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Wood Badge for the 21st Century

Welcome to Wood Badge course SR-948, which is the 948th Wood Badge course conducted by the Southern Region of the Boy Scouts of America. Wood Badge is the most advanced leadership training available for the adult leaders in all BSA Scouting programs. Your participation in this training is indicative of your commitment to the organization and to providing a quality program for our youth. Wood Badge training focuses on leadership, team-building, and “people” skills which are applicable to all adult leader positions in Scouting. You will learn techniques to make you a better leader, and also how to guide groups to achieve their goals and objectives. Thank you for taking Wood Badge. Every Scout deserves a trained leader.

Course Format

Wood Badge training is for adult Scouters in all program areas of Scouting – Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. While at Wood Badge, however, you will be a member of a troop. Every Wood Badger around the world is a member of Gilwell Troop 1, linking your course to the first course held by Baden-Powell in 1919 at Gilwell Park near London.

The troop format has been chosen because it is an excellent framework for practicing the leadership skills introduced during the course. Be assured, however, that the leadership skills you learn will be applicable not only in every program area of Scouting, but in school, church, and community organizations in which you are involved as well.

For those of you not familiar with troop organization, you will want to review the *Boy Scout*



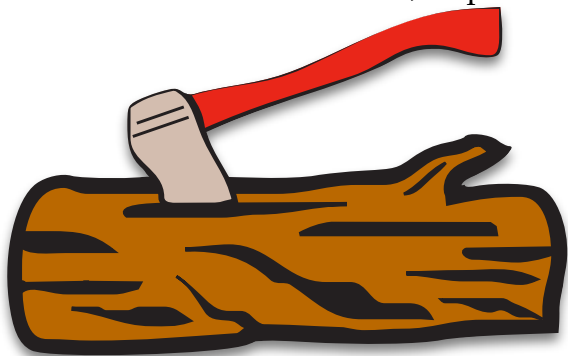
Handbook and/or talk to some Boy Scout leaders to familiarize yourself with the fundamental concepts described below. You might even wish to visit a troop meeting to see a troop in action.

- Upon arrival, you’ll be directed where to unload your gear and then you’ll move to registration.
- You will be temporarily assigned to a Webelos Scout den that is ready to graduate into Boy Scouts. Spouses will be in separate dens.
- A den chief will help orient you to troop facilities.
- Shortly after arrival, participants crossover into Boy Scouting and are divided into patrols of 5-6 people who will work together on projects and activities during the Wood Badge course. Each patrol is assigned a name from the list of traditional names for Wood Badge Patrols: Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox, Owl, Bear, Buffalo, and Antelope.

- The Wood Badge staff will be role-playing responsibilities of troop leadership. Some will be representing youth positions; others will be representing adult leadership.
- In an ideal boy-run troop, the Senior Patrol Leader (youth member) is in charge of troop meetings and activities and has the “up-front” leadership role. This may be a new concept for Cub Scouts, who are accustomed to the up-front leader being an adult, the Cubmaster. The Scoutmaster, who has been working with the “SPL” and other youth leaders in the background to develop plans for these meetings, is leading from “behind-the-scenes.”
- When new members join a troop, they are often placed in a “New Scout Patrol.” An experienced youth leader, called a Troop Guide, is assigned to work with this patrol on the skills required to attain the rank of First Class Scout. When patrol members have attained that goal, the troop guide is then re-assigned another leadership position within the troop.

The six days of the course are modeled after a month in the life of a Troop. Three troop meetings leading up to an outdoor experience, i.e. a campout.

SR-948 will be conducted over two three-day periods. The first period will start at 6:45 AM Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, March 6th and go through Sunday, March 8th at the Skymont Scout Reservation. All meals during the first period will be served in the Dining Hall and you will be housed in the staff cabins. While many of the training sessions will be conducted indoors, there will also be a number of outdoor activities, so please be prepared.



During the second three-day period, starting at 7:00 AM CST on Saturday, March 28th through Monday, March 30th, participants will camp in Skymont camp sites. As this is the outdoor experience, you will be housed in wall tents that will be furnished with cots and mattresses. Your patrol will cook its own meals. Showers and restroom facilities are available.

Wood Badge Ticket

One of the great traditions of Wood Badge is the “ticket.” A ticket is simply a set of goals that you write for yourself to help apply the skills you learn at Wood Badge.

