



Wood Badge 2014

Advanced Training for All Scout Leaders

On the morning of September 8, 1919, a 61-year-old retired general of the British Army stepped into the center of a clearing in Gilwell Park, Epping Forest outside London. He raised to his lips the horn of a greater kudu, one of the largest African antelope. He blew a long, sharp blast and 19 men gathered in patrols for the first training course for Scout Leaders.

Robert S.S. Baden-Powell (B-P), founder of the worldwide Scouting movement, realized that trained leaders would be a key to the movement's success. At the end of the training program, BP looked for a suitable recognition and chose wooden beads from a chieftain's necklace and put them on a leather shoestring, a symbol of good luck. The training course for adult leaders, and the recognition, became known as "The Wood Badge." The tradition continues with another advanced training course for all Scout Program Leaders in the Spring of 2014.

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is a **participant friendly** advanced adult leadership training program for all leaders in Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs. Prior to 2002, Wood Badge training was available only to Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Trainers. Now the program has been revised and teaches the same leadership skills to leaders from all Scouting programs.

Wood Badge has two parts. The first is two 3-day weekends of practical experience where you learn skills and concepts that underscore the five Themes of Wood Badge:

- Bringing the Vision to Life
- Models for Success
- Tools of the Trade
- Leading to Make a Difference
- Living the Values

As part of the practical course, you create a plan to put the skills in action, called a "ticket." When complete, you earn the recognition of Wood Badge beads, woggle and neckerchief.

This opportunity is for trained Scout Leaders of all programs and will provide skills that will help you to become a more effective leader and put together high-performance teams to make your Den and Pack Grow, make your Boy Scout Troop Go, take your Venturing Crew to the next peak or motivate your District to new heights.

Wood Badge Objectives

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

Wood Badge Training requires attendance at two 3-day weekends:

1st Weekend - April 4-6, 2014

Friday, 7:30 a.m. until Sunday late afternoon
Avondale Scout Reservation, Clinton, LA

2nd Weekend – April 25-27, 2014

Friday, 7:00 a.m. until Sunday late afternoon
Avondale Scout Reservation, Clinton, LA

All participants will be contacted by staff prior to the course, in order to provide details on the course and to answer any questions which might come up.

The second weekend will be a camping/outdoor experience using low-impact camping techniques.

Attendance at all sessions both weekends is required. In addition, your patrol will also set two patrol meetings at the group's convenience between the first and second weekends. Attendance at these patrol meetings is also required. An Annual Health and Medical Record Form (part A, B, & C) is required for the course.

Qualifications

Candidates must be trained for their program and position (i.e. completed Fast Start, Position Specific and Youth Protection). Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), while required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, is recommended for all others. Cub Scout leader outdoor training (BALOO and IOLSW or OWLS) is recommended but not required for Cub Scout leaders.

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