

## The Wood Badge Tradition

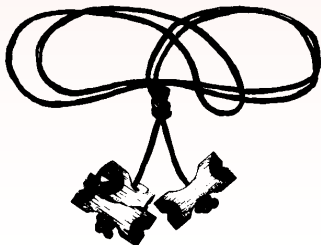
On the morning of September 18, 1919, the 61 year old retired General of the British Army, General Baden-Powell, stepped out into the center of a clearing at Gilwell Park in England. He raised to his lips the horn of a



Greater Kudu, one of the largest of African Antelopes, and blew a long sharp blast. Nineteen men dressed with their shirt-sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell.

Wood Badge will continue this tradition of teaching adult leaders skills to lead our youth. Wood Badge for the 21st Century is a continuation of a proud past with promotion of new leadership training skills for the future. Across the nation, Wood Badge for the 21st Century brings together in one dynamic course the men and women who serve as mentors for cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Scouts, and Venturing Crews.

As an adult leader or Scouting volunteer, you will benefit greatly from the Wood Badge experience and more importantly, so will your unit and the Scouts you lead.



## Wood Badge for the 21st Century

The objective of a Wood Badge course is to demonstrate as practically as possible the Aims and Methods of Scouting. Six days duration, the course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other volunteers and professional Scouters, and along the way we will have a great deal of fun. Upon successful completion of all course requirements and with the completion of your personal "Wood Badge Ticket", each participant will receive a Certificate of Completion, a Wood Badge Tartan Neckerchief, a Leather Woggle and two small Wooden Beads to be worn proudly around the neck.

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# WOOD BADGE

April 12 - 14  
and May 3 - 5  
2012



**Advanced Adult Leader Training**  
**Open to all Scouting Leaders**

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## What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is advanced adult leadership training for all adult leaders and volunteers who serve within the Boy Scouts of America. This training is designed to be fun, informative, and helpful for all adult volunteers, Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Crew advisors and professional staff. Most participants find that the lessons and leadership skills learned at Wood Badge are not only useful for Scouting but are also useful in their professional and personal lives.

## Who may attend Wood Badge?

Enrollment is limited to the first 48 Scouters to sign up! Attendees may be a Cub Scout leader, Boy Scout leader, Varsity leader, Venture advisor, district volunteer, council volunteer or professional staff. Space is limited, so make your reservation early.

## 6 Days...That's a lot of time!

Depends on how you look at it. How much time are you now spending with your Scouting unit? Is it time well spent? Would you like to invest a few days that will teach you advanced leadership skills and techniques so you may lead the youth in your unit better? Are you willing to invest 6 days (two, 3-day weekends), plus a few additional hours, to earn advanced leadership skills that will impact you for the rest of your life? This new knowledge helps make your Scouting job more proficient, and your Scouting experience more enjoyable.



## Do I have to "Work a Ticket?"

Yes, if you wish to complete your Wood Badge training and earn your "Wood Badge Beads." A Wood Badge Ticket is a simple contract that you write about how you will continue to serve your unit or Scouting position using the principles and skills you have learned at Wood Badge. You write your own personal ticket to help you in your Scouting position. It is not a Master's thesis or a final exam; it is nothing to fear.

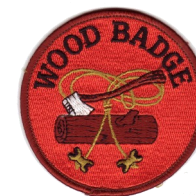
## How Much will it Cost?

The total course fee is approximately \$225. A \$75 deposit will hold your place in the course (only 48 participants allowed) and is due at the time you submit your registration. An additional \$75 (\$150 total) is due by February 12, 2012 with the balance of \$75 (\$225 total) is due by March 12.

The course fee covers the cost for food, presentation materials, participants hat and activity shirt. Upon completion of all course requirements, the participant will receive their Wood Badge certificate, leather woggle, tartan neckerchief and their two wooden beads on a leather thong.

## What about a Uniform?

A full, complete, and official adult leader uniform for your program (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing) will be worn during the Wood Badge course. Your uniform should be outfitted with the US Flag, home council strip and the international brotherhood patch. Other patches are acceptable (e.g. square knots, OA patches, regional patches, jambo patches, temporary activity patches) to be worn on your uniform. There is no reason to strip the uniform.



# Wood Badge Invitation Acceptance Form

- Course Fee: \$225 (approx.), complete fee must be paid on or before March 12, 2012.
- Deposit: \$75 - due at the time you return this form, non-refundable if registration is cancelled after March 12, 2012.
- YES, I accept the invitation to attend Wood Badge which will be held at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains.
- I understand that attendance for the entire 6-day session (two, 3-day weekends) will be expected and is required for course completion and certification.

Training I have completed: (\* required):

- Fast Start\*  New leader Essentials\*
- Leader Specific Training\*  BALOO
- Outdoor Leader Skills  Scoutmaster Fundamentals
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Leader with:  Pack  Troop  Crew  
 District  Council  Professional  Other  
Adult Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scouters interested in Wood Badge:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the information above and mail to:**

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