



Gilwell Society co-founders Judy Ford and Maurice "Mouse" Sterling

*"Whether Beaver, or Bobwhite, or Eagle, Fox, or Owl, or Bear, Buffalo or an Antelope it only matters that you're better prepared. So be careful to always remember that the tiny little beads that you wear, are a symbol of service to Scouting and a promise to kids that you care."*

*- From the poem Back to Gilwell  
By Maurice "Mouse" Sterling*

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<http://.nfcgilwellsociety.org>



***A Membership opportunity exclusively for Wood Badge Scouters.***

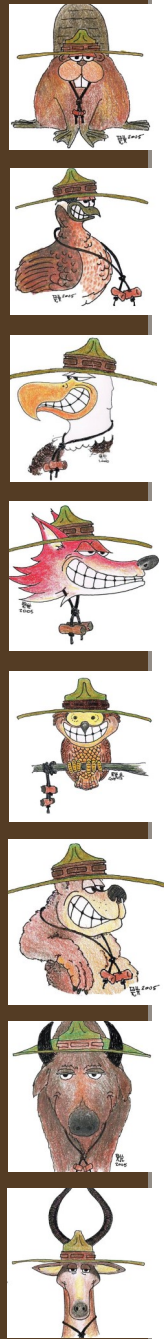
***The North Florida Council, BSA invites all Wood Badge Scouters to become members of the Gilwell Society***

***Advancing Avenues of Continued Service to Scouting.***

***"The Wood Badge... reminds the wearer of their ongoing commitment to give continued service to Scouting" - Baden-Powell***

***Thru Gilwell Society, the Spirit and Legacy of Wood Badge Lives on!***

Critter Pictures By:  
 Richard Heiser of North Carolina



## Purpose

The Gilwell Society was formed to provide meaningful and practical avenues for continued service to Scouting at the local level, encourage & support completion of Wood Badge tickets and related contributions that benefit youth and strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among all Scouters.

## Benefits

Society benefits are many and varied. First, to the individual Wood Badge Scouter, the Society offers practical opportunities to stay current with Scouting's latest Wood Badge trends, ways to personally support the training cause by helping recruit other Scouters for Wood Badge and other training and participation in dedicated forums in which to enjoy inspirational fellowship and rich camaraderie with fellow Scouters.

To the council and it's youth members, the Gilwell Society offers a ready resource pool of trained and service-oriented Scouters, ways to identify and develop volunteer leaders to staff future events and activities and ways to transfer the skills and positive learning experiences gleaned during Wood Badge training to other council and district-level events.

## Meetings & Activities

The society meets at least three times a year. The Back to Gilwell event can be an overnighter with an inspirational program and campfire. The annual meeting includes a "bring your own steak" cookout combined with the annual business meeting. The Gilwell Society Promotion dinner for Wood Badge bring newcomers into the Wood Badge family to participate in the next Wood Badge Course.

Finally, a Gilwell Training weekend rounds out The Gilwell Society events. Other fun events will be added to the calendar, such as a Rewards and Recognition afternoon that recognizes the recruiting and training efforts of the Gilwell Society members for the past year.

Other activities that The Gilwell Society provides support for are:

- Serving on training teams to provide leader specific training to new leaders, or helping staff at any number of annual training events.
- Serving as a cook team to prepare and serve meals or provide for other logistical support requirements for Wood Badge courses.
- Making physical camp improvements and preparing camping facilities for Wood Badge courses.

## Organization & Funding

Gilwell Society will not replace or supplant a Scouters primary service to his or her local unit or district!

- Society membership requires a Scouter to maintain an active and contributing role at his or her local level.
- As to form, the society will function much like a loose-fitting network of like-minded Scouters. Society leadership exists solely to facilitate and coordinate projects and activities.
- By-laws will dictate governance and elected society officers and directors will serve limited terms. A modest \$25.00 lifetime fee to cover basic administrative needs plus a membership recognition.
- Society meetings, meals and activities are voluntary and small event fees may apply.
- The society will be entirely self-supporting.

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Gilwell Society Enrollment Form (Easy, Sign-up and pay online at <http://nfcgilwellsociety.org>)

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[ ] YES! Enroll me as a Lifetime Member of the Gilwell Society. My \$25 Membership is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Registered Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Wood Badge Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Earned Bads: \_\_\_\_\_ Make check please make payable to "North Florida Council, BSA"