

Wood Badge is the BSA's ultimate leadership training program. Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience and tradition, the course also draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country.



All BSA registered adult leaders, who have completed the basic training courses and required leader specific training for their currently registered position, may attend Wood Badge. Participants must complete a BSA class 3 physical prior to attending the