Is celebrating 100 years since the first course – the premier Learning experience in The Boy Scouts of America. It is based on cutting edge Leadership skills and is a once-in-a-lifetime “Mountain Top” experience! The skills learned transcend your Scouting position, and deliver great benefit to your professional and personal life as well. Don’t be left out!

A Scouter participating in Wood Badge should expect:

- Learning contemporary leadership concepts and discover how they are relevant to the Scouting movement.
- Applying the skills as a member of a high performing team.
- Revitalize their commitment to Scouting by sharing in “a truly inspirational experience” and bringing those leadership skills back to their home units and personal life.
- Learning what Baden-Powell called “The Greatest Leadership Secret”!

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be the peak experience of their Scouting Careers. Wood Badge is recognized around the world, with over 100,000 Scouters having earned the honor of wearing The Wood Badge beads.

The Wood Badge Experience

There are two parts to Wood Badge in the Boy Scouts of America, the practical part and the application period. Both must be completed to receive the Wood Badge – two wooden beads to be worn around the neck on a leather thong.

The practical part is a two-weekend experience to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. The course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning alongside many other Scouters, and along the way will have a great deal of fun!

The application part of Wood Badge is a period of up to 18-month during which the participants practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership principles presented during the course. This is accomplished by the use of the Wood Badge “ticket”, which represents the participant’s commitment to complete a set of personal goals related to their Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which the participant is involved.

Throughout the period of application, each participant is assigned a counselor who serves as a resource, an evaluator and a Scouting friend. When the counselor and the participant determine that the new skills are understood and can be applied to their Scouting position, a recommendation is made for the Wood Badge to be awarded.

Who may attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is for all qualified leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. Any leader in any BSA program can attend. The course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters of all leadership positions and will provide a common foundation of leadership skills to be used throughout all program areas.

Qualifications

Each Scouter who registers to attend Wood Badge training must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, at least 18 years of age, have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position and must successfully complete an Annual Health and Medical Record form, Parts A, and B.
Course Limit:
48 participants. A standby list will be created on a first-fully paid first-served basis.

Location: Akelaland
Trexler Scout Reservation
Jonas, PA (just off Rt. 534)

Course Dates*:
1st Weekend – August 16-18, 2019
   Friday, Saturday, Sunday
2nd Weekend – September 13-15, 2019
   Friday, Saturday, Sunday
(Weekends start at 7:30 AM and end late afternoon on the last day.)
* One Patrol Meetings between weekends.

Regalia Confirmation Dates:
02 June 2020 - Akelaland
01 November 2020 – Wood Badge Reunion
05 June 2021 - Akelaland

Cost: $270.00*
*Early Bird Discounted fee of $240 if registered w/$50 deposit by 01 January 2019.
*Full payment by 01 March 2019 will guarantee the $100 scholarship.
All participants registered in the Minsi Trails Council will receive an $100.00 scholarship from the Wood Badge Fund - raised at the annual Wood Badge Reunion.

Medical Examination:
Wood Badge requires a medical examination within one year of the course start date. Use Annual Health and Medical Record form, Parts A, and B.

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