

## WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge is the most advanced leadership training available for Scout leaders.

The course is inspired by Baden-Powell, the founder of the world scout movement, who conducted the first Wood Badge course in 1919. It takes the most current leadership and team development skills that are used in American business and combines them with over 100 years of Scouting experience.

Its purpose is to aid you in providing a quality program that enables Scouts to grow to their greatest potential.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Wood Badge is intended for all volunteers and professionals for all BSA Scouting programs.

- Cub Scouting
- Boy Scouting
- Varsity Scouting
- Venturing
- Exploring
- Sea Scouting



## COURSE INFORMATION

Weekend 1:  
7:15 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2017 through  
6:00 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017

Weekend 2:  
7:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2017 through  
4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Attendance at both weekends is required.

In addition, attendees will hold two small-group meetings between the two weekend sessions.



## REAL STORIES FROM REAL WOOD BADGERS



"Coming out of Wood Badge, I felt focused, energized and empowered to make a positive contribution to scouting. It's a transformative experience that gives each participant tenfold what they put into it!"

"Wood Badge helped me understand team dynamics better, especially team-building and maximizing team unity. It shifted my focus to think on a grander scale about what I could give back to Scouting as an adult leader. Wood Badge gave me a new set of tools for improving teamwork, communication and feedback, and for conflict resolution. I can apply these tools to my personal, professional and Scouting endeavors."

"I knew about many elements of team-building and leadership, but Wood Badge helped put all the pieces together. It was life-changing in many ways."



"Wood Badge helped me discover that I am capable of doing so much more than I ever thought I could."



"Wood Badge taught me many things, but the biggest one for me was courage. Courage

to stand in front of a group of people and speak. Courage to lead through selfless service. And courage to listen with an open heart."

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Wood Badge includes a series of fun and educational training activities.

The greatest physical demands are walking around Camp Lowden, playing some simple games, and working on a two-hour service project—nothing that should keep anyone from attending. If you have mobility concerns, please contact the Course Director because the staff can likely make accommodations.

The course does require that you have a current BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B and C).



## UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

Each attendee needs a complete field uniform for the course, including official scout shirt, pants or shorts, socks, and belt. The course fee includes one activity t-shirt that will be worn during some activities.

More information on the clothing and equipment needed will be shared before the first weekend session.

## NO CAMPING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

The focus of Wood Badge is developing leadership skills, not outdoor skills—no camping experience is required.

On the first weekend, attendees sleep in the Boeger Leadership Lodge and all meals will be prepared for you, so you can focus on learning new skills.

On the second weekend, attendees will camp and cook a few simple meals with your patrol. If you are not an experienced camper, you will have plenty of staff members and experienced patrol members to ensure you're comfortable and have a great time.

