

What is the purpose of Wood Badge?

The ultimate purpose of Wood Badge is to help adult leaders deliver the highest quality Scouting program to young people and help them achieve their highest potential.

It models the best techniques for developing leadership and teamwork among both young people and adults.

How much time will Wood Badge take?

Wood Badge is conducted over two three-day weekends scheduled three weeks apart. Each weekend begins at 7:30 a.m. Friday and goes 'til 4:00pm on Sunday. Your patrol will have one or two meetings in between the course weekends.

When and where is Wood Badge?

Pikes Peak Council 2017 Wood Badge Course will be **April 21-23** and **May 19-21** at **Camp Alexander, Lake George, CO**

How will Wood Badge help me?

Wood Badge will teach you outdoor skills and leadership techniques in a 'living,' hands-on environment. You will be able to apply all you learn to your Scouting involvement and to your personal life.

You'll develop a Ticket, which is a written agreement outlining how you will apply your newly-learned skills as you continue your involvement in Scouting.

Development of your Ticket is an exercise in goal-setting and includes creating a personal vision and mission statement and outlining individual steps to personal success. You will have 18 months from course completion to finish your ticket.

How do I get my beads?

You've probably seen other Scouters wearing their Wood Badge beads. When you successfully complete your Ticket, some of your Wood Badge staff members will present you with your Wood Badge beads, a tan neckerchief with the famed MacLaren tartan, a leather 'woggle' (neckerchief slide) and a special Wood Badge certificate.

What are the qualifications?

Wood Badge is not just for Scoutmasters. It's for adult Scouters at all levels: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, Venturing, District and Council. Youth older than 18 may attend and do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role. Here are the qualifications:

- Be a registered member of the BSA.
- Complete basic training courses for your primary Scouting position (see Scouting's Basic Leader Training Courses at right).
- Complete the outdoor skills training program appropriate to your Scouting position.
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.
- Complete the Colorado Boy Scout Camps Health & Medical Record.

What? Indoor facilities?

During weekend 1, Camp Alexander will offer cabins for sleeping, showers, dressing rooms (with electricity and mirrors!) and indoor restrooms with flush toilets. During weekend 2 you will be tent camping with your patrol and use outdoor toilets.

What do I eat?

You'll be welcomed the first weekend with delectable meals prepared by our friendly quartermaster staff.

On Weekend 2, your patrol will return the favor by hosting (~2) Wood Badge staff members in your campsite.

If you have any dietary restrictions, please tell your Wood Badge Course Director at least 30 days before the first weekend, and we'll try to accommodate your needs.

What do I wear?

Participants wear the full uniform for their registered position(s).

What is the course registration fee?

The fee for attending Wood Badge is \$230, which includes all your meals, course materials, and those coveted Wood Badge beads.

How do I register?

Visit <http://www.pikespeakbsa.org/woodbadge> Review the event information, then click on the register button. If you need to make other arrangements for registration / payment, contact Robbin Schellhaus at 719-660-8786 or rschellhaus@gmail.com

A \$50 payment is due at the time of application. The first 48 fully paid Scouters who meet course requirements will be confirmed for the course.

What are the Training Prerequisites?

All leaders attending Wood Badge should be fully trained in their primary registered position. This begins with This is Scouting and Youth Protection Training.

You must also complete the position-specific training applicable for your primary registered position:

- Cub Leader Specific Training for Cub Leaders
- Scout Leader Specific Training for Boy Scout Leaders or Troop Committee Challenge for Committee Members
- Varsity Scout Coach Leader Training for Varsity Scout Leaders
- Venturing Leader Specific Training for Venturing Crew Leaders
- Commissioner Basic Training for Unit and District Commissioners

Outdoor Skills Training is required for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches, Varsity Assistants, and Venturing Crew Leaders whose crews have an outdoor program. Helpful links to training course info and dates:

<https://www.pikespeakbsa.org/trainedleader>

<https://www.pikespeakbsa.org/calendar>

Questions on prerequisites: Robbin Schellhaus at: rschellhaus@gmail.com

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 circle work 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.

Source: www.woodbadge.org



What is Wood Badge?

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 a 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!



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