



WOOD BADGE

SCOUTING'S PREMIER LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership development program for adult leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a practical course designed to inspire and empower adult leaders to achieve their leadership potential and to assist the Boy Scouts of America in reaching its goals for young people. Wood Badge is Scouting's most advanced training program for all leaders in Scouting and its family of programs—Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring, and Sea Scouting.

Wood Badge teaches the most current leadership models used by business, university programs, and government. It presents the latest in leadership theory, competencies, and behaviors within the context of traditional Scouting activities. Dynamic presentations keep your attention focused on learning while providing hands-on opportunities to apply what you have learned and gain confidence in your abilities. You will have fun and meet interesting people, and you will develop a deeper understanding of what Scouting is and why we do it.

Who may attend Wood Badge?

Any Scouter currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America who has completed the basic leadership training for their registered position should attend Wood Badge. (Young people 18 and older may attend and do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.) Every leader should take Wood Badge within two years of becoming a Scouter. We welcome Scouters from other BSA councils to join us.

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What participants will learn

Wood Badge is a five-day course divided between two sessions over two weekends (a three-day weekend followed by a two-day weekend). A few things you will learn and experience during the course:

- Creating a Vision of Success
- Communications Skills (Learn to listen, listen to learn)
- Stages of Team Development
- Ethical Decision Making
- Servant Leadership
- Project Planning and Problem Solving
- Coaching and Mentoring, and Teaching Others

The Ticket

Perhaps you have heard of “The Ticket” and wondered what it is. The ticket is a group of five goals that will allow you to use your new leadership skills and competencies in ways that strengthen Scouting for youth in your home unit, district, or council. You will learn more about this during the course.

There is no better time to make a difference!

Wood Badge is a great Scouting experience that is recognized worldwide. There is no better time to attend a Wood Badge course and make a difference for yourself and Scouting. Come and join us!