

Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge was originally presented by Baden Powell as a means of strengthening and preserving the Scouting movement in every country in the world.

Today, in America, Wood Badge is a team based, advanced leadership training program. Wood Badge combines the best of Scouting traditions with contemporary leadership concepts recognized in leading business and governmental organizations and relevant to our movement. Plus Wood Badge is fun, fast-paced and lively. You will form new friendships that may last a lifetime.

To the unit leader, Wood Badge often makes the difference between offering Scouts mere recreation and providing a program which will have a profound influence on the lives of young men and women.

To all Scouters, the Wood Badge experience teaches leadership skills that can help leaders to become truly effective in working with others in our units, districts, and councils



What is a ticket?

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge Experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils. Wood Badge has two parts: the practical and the application. Both must be completed before final recognition is given.

The practical part is a six-day outdoor experience based on the aims and methods of Scouting. It exposes participants to leadership concepts and guides them in applying these concepts. In a supportive and enthusiastic environment, Scouters are motivated to do the best job possible in their Scouting positions.

The application part of Wood Badge is a period of up to 18 months. The participant practices and demonstrates a working knowledge of the leadership concepts and skills presented during the course. The Wood Badge "Ticket" represents the participant's commitment to complete a set of personal goals related to his or her Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the units and programs in which the participant is involved.

Upon completion of the Wood Badge ticket, the participant will be presented the world-wide, universally recognized symbols of graduation: two symbolic wooden beads, a special neckerchief and slide, plus a certificate.

Who should attend?

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is for all leaders: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venturing Leaders, as well as district and council volunteers and professionals.

Each Scouter invited to attend a Wood Badge course must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, and must have completed "Basic Training" for whatever Scouting position they hold. The Annual Medical and Health form is required of all participants. The course does not require unusual physical fitness, and we will strive to accommodate Scouters with limitations.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the highlights of their Scouting careers. It has served as leadership training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badgers have positively influenced the lives of millions of America's youth. If you have any questions about the value of Wood Badge, ask someone who has taken it.

What is it like?

For the first weekend, participants will sleep in cabins, and all meals will be provided. The second weekend will be in an outdoor setting, camping in tents. Participants in small groups will prepare some meals. Male and female participants' camp sites will be separated as an accommodation for some religious beliefs.

I meet the qualifications for Wood Badge and would like to participate. Include your \$75.00 deposit with this application to hold your place in the course. Mail to: Great Lakes Council, BSA 1100 County Center Drive Westlike Waterford, MI 48328(Please print clearly)

Name _____ Address _____ Primary
Email _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Unit _____
Scouting Position _____ Years in Scouting _____
District _____ Council _____

ON-LINE Registration also available through our website www.glcscouting.org

Acct. Number 1-6801-256-20

Wood Badge Course Sept. 13-15, 2012 & Sept. 27-29, 2012

Course Limit: 48 participants.
A waiting list will be created in the order that fees are received.

Course Dates:
1st Half: September 13-15, 2012
D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI
2nd Half: September 27-29, 2012
D-bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI

Note: Both weekends will begin THURSDAY at 8:00am and end SATURDAY at 5:00pm. Both sessions must be attended in full. This course has been specially arranged to accommodate those whose religious beliefs make it difficult to attend Scouting training on Sunday. The course is open to all qualified Scouters regardless of religious preference.

Cost: \$250.00
Fee includes all meals, program materials, insurance, administrative costs, hat, and recognition items. \$75.00 deposit will be required with completed application. Make checks payable to Great Lakes Council. (Some financial assistance may be available – contact the Course Director)

Medical Examination:
Wood Badge requires an Annual Medical and Health form to be completed by all participants within one year of the course start date. A form will be sent with your confirmation letter.

??? Questions??? Course Director:
Toby Threet (989-835-5296) Email:
tobythreet@yahoo.com or Great Lakes Council: (248-338-0035)

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