

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

A Scouter participating in Wood Badge has the opportunity to:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts and discover how they are relevant to the Scouting movement.
- Apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that provides Scouting with renewed leadership.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be a peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands.







#### 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 <u>practical</u> 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 along side many other Scouters, and along the way will have a great deal of fun.

The <u>application</u> 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 adult leaders in the Boy Scouts of America.

Cub Scout Leaders
Boy Scout Leaders
Varsity Scout Leaders
Venturing Leaders
Council and District Leaders
Professional Staff

#### Qualifications

Each Scouter must:

- Be a registered member of the BSA.
- Have not previously attended a Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Course.
- Have completed basic training for their Scouting position
- Have completed the outdoor skills training program appropriate for their Scouting position
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. Completion of the BSA class 3 physical is required.



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## Information for Wood Badge Course N5-777-14

#### Course Limit:

48 participants. A standby list will be created on a first-fully paid first-served basis.

#### Location:

Ockanickon Scout Reservation Pipersville, PA

#### Course Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend – September 19-21, 2014 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am; Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> late afternoon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend – October 11-13, 2014

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am; Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>; Monday 13<sup>th</sup> late afternoon

#### Course consists of:

Two 3-day weekends at Ockanickon Two Patrol Meetings between weekends.

Cost: \$300.00

\$100.00 deposit fee (non-refundable after June 1, 2014) is needed to secure your registration.

Register online at www.buckscountybsa.org

Full Payment required August 15, 2014.

Medical Examination:

Class 3 physical form must be submitted BSA Form # 34412A.

#### Course Director:

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# Northeast Region Boy Scouts of America

# WOOD BADGE



# WEEKEND COURSE

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> & October 11th, 12th and 13th 2014

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