

SR-756 Participants -

It's hard to believe that it was just a week ago that we departed Gilwell after our first weekend together! You did such a good job of staying focused while remaining flexible as we experienced SR-756 together!

I've gotten several reports back either directly from participants or from other Scouters who are hearing SR-756 participants who are excited about the course and the information that is being presented. Your staff is also thrilled to have each and every one of you participants!!

One of the resources that you received at SR-756 was your songbook. The flag ceremony was added a couple of years ago so that everyone could have a sample of a ceremony that can be used in any gathering (for example - back in your home units). When the syllabus was changed this year to add the Blue and Gold Banquet, I tried to pick Cub Scout songs that had a familiar tune and were fairly easy to sing. Another addition for SR-756 was the different Graces. So many times, Scouters are familiar with the Philmont Grace and don't realize that there are other appropriate Graces that can be used. The songbook is definitely something that we hope you'll be using as a reference in your home units.

As I've mentioned before, I'm hoping you will have your tickets written and approved by the time you come back to camp for the second weekend. There are three things that I'd like to mention regarding tickets. First - your vision should be related to the timing of your ticket. Since your ticket must be completed in eighteen months, your vision should be "what is your picture of success at the end of eighteen months." Second - be careful to use ticket goals that are realistic and timely. We all have lives outside of Scouting. We have other commitments to our families, our churches, and our work situations. My goal is that your ticket items are challenging, but not so large that they consume your life. Third - tickets need to be appropriate to the individual. A goal that is very challenging for an inexperienced Scouter may not be meaningful to someone who has been in Scouting for some time.

I'm looking forward to seeing some great patrol projects during the second weekend!

Let me know if you have questions or concerns! Not too long before we'll be Back to Gilwell, Happy Land
Colleen

Pay now, play later; play now, pay later. - John C. Maxwell