History of Wood Badge

Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded Scouting early in the 20th century, and in just a few short years, the movement exploded. Baden-Powell quickly recognized the need for adult leaders to complete training in a hands-on outdoor environment.

On Monday, September 8, 1919, 20 men clad in shorts and knee socks gathered around a flagpole at Gilwell Field near London. Organized into three Patrols, these men launched the precursor for what eventually has become Wood Badge for the 21st Century.

Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys and Aids to Scoutmastership were 'textbooks' for this outdoor classroom, and during the 11 day course, the Scouters learned the skills to pass on to their eager Scouts: Troop organization, campcraft, pioneering, woodcraft, signcraft, games, fieldwork, study circlework and pathfinding.

Upon completion of the course, Baden-Powell awarded each of the Scouters a hand-carved bead tied to a leather thong, the beads a prize he collected from Zulu Chief Dinizulu during the British' Ashanti Campaign in 1888.

The Boy Scouts of America conducted its first official Wood Badge course in the United States in 1948. Since that time, training professionals and volunteers have updated the Wood Badge syllabus to provide the best methods to adult Scouters for teaching leadership and program delivery.

What is Wood Badge for the 21st Century?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership development course for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team-building skills in a comfortable outdoor setting, where learners become members of their own Troop.

Wood Badge's effectiveness as an effective leadership development experience has been applauded by industry training professionals. Its positive influence on graduates' individual unit-level program is unparalleled.

Take a look inside for more information!

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

For All Adult Scouters

August 16-18, 2013
September 20-22, 2013

Chicago Area Council, BSA

What Will You Get Out of Wood Badge?

As a result of attending Wood Badge, you will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

How is Wood Badge Presented?

Wood Badge consists of two phases. The first is the practical phase. This consists of two full weekends at a local training center and at camp plus midweek patrol meetings between the weekends. The second, or application phase, occurs after the weekends and consists of "working your ticket".

Who Should Attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge for the 21st Century has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing Leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters in all leadership positions and will provide a common foundation of leadership skills to be used throughout all program areas.

To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. (There is no minimum tenure required.)
- Have not previously attended a Wood Badge course.
- Have completed New Leader Essentials training and the Leader Specific Training for your Scouting position. (NOTE: If you participated in Basic Training prior to the 2001 curriculum change, these courses are valid for this requirement.)
- If you are a Scoutmaster or Assistant SM, Varsity Coach or Assistant VC, have completed the Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. IOLS attendance is encouraged for other leaders but NOT required.

Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants must successfully complete the BSA Class 3 physical before attending Wood Badge.

Wood Badge Course Details

Location: The 21st Century Wood Badge course will be conducted at Camp Betz Berrien Springs Michigan.

Course Dates: 1st weekend: Aug. 16, 17 & 18, 2013
2nd weekend: Sept. 20, 21, & 22, 2013

Pre-course Orientation: Time and Location TBA. Detailed instructions, directions to camp, required forms, uniform requirements, personal equipment list, times, etc., will be available and discussed at the pre-course meeting, or mailed to you if you cannot attend the meeting.

Cost: $240.00 - includes all food, instructional materials, and special equipment. A $50 non-refundable deposit is due with your application, and the total fee is due by June 30, 2013. **Course Limit:** 48 participants. Applications with paid deposit or full payment will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis until the course reaches a capacity of 48. Alternates will be placed on a stand-by list.

Refund Policy: *Cancellations prior to 30 days of the course will receive all but the deposit back, less than 30 days prior to the course and ALL money will be forfeited!*

Scholarships are available. Please contact Ernest Espinoza at the scout office for more details.

To Register: Registration forms are available at the Chicago Area Council Service Center, at District Roundtables, or from Staff Members.

For more information, call the CAC Office at (312) 421-8800 ext. 248

Wood Badge Application

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____

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Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Home Council: _____

District: _____

Scouting Position: _____

Years in Scouting: _____

Youth _____ Adult _____

Health, Dietary, or Medical special needs:

_____

T-shirts size: (please circle one)

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Make checks payable to: Chicago Area Council
Mail to: 1218 W. Adams St, Chicago, IL 60607

I understand that attendance at all sessions is mandatory, and that I meet all qualifications required for Wood Badge:

Signature: _____