

*Remember: The front sight doesn't move;  
if you are "missing the mark," the rear sight needs adjusting.*



*Stained Glass at Gilwell Park, UK*

## **Interfaith Worship Service**

**Wood Badge 110**

**August 20, 2014  
Philmont Scout Ranch**

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## Wood Badge Course – Reverence in Scouting

Imagine writing this letter to a parent in your Troop:

*Dear Mr. Jones.*

*I am sorry about Johnny Scout's horrible allergic reactions to the peanut butter sandwiches that we serve on all of our campouts. I didn't ask the boys about their food allergies because I didn't want to offend or embarrass anyone.*

*Your Scoutmaster*

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How about writing this one:

*Dear Scouts and Families,*

*This is to inform you that effective immediately, we will no longer be serving food on our campouts.*

*While we have always enjoyed preparing and serving food with your sons each weekend, we recently discovered that one of the boys is a vegetarian. Since we are used to serving meat with most meals, we have decided it is easier to simply not serve any food over the entire campout weekend. Those boys who are interested in eating should bring their own food and must eat privately within their own tents. PS, please do not leave crumbs.*

*Your Scoutmaster*

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Just as we must be aware and sensitive with our Scouts' dietary needs, we must be equally aware and sensitive to their deity needs – else they will either have an allergic reaction or starve.

***Man does not live on bread alone, but on the word of God***  
*Deuteronomy 8:3*

## CLOSING HYMN – JOHN

Mountain Hymn (To the tune of "Ode to Joy") -- Lyrics by Gordon Gross

As we walk in Philmont's canyons  
Give us peace and strength, O Lord.  
Give us courage to continue  
By Your good and gracious word.  
As we see Your world around us,  
Help us recognize Your hand.  
Let us keep and love it ever  
Wondrous wilderness, this land.

As we stand upon these mountains,  
Help us treasure all our days  
Time we spent with You at Philmont;  
Hear us as we sing your praise.  
Hear our prayers, accept our singing  
As we lift our voices high.  
Thank You, Lord, for Your creation  
For we know that You are nigh!

## BENEDICTION / CLOSING -- LARRY

Lord, thank you for the wondrous opportunities of today and this week.

We thank you for the efforts of those thousands of men and women who have brought Scouting to millions of youth the world over, including many of us during our earlier days. We rededicate ourselves to the principles of our Movement -- to do our best -- to do our duty to God -- and to our Country.

This week, we thank you for this Wood Badge course. Please give us the energy and wisdom to enjoy each moment, the clarity to remember it all, the perseverance to push ourselves further than we ever have before and the courage to pay it forward. Bless all members of our units and our families as we continue our journey in Scouting. *Amen*

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### PERSONAL PRAYERS OF REFLECTION -- JEFF

Lord Baden-Powell wrote: *"First love and serve God, second love and serve your neighbor. In doing your duty to God, always be grateful to Him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only a word or two."*

Let us pause for a time of silent, personal meditation.

### OFFERING

To benefit the Wood Badge Scholarship Fund

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### AN ACT OF FRIENDSHIP

Please exchange an act of friendship with the people immediately surrounding you.

#### OPENING PRAYER – Scout Law -- DAVID

*Spoken together*

When facing deceit and dishonesty, help us to be *trustworthy*.

If we see hypocrisy and selfishness, help us to be *loyal*.

Where the disregard of others is so common, help us to be *helpful*.

In an atmosphere of ill manner, help us to be *courteous*.

Where some measure adulthood in coarseness, help us to be *kind*.

Though lawlessness and rule-bending are common, help us be *obedient*.

While others grumble and complain, help us to be *cheerful*.

In a world blighted by waste and extravagance, help us to be *thrifty*.

When confronted with danger or temptation, help us to be *brave*.

As we see filth and pollution everywhere, help us to be *clean*.

While surrounded by impiety and moral decay, help us to be *reverent*.

