

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 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 walking the scenic woodlands of Skymont. 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:

"Wood Badge is the most awesome and fun training experience a Scouter can have!"

— Dennis Wilson

"The Wood Badge experience was beyond description."

— Anonymous

"This is leadership training at its best! This is training that you can apply both in and outside of your Scouting life."

— Karl Hebert

"You have not really experienced Scouting until you have gone through Wood Badge."

— Warren Diegel

"It was an experience that I will always treasure and use to help others."

— Bill Bragg

"The Wood Badge experience tops any other training you will receive in Scouting."

— Amanda Smith



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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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Skymount Scout Reservation

March 6-8, 2009

March 28-30, 2009

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. 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 the practical training, each participant has a minimum of four months and a maximum of eighteen months to complete the application phase (the 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 21st Century Wood Badge course and have successfully completed the basic training requirements for their primary position. This generally consists of Fast Start, New Leader Essentials, and Position Specific Training. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Venturing Advisors 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 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 officer 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 per person. This includes six days of training, all meals, all instructional material, a limited-edition Wood Badge CAC 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 the application phase of the course. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, contact Wood Badge Staff Advisor, Gary Griffin, at 423-892-8323.

Wood Badge Request for Invitation

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-mail _____

Scouting Position _____

Council _____

District _____

Unit # _____

I certify that I am a registered adult leader and have completed the required prerequisite training for my position in Scouting.

Signed _____

Date _____

Clip and return this portion and return to:

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