "Extra Degree in Each One of Us".



We need your personal totem electronically if possible. We will take it in paper form if you do not have it electronically. Thank you.

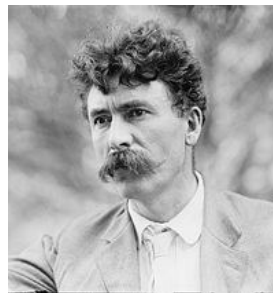


Tracy's totem from C-30-03 Beavers

## Our Ancestry: James E. West and Ernest Thompson Seton

Dr. James E. West was a lawyer and an advocate of children's rights. He became the first professional Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, serving from 1911–1943. One of West's first tasks was the first edition of the *Official Handbook for Boys*. He was instrumental in expanding the third part of the Scout Oath: To help other people at all times, to keep myself physically

strong, mentally awake and morally straight. He also pushed to add three parts to the Scout Law: brave, clean, and reverent.



Ernest Thompson Seton became vital in the foundation of the Boy Scouts of America and was its first Chief Scout. His *Woodcraft Indians* (a

youth organization), combined with the early attempts at Scouting from the YMCA and other organizations, and Daniel Carter Beard's Sons of Daniel Boone, to form the BSA. Seton was Chief Scout of the BSA from 1910-1915 and his work is in large part responsible for the American Indian influences within the BSA.

## Warren Wawczak — Quartermaster

Well you learn something new about everyone you meet. While going through Warren's responses, I learned that he is one of two staff members that were not a part of scouting as a youth. I would have never guessed it. He currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 47 in Wooddale. His favorite scouting moment was a toss up: The first trip to Philmont with his oldest son or having the first scout in the troop make Eagle while he was Scoutmaster.

Other favorites: Color—Brown — it's comfortable and warm and it reminds him of a Tootsie Pop of the same color. Warren likes anything seafood. Blackened Salmon is always appreciated.

Warren and his wife Pam have been married 33 years. They have three children: Bradley (32), Kevin (30), and Jessica (28). All are married and two have started families of their own. In fact, when we were preparing for the last course in 2007, he was becoming a grandpa for the first time and the second. Samantha was born just three days before Talan. And they recently found out that they will be grandparents again this July or August. Outside of scouting, Warren is a

Certified Master Mercedes Benz Technician in St. Charles. He enjoys fishing, shooting, cooking both indoor and on the BBQ and he likes to play in the garden.

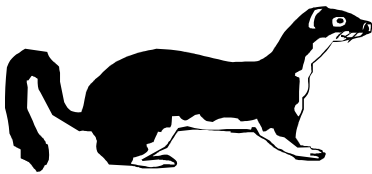
Warren is a Wood Badge Eagle from C22W93.

He would like to sit down with all of his grandparents as they had all passed away by the time he was 3 years old so he never really knew them.



## Tom O'Malley — Asst. Quartermaster

Tom O'Malley—the first thing that comes to mind is "The Weasel!"



That is one of his nicknames.

You can usually find Tom somewhere near the cooking. Have you had the opportunity to take one of Tom's outdoor cooking courses? He has been a mainstay at the Training Academy for many years. The class is full all day long and the attendees rave about the food. They even give up eating the regular lunch to partake in the outdoor feast. You might also find Tom by his teepee

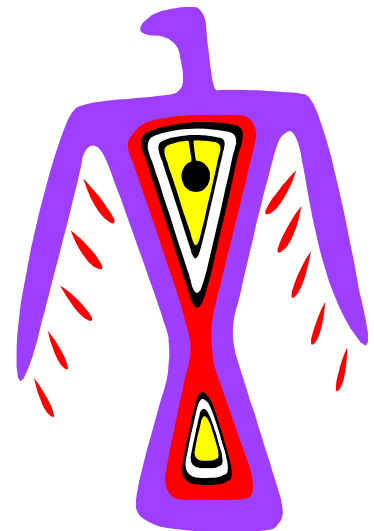
or taj mahal. Tom's talents run far and wide. He indicates that he has no spare time even though Tom is a retired iron worker. He spends much of his time sharing his talents with others. He is currently serving his unit as Scoutmaster. He also serves on the OA cook team. Tom's favorite scouting moment was waking up on the first day of spring with a foot of snow on the ground. Of the staff, Tom has been in scouting the second longest as an adult.

