

## WHY WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for adult leaders of the Boy Scouts of America.

Established in 1919 by Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting's founder, Wood Badge has been the training ground for hundreds of thousands of Scouters around the world. Building on the past, understanding the present, and looking to the future, Wood Badge stands ready to help you provide leadership for Scouting and America.

The Wood Badge Course brings together leaders from all areas of Scouting – Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing – and BSA professional staff. Reflecting the best of more than a century of Scouting experience, the course also draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country. It draws from a wide range of sources within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

## PURPOSE OF WOOD BADGE

*The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.*

We accomplish Scouting's mission in the units. Therefore,:

*The purpose of Wood Badge is to strengthen units.*

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies:

*" One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath."*

## Scholarships Available

For course fees, deadlines, scholarship application and to register visit [www.pathwaytoadventure.org](http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org) or the PTAC Wood Badge page - [www.ptacwoodbadge.org](http://www.ptacwoodbadge.org).

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September 14-16, 2018  
October 12-14, 2018

Camp Frank S. Betz  
Berrien Springs, MI

## COURSE INFORMATION

Wood Badge is a six day course, offered as two sessions of three days. As an attendee, you begin your Wood Badge experience with other leaders from around the Council as Cub Scouts, then bridge into Boy Scouting and form patrols for the remainder of the program.



Wood Badge is built on 5 basic themes. Let's take a look at them.



## TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Facing the challenges of running any organization - Scout units included - requires leaders to have the skills to face the inevitable conflicts that arise. From planning a unit project to solving problems and dealing with change, successful unit leaders know how to get the right pieces in place to make good things happen. Wood Badge gives you the tools to face these challenges, as well as determining if they are working.



## LIVING THE VALUES

Effective leaders are those who create and share a compelling vision. This vision inspires others to contribute and make that vision a reality. In Wood Badge, you will explore what makes a good vision, and then use the lessons to develop your own vision to share.

## BRINGING THE VISION TO LIFE

Even though we may not realize it at first, small things can have big consequences., especially when trying to communicate your vision. In Wood Badge you'll learn more about communicating and the challenges that come when trying to share information across diverse audiences. You'll also learn that successfully navigating these challenges can lead to even greater success.

## MODELS FOR SUCCESS

The job of any leader is to move their group toward becoming the best it can be. The lessons of Wood Badge will help you take your group through the stages of developing into a high performing team that makes your vision a reality. Accomplish your goals by leading and teaching others to lead.

## LEADING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every one of us is a leader in some way, at some time, in our lives. Most people understand that leading is more than being the boss, it's coaching, motivating and inspiring others. But to what end?

Do You Want to Make a Difference in Your Unit? The lessons of Wood Badge are designed to help you identify appropriate leadership styles to make a difference in the success of your scout units.

