

Why Go To Wood Badge Course C1-173-11-1?

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

You go to Wood Badge to improve your leadership of small groups, and your understanding of how teams develop. The heart of Wood Badge is small group leadership. It is great fun too. This training is not only for Scouting. It also helps people at work, in church and other groups, and in families.

Who Is Eligible To Attend Wood Badge?

You may attend Wood Badge if you are registered as an adult in Boy Scouts of America, trained for your position, and medically able to handle the program. (Scouters who attended an earlier version of Wood Badge are welcome to come again, with the understanding that you will participate fully and work your ticket.)

Here are some more details:

Tenure: You do not have to have been a Scout leader for any minimum number of years.

Trained: If you are eligible to wear a "trained" patch that meets this requirement. That means outdoor skills are required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity coaches, but not for others. If you have questions about this, call the course director or council training chair.

Medical: The course includes some walking around the camp and physical activities. The second half of the course involves camping out, but it is in the camp, not hiking into the wilderness. If you are medically unable to do it (or it would be unwise), talk to the course director. ALL participants must turn in the BSA "Medical and Health Record" form, which is available online at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is advanced leadership training for adult leaders. It teaches skills that are useful in Scouting, at work, in families, and elsewhere.

The program is for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders.

The five central themes of Wood Badge:

Living the values

- Values, Mission, and Vision

Bringing the Vision to Life

- Listening to Learn
- Communicating
- Inclusiveness
- Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity
- Coaching and Mentoring

Models for Success

- Stages of Team Development
- The Leading EDGE / The Teaching EDGE

Tools of the Trade

- Project Planning
- Leading Change
- Decision Making and Problem Solving
- Managing Conflict
- Self-Assessment

Leading to Make a Difference

- Leaving a Legacy

What Does It Cost?

The fee for the course is \$195. You pay \$50.00 deposit when you register. The balance needs to be paid 30 days before your course starts, or earlier. The fee includes all meals during course, a place to sleep in the camp and all the training, handouts, and such. It does not include the uniforms you will want, items at the Trading Post, etc.

Financial Aid: There is financial aid available, contact the course director. The first 5 persons to sign up receive a \$20.00 discount.

Dates:

Pre-Course Meeting – June 11, 2011 – TBD

1st Weekend – August 5 through 7, 2011 – WSR

2nd Weekend – August 19 through 21, 2011 – WSR

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