



## Wood Badge . . . What's That?

**WOOD BADGE** is the ultimate in Scout leadership training focused to teach leadership skills to adults involved in **ALL** levels of Scouting (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and district, council, and professional positions).

Originally developed by Lord Baden-Powell in 1919, the founder of the Boy Scouts, Wood Badge is designed to offer Scouters the opportunity to learn leadership skills in an outdoor environment; it emphasizes **leadership**, not outdoor skills. It enables you to develop knowledge and understanding of the skills you need to be successful in the development of yourself and youth.

**WOOD BADGE** consists of **two parts**:

The **first part** is a two-weekend training experience where you are taught leadership in a scouting setting; this includes an outdoor experience. During this time, you will be trained in practical leadership skills such as listening, communicating, project

planning, problem solving, inclusiveness, valuing diversity, servant leadership, conflict management, leading change, and more. Through this living / working experience, you will have the opportunity to learn and practice these skills with other Scouters in a supportive environment.

You will find these skills to be a very valuable tool in your Scouting, business, and personal life. While you are learning these skills, you will develop a vision for YOUR leadership, and derive, with the help of the staff, goals that will enable you to realize your vision — "*your Ticket*".

The **second part** is where you "work your ticket". Over the course of the 18 months following the practical skills training you work at your own pace to accomplish your goals. When you complete "*your Ticket*" you will join the ranks of many scouters before you and will be honored at a Wood Badge graduation and receive your Troop One neckerchief, leather woggle, Wood Badge beads of recognition, and a certificate.



*The First Scoutmasters' Course at Gilwell Park, September, 1919  
 Baden-Powell is seated center in the front row.*

## The History of Wood Badge

In September of 1919, a 61 year-old retired general of the British Army stepped out into the center of a clearing at Gilwell Park near London, England. 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, sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' Training Camp held at Gilwell. The generals name Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the World Scouting Movement.

When they had finished their training together, Lord Baden-Powell gave each man a simple wooden bead from a necklace he had found in a

Zulu chieftain's deserted hut when on campaign in South Africa in 1888. The Scoutmasters' Training Course was a great success and continued to be held year after year. At the end of each course, the wooden beads were used to recognize the completion of training. When the original beads ran out, new ones were whittled to maintain the tradition established by Baden-Powell. Because of these beads, the course came to be known as Wood Badge. It continues to this day in England and around the world as the advanced training course for leaders in Scouting.

## Who May Attend?

- You must be registered as an adult leader in a Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or at the District or Council level, or as a Venturing Youth 18-20 years of age.
- Complete the "Basic Training" courses for your Scouting position.  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/What\\_makes\\_a\\_trained\\_leader.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/What_makes_a_trained_leader.pdf)
- Submit parts **A, B, and C of the Annual Health and Medical Record** (dated no earlier than one year before the first day of course) **and** a copy of your Health Insurance Card.  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001\\_abc.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_abc.pdf)

## For More Information

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# FAQs

## You Should Attend Wood Badge If . . .

## Registration Form

Special Edition

2 *Q: I'm new to Scouting. Should I wait a year before I take Wood Badge?*

*A:* We recommend you take the course earlier in your scouting career. The training has been tailored to those who are relatively new to scouting as well as those with more experience. So, take it as soon as you're eligible.

*Q: I may need to miss a day due to scheduling conflicts. Is that a problem?*

*A:* You must attend the entire course. You cannot leave early during the course. Every minute of the course is essential to the Wood Badge learning experience.

*Q: Do I need special Outdoor Skills?*

*A:* Since overnight tent camping and outdoor cooking is part of the course, some basic camping skills will be helpful. The staff and experienced participants will help those new to the outdoors to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

*If you believe that every Scout deserves a trained leader...*

*If your favorite color is khaki or olive drab...*

*If you gave your spouse/partner for Christmas a mummy bag rated for -15 degrees...*

*If you plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party...*

*If your child hides his/her copy of Boy's Life from you (get your own)...*

*If you cried because your spouse threw out your container of old ashes ...*

*If you disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method"...*

*If you raise your hand to the Scout Sign at a heated business meeting...*

**Fee \$300** (includes - all meals, course materials, camping fee, course neckerchief & t-shirt)

\*Fees are fully refundable until August 25, 2019. **Register and pay by LEAD and get \$25 discount! One Lucky Scouter will get a free course by paying and registering at LEAD!!**



Click to [Register Online](#)

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS IS MANDATORY.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Council (if other than MDSC): \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Cub Scout / Boy Scout / Venture / Sea Scouts

Primary Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Basic Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Scouting: \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Youth

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Health, dietary, medical special needs:

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T-Shirt (circle): Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

Method of Payment: Specify Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Cash:

Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

**Mail completed application and payment to:**

**BSA, Mt. Diablo Silverado Council  
Attn: Wood Badge (W3-23-19)  
800 Ellinwood Way  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

## 2019 SCHEDULE

LOCATION: Both weekends @ CAMP HERMS, El Cerrito

7:30 AM Friday, Sept. 20,  
thru

5 PM Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019

7:30 AM Saturday, Oct12  
thru

5 PM Monday, Oct 14, 2019

Arrangements can be made to spend the night before the start of each weekend.

Applications with paid deposit (\$50) or full payment will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis until the course reaches the capacity of 48. Alternates will be placed on a Wait List.

