

What are some of the things that I'll be doing in Wood Badge?

Some folks may be a little intimidated with the idea of attending Wood Badge. They might think that Wood Badge is some sort of military-styled boot camp with harsh discipline and physical demands. In actuality, Wood Badge is a series of fun and educational weekend training activities that are conducted with a high degree of integrity and personal respect. The biggest physical demands will be climbing the steep hills at Camp Buck Toms. The time constraints are tight, but only because we pack so many great training events into the weekends.



Wood Badge activities include:

- ★ Putting the "Patrol Method" into practice by camping, cooking, and working as a team.
- ★ Camping in a patrol of up to six adult leaders.
- ★ Learning and applying leadership techniques.
- ★ Learning games that work well in your unit.
- ★ Learning effective managerial skills in a classroom environment.
- ★ Solving problems and meeting challenges.
- ★ Developing friendships that will last a lifetime.
- ★ Having a great time with lots of fun!



Actual testimonies from Scouters who completed Wood Badge:

"The course is very stimulating and will aid all who take it to be better leaders."
David Dial

"The Wood Badge course is positively a Life course."
Carl Dukes

"This course has equipped me to be able to fulfill my goal to be a positive influence on youth and to leave a legacy that I can only imagine."
Scott Lane

"This will and already has started to help troop 34 to become an effective and fun unit for the boys – and leaders too!!"
Eric Bach

"This has truly been a Mountain Top experience"
Anonymous

"I have gone through several courses for professional training and this course was by far the best in putting practical information in to my hands , not only to use in Scouting but in the work place as well" **Joey Hodge**

WOOD BADGE

for the
21st Century



Leadership training at its best!

Training taught by experienced leaders in an outdoor setting

Personal growth, fun & fellowship

Open to all adult leaders:
Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts,
Varsity and Venturing



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What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the premier adult training program for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team development skills in an outdoor setting. Its purpose is to aid Scouters in providing a quality program that will enable scouts to grow to their greatest potential.



The course encompasses the key concepts of management from the leaders in the management field; therefore, this course can be helpful not only in your Scouting job, but also in your careers.

The Wood Badge course will be conducted during two three-day weekends (Friday – Sunday). The Wood Badge program consists of two parts: practical training and application. Practical leadership experiences are gained in a camp setting where leadership and management skills can be learned and practiced as a member of a Wood Badge patrol.

At the conclusion of practical training, each participant has a minimum of four months and a maximum of eighteen months to complete the application phase (ticket) and meet all goals that have been agreed upon between the participant and a ticket counselor.

What are the course prerequisites?

Wood Badge is open to all registered adults who have not previously attended a Wood Badge course and have successfully completed the basic training requirements for their primary position. This generally consists of Fast Start, New Leaders Essentials, and Position Specific Training. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Assistants must also complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Do I need special outdoor skills?

Since overnight tent camping and outdoor cooking will be part of the course, some basic camping skills will be helpful but not essential. The staff and experienced participants will help those new to the outdoors to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

What equipment do I need?

You provide your own personal gear such as sleeping bag, backpack, and a full Scout uniform. All patrol gear, tents, and cots will be provided by the course. Once enrolled, a detailed personal equipment list will be mailed to you.

Health and Safety

The Wood Badge training team adheres to the Guide to Safe Scouting. Each person must have a current Class III medical form before they can attend the course. Each participant must be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. There will be a staff medical doctor present who will administer first aid and assist with any health issues that may arise.

How much does it cost?

The course tuition is \$225.00 per person. This includes six days of training, all meals, all instructional material, a limited-edition Wood Badge GSMC council strip, a Wood Badge cap, neckerchief and notebook. The fee also includes your Wood Badge training award that is presented following the completion of your ticket. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, contact Staff Advisor, Tom Newman, at 865-588-6514.



Wood Badge Enrollment Application

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Email _____

Scouting Position _____

Council _____

Unit# _____

District _____

I certify that I am a registered adult leader and have completed the required prerequisite training for my position in Scouting. Enclosed is my \$50 deposit.

Signed _____ Date _____

Clip and return this portion and your \$50 Deposit to:

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