

History of Wood Badge

Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded Scouting early in the 20th century, and in just a few short years, the movement exploded. Baden-Powell quickly recognized the need for adult leaders to complete training in a hands-on outdoor environment.



On Monday, September 8, 1919, 20 men clad in shorts and knee socks gathered around a flagpole at Gilwell Field near London. Organized into three Patrols, those men launched the precursor for what eventually has become Wood Badge for the 21st Century.

Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys and Aids to Scoutmastership were 'textbooks' for this outdoor classroom, and during the 11-day course, the Scouters learned the skills to pass on to their eager Scouts: Troop organization, campcraft, pioneering, woodcraft, signcraft, games, field-work, study circle work and pathfinding.

Upon completion of the course, Baden-Powell awarded each of the Scouters a hand-carved bead tied to a leather thong, the beads were a prize he collected from Zulu Chief Dinizulu during the British's Ashanti Campaign in 1888.

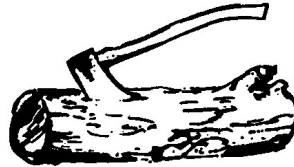
The Boy Scouts of America conducted its first official Wood Badge course in the United States in 1948. Since that time, training professionals and volunteers have updated the Wood Badge syllabus to provide the best methods to adult Scouters for teaching leadership and program delivery.

What is the cost of Wood Badge?

The course fee for the 2019 Wood Badge course is \$180. This fee covers all instructional materials, program supplies and all food for both weekends. Each participant will receive a course shirt, cap and neckerchief. This fee also includes the Wood Badge training award that is presented following completion of the application phase of the course. A deposit of \$50 is due with the application and the balance is due no later than 30 days prior to the start of the course. Installments toward the \$180 fee are acceptable.

Outdoor Skills

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



Advance Preparation

Prior to arrival at the Wood Badge training site, each participant will receive a packet containing details that will help them prepare for the course.

Health and Safety

The Wood Badge training team adheres to the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Each participant must have a current Annual Health and Medical Form, parts A, B and C, before they can attend Wood Badge. They must be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. A staff medical officer will administer first aid and assist with any health issues that may arise.

Wood Badge



Leadership Training at its Best!

**Open to ALL adult Scouters:
Cub Scout, Boy Scout,
Venturing, District & Council**

**Taught by experienced Scouting
leaders in an outdoor setting**

February 22-24, 2019

and

March 22-24, 2019



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What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership training course for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches leadership and team-building skills in a comfortable outdoor setting.

Wood Badge's effectiveness as a leadership development experience has been applauded by industry training professionals. Its positive influence on unit-level programs is unparalleled.

What exactly is taught at Wood Badge?

Wood Badge focuses on contemporary leadership skills and integrates Scouting's values-based philosophy. A variety of learning opportunities, including lecture, demonstration, group discussion and hands-on exercises offer participants insight into contemporary leadership theory while providing them with specific skills that will enable them to put what they learn to use immediately in their units.

Many participants have found they can apply what they've learned during the course in their personal and professional lives equally effectively. And while learning is the focus of Wood Badge, FUN is an important component!



When and Where is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is a 2-weekend course. Weekend #1 will be held on February 22-24 at Camp Patten in Lakeland. Weekend #2 will be held on March 22-24 at Camp Osborn near Sylvester.

How much time will Wood Badge take?

Wood Badge is conducted over two three-day weekends scheduled 3 weeks apart. Each weekend begins at 7:30 am Friday. Your patrol will have at least one meeting scheduled between the weekend sessions.

Why should I attend Wood Badge and how will I benefit from this training?

Wood Badge helps you become a better leader—in Scouting and in your personal and professional life. It's fun and rewarding. Here are some comments from recent Wood Badge participants:

"I learned a great deal about myself."

"I feel the program has given me the tools to make positive changes at my pack."

"The experience was beyond words."

"I learned how important my role is and how much influence I have on the boys and their families."

"It challenged me to give my best."

"I am reminded of the importance of group dynamics in the attempt to work as a team."

What are the course prerequisites?

Wood Badge is open to all registered adult leaders who have completed the basic training for their primary position.

Cub Scout Program:

Leader Specific Training & Youth Protection

Boy Scout Program:

For SM & ASM: Leader Specific Training, Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills & YPT
For Troop Committee: Troop Committee Challenge & YPT

Venturing Program:

Leader Specific Training & Youth Protection



Wood Badge Application

Please print legibly and forward with your \$50 deposit to:
South Georgia Council, BSA, 1841 Norman Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601

Name

Address

City, ST Zip

Phone—daytime

Phone-Evening

Email

District

Unit#

Current Scouting Position

Dietary Restrictions?

T-shirt Size

Enclosed is \$ _____ as deposit or full payment of \$180 payable to South Georgia Council, BSA.



I understand that attendance at all sessions is mandatory and is required for certification. I must agree to provide an Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A, B and C.

I am a registered adult leader, and I have completed the basic training and any outdoor skills training relevant for my position in Scouting.

Signature

Date