The 21st Century Wood Badge ticket process begins with you determining your own vision of success for the group that you work with in Scouting – your den, troop, pack, roundtable staff, commissioner staff, etc. Then you will write five significant goals that you can accomplish within 18 months. This method will help make your vision of success for your group a reality.

Your ticket is a very personal contract that you write for yourself. Goals that help fulfill one person’s plan for success may not work toward the success of another person’s vision. That’s why we want you to come open-minded about your ticket. Your ticket will be meaningful to you and enable you to practice and share the skills learned in the course while making a difference in the lives of youth.

History of the Wood Badge Ticket

In Baden-Powell's day, men in the military were expected to pay their own way back to England at the end of their service. The British Army would, however, pay for travel tickets for command transfers. In order to economize, soldiers nearing completion of their duties would seek assignments at posts increasingly close to home – a process known as “working your ticket.”



So, we use the same principle in Wood Badge. Our ticket is the road map we follow. Going from point to point in achieving our goals, we are “working our ticket” to get us closer to home in our challenge to become better Scout leaders.

Wood Badge Fashion

To wear or not to wear, that is the question... During the Wood Badge course, please wear the *field uniform* of your position in Scouting. If you serve in more than one capacity (i.e. as both assistant Scoutmaster and Cubmaster) wear the uniform representing the position in which you are most active. Be sure to inspect your uniform before coming to the Wood Badge course and make any corrections. Should you have any questions, refer to the current BSA Insignia Guide. In addition to your official uniform, you may at times during the course wear an *activity uniform*. You will be provided a course hat, polo shirt and neckerchief. You may submit a request for an additional polo shirt for \$15.00. During the course, you will have the opportunity to purchase a course Wood Badge vest for \$30.00 and other Wood Badge related items like critter patches and belt buckles.



PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST

Required

Official Scout field uniform(s) for your current Scouting position (**Note:** A complete uniform includes the official shirt; shorts, long pants, skirt, or culottes; socks; and belt. A neckerchief and slide will be provided.)

Scout activity uniform(s) (**Note:** An activity uniform includes a course polo shirt (1 provided), Scout shorts, pants, skirt, or culottes, belt, and scout socks).

- Health forms
- Scout hat (provided)
- Shoes or boots, closed toe and heel (not white, please)
- Windbreaker or jacket
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Underwear
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Sleeping bag
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (no fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in labeled containers
- Toiletries
- Towels and washcloths
- Pens, pencils, pocket notebook
- Canteen or water bottle
- Handbook for your Scouting program
- Daypack

Optional Items

- Pillow
- Change of shoes, and / or camp slippers
- Shower footwear
- Sunglasses
- Religious book(s)
- Book of camp songs, skits, etc.
- Camera and film
- Alarm Clock
- Small heater and power strip (staff cabins have an outlet)

SR-948 Staff

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Requirements

The following items are now due to the council service center:

- **Class 3 Medical Form (or new Annual Health and Medical Record parts A, B, and C)** — required of all participants and staff members, regardless of age. This form requires a medical exam within one year of the start of the Wood Badge course. Medical forms should be mailed to the council office prior to the start of the course.
- **All fees** are due 30 days prior to the start of the course, 2/4/09. Scholarships, grants, or loans are available through gifts designated for the council's Wood Badge scholarship fund.
- **Personal Resource Questionnaire** will help us prepare for your Wood Badge experience.

For more course information, visit our web site at <http://woodbadgēcac.org>

A bit of Wood Badge History



In 1911, Lord Robert S. S. Baden-Powell began training adult Scouters by organizing a series of lectures. In 1919, he instituted the Wood Badge experience. The course came to the U.S. in 1936.

Some of the most significant changes to the course were implemented in 2000, reflecting the challenges of the 21st Century world in which we live. Wood Badge has evolved from an Advanced Outdoor Skills course for Boy Scout Leaders and a Trainers' Course for Cub Scout Leaders to an Advanced Leadership course for ALL adult leaders.

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, the course includes leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations through the country.

Gilwell Gazette

The Gilwell Gazette is the newspaper of the Wood Badge course. It is distributed each morning, with the intent of letting Troop 1 know as much as possible about the inner workings of the course. You will find the schedule of events for the day, interesting stories about people and activities, *articles submitted by patrol scribes*, and lots of material that relates to the operation of the course.

Patrols are encouraged to submit articles by dinner time to have the article placed in the following day's issue, after editors' approval of course.

