

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership training program for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team development skills in an outdoor setting.

Why Wood Badge for the 21st Century?

Times have changed since Lord Robert Baden Powell assembled the first Wood Badge course in 1919. Over the years, the teaching methods and instructional tools have been updated to meet the needs of contemporary leaders. What has not changed is the primary focus of Wood Badge, which is Leadership Training.

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

Wood Badge helps you become a better leader, it's fun, it's rewarding, and it helps you meet new friends. 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."

"The leadership information presented...was priceless."

"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."

WOOD BADGE TRADITION

On the morning of September 8, 1919, the 61 year-old retired general of the British Army, General Baden-Powell, stepped out into the center of a clearing at Gilwell Park. He raised to his lips the horn of a Greater Kudu, one of the largest of African antelopes. He blew a long sharp blast. Nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirt-sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell.

Since 1973, over 1,000 volunteer and professional Scouters have participated in Wood Badge courses offered by the East Texas Area Council. The benefits of over thirty years of advanced leadership training can be seen throughout the Council. Thousands of young lives have been influenced by the leaders who have experienced Wood Badge.



Whether you are a Scoutmaster with years of experience or a brand new Den Leader just starting out, Wood Badge can help you learn new leadership skills and further develop the skills you already have. Become a part of the tradition. Add your mark to Scouting's legacy.

WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY SPRING 2010 EAST TEXAS AREA COUNCIL



Leadership training at its best!

Taught by experienced Scout leaders in an outdoor setting.

Personal growth. Fun.
Fellowship.

Open to all adult leaders:
Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts,
Varsity, Venturing
Course Dates:

April 16,17,18, 2010
and
May 14,15,16, 2010

What exactly is taught in Wood Badge?

Wood Badge has always taught leadership skills. 21st Century Wood Badge focuses on contemporary leadership skills and issues, and then it integrates Scouting's value-based philosophy. A variety of learning opportunities 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 in their personal and professional lives equally effectively. And while learning is the focus of Wood Badge, fun is an important Component!

Course Prerequisites:

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is open to all registered adult leaders who have completed the basic training requirement for their primary position. The basic training requirement generally consists of Fast Start, New Leader Essentials and Position Specific Training. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Assistants must complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills in addition to the above requirements. Outdoor training is not required of other leaders but it is highly recommended. Additional training details can be obtained from your District Training Team.

Advance Preparation:

Prior to arrival at the Wood Badge training site at G. W. Pirtle Scout Reservation, participants will receive a packet containing details that will help them prepare for the course.

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 the staff and experienced participants will help participants new to the outdoors have a safe and enjoyable Wood Badge experience.

Health & Safety:

The Wood Badge training team and participants will adhere to the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Each participant must have a current Class III medical form before they can attend Wood Badge. And they must be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. There will be a staff medical officer who will administer first aid and assist with any health issues that may arise.



Cost:

The course fee for the Spring 2010 Wood Badge course is \$195.00. This fee covers all instructional materials, all food for the first and second weekends. Each participant will receive a course cap, tee shirt and neckerchief and cup. The fee also includes the Wood Badge regalia that is presented following completion of the Wood Badge ticket. A deposit of \$50 is due with the registration form and the balance is due 30 days prior to the start of the course. Other questions about cost can be answered by the course director, Sonja DeWitt (936)462-7919 (home), (936)554-4132(cell)
Sr1035@suddenlink.net(email)

Spring Wood Badge 2010
(Clip and submit form with \$50.00 deposit or full cost of \$195.00)
Send application to: East Texas Area Council
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Tyler Texas 75701
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