Tom's family is his wife and two sons (one Eagle). They have 3 grandchildren currently and another one on the way.

Tom would like to sit down with one of the astronauts if he could sit

down with anyone to dinner and conversation. I wonder which one?

His favorite food is lasagna and favorite color is purple. Tom is also a Wood Badge Eagle.



## Mark Scoughton — Asst. Quartermaster

Mark is currently serving scouting as the Maramech Hills District Activities Chair, a committee member for Crew 0013, and Quartermaster for Cubsicle and Lad and Pal camp.

He is a Wood Badge Antelope — swift and fast, we won't be last.

Mark is married to Gina (Troop Guide on staff) and they have two sons — Jayson (22) who is an electrician and Ethan (19) who is a porter for a car dealership. Mark is an electrical contractor.

Both of the sons are Eagle Scouts which is one of Mark's favorite scouting moments — their Eagle ceremonies. His other favorite scouting moment was the first year of summer camp as an adult because it brought back all the memories of

being a youth in scouting.

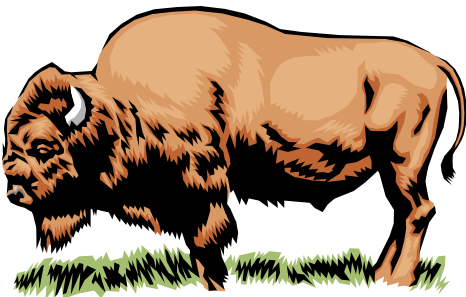
Mark's favorite color is blue. His favorite food is anything with garlic. Mark spends what little spare time he has at the Sandwich Sportsman's Club as Vice President. He also enjoys outdoor cooking. Good thing he is on the quartermaster staff.

Mark could not decide who he would sit down to dinner with. As you get to know Mark, you will find that he



is a man of few words but loads of action.

## Mike Hauge — Asst. Quartermaster



Mike is a Mighty Wood Badge Buffalo. His favorite color is specifically hunter green. His favorite food is anything out of the smoker. Okay, let's see if we get a smoked seafood lasagna heavy on the garlic with a fresh apple dessert sometime during the course. If we do, you will know who made the meal — our quartermasters.

Mike comes from a family of two brothers and three sisters. Mike and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 30 years and have two children, Michael (who just recently married Katie) and Becky, who is "driving" Mike nuts, she is 16. Mike works for Henry Pratt in Aurora, a large valve manufacturer. He is a Service Manager.

Mike's favorite scouting moment is his son's Eagle ceremony. He says his heart is with Troop 41 in Sugar Grove where he serves the unit as institutional representative.

Mike's spare time is spent wood-working and cooking. He would like to sit down with family and friends for fellowship and laughter if he

could sit down to dinner with anyone.

I have a memory of Mike from the last Wood Badge course. Mike was the ASM- Facilities and was always on the go. Tom was able to borrow the Mule from East Aurora High School and Mike and the Mule were inseparable. I am sure there was a little withdrawal after the two weekends of Wood Badge activities together. Mike did get a picture of the Mule at the end of the course even if he could not take her home.



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# Next Month: Other Staff Specialists

## Steve Treadwell — Asst. Quartermaster

Steve is a new staff member after just finishing his Wood Badge ticket this past summer. He was a part of the C-24-07 troop. After Wood Badge, Steve acquired a new job within scouting—District Camping committee chair. Along with



this he serves as the troop advancement chair and troop training coordinator.

I was hoping that Steve would say that his Wood Badge experience

was a favorite scouting moment (I was his troop guide). Steve is a Wood Badge Buffalo. But no, he chose his son's tenderfoot ceremony signifying a journey's beginning.

Steve's favorite color is the verdant green of a pine forest. His favorite food is fresh picked apples. He enjoys gardening in his spare time.

Steve is a heavy highway construction surveyor. Does that mean that you are the person to blame for all of the strange highway congestion due to difficult merges in the Chicagoland area? Just kidding.

He is married and has three children: Riley, 13, Life Scout and future writer, Caroline, 11, girl scout and future veterinarian, and Audrey, 9, girl scout and future politician.

Steve would like the opportunity to sit down with his father to discuss scouting and get some closure.



## Which are you? D—I—S—C

