



WOOD BADGE

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For the 21st Century
Advanced Adult Leader Training
for

Boy Scouts of America
August 28, 29, & 30, 2009

(Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

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Overview

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is leadership training designed to reach all adults at any level of professional training and in any aspect of scouting: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing. Wood Badge will help you with self and team motivation. The training sessions will help you in your organization, communication, and management skills that will benefit you in your professional life. You will use these skills at home, church, work, and anywhere leadership is needed.

Every Scout deserves a trained leader! We expect the best from our Scouts, they should expect no less from us. Leadership is a key to a great scouting program and we strive to create an environment where leadership, learning, and advancement help scouts grow. BSA provides this through their scouting programs from “boy-led leadership”, advancement, and recognition. To provide this leadership, we as Scouters need to have the right tools and resources. Wood Badge is the answer to helping you in all these areas.

As course director, my vision is to have my high performance staff team present the highest quality course. I am looking forward to this course and hope you will consider this training in your schedule. Mark these dates down and return the application quickly since the course has limited spots. It will be the best thing you have done for yourself and for the youth in scouting.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the highlights of their scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively affected the lives of millions of America’s youth.

What is WOOD BADGE?

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training scouting’s adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

Who Attends WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge for the 21st Century has been developed for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing Leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The course content and team and leadership principles that are introduced apply to Scouters in all leadership positions. Wood Badge provides a common foundation of leadership and team skills used throughout all program areas.

Qualifications

To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. (There is no minimum tenure required.)
2. Have not previously attended a Wood Badge for the 21st Century course.
3. Have completed the basic training for your Scouting position.
4. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.
5. Successful completion of the BSA Class 3 Physical is required for all participants.

What Will You Get Out of WOOD BADGE?

As a result of attending Wood Badge, you will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your commitment to scouting by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

How is WOOD BADGE Presented?

Wood Badge consists of two phases. The first is the **practical phase**. This consists of two full weekends at camp. The second, or **application phase**, occurs after the weekends and consists of “**working your ticket**”, a set of five scouting-related goals that you develop.

The WOOD BADGE Ticket

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen scouting in units, districts, and the council. The Wood Badge “**ticket**” represents your commitment to complete a set of five personal goals related to your scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. In addition, the ticket gives you an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership and team skills presented during the course. You need to complete your Wood Badge ticket no later than 18 months after the practical phase of the course.

Recognition

Upon completion of the Wood Badge ticket, as certified by your Ticket Counselor, you will be presented your Wood Badge certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and beads at an appropriate public ceremony.

A Question of Money

Some dedicated Scouters find the financial obligation of training a true burden. Help is available through several sources. Be sure to check for this support from your unit, sponsoring organization, civic organizations, or even your employer. Check with your local district as some have Wood Badge Chapters that provide scholarships. Limited funds are available from the NLC Scholarship Fund. If needed, please contact the NLC Wood Badge Coordinator. Some costs related to participating in this course may be Federal Income Tax. Please consult your tax advisor.

More Information

For more information, please contact me, Doug Emerson (Course Director) or Tim Tello (Assistant Course Director). You also can find more information about Wood Badge, this course, this application, and NLC Wood Badge scholarships at www.nlcbsa.org/training_woodbadge.htm.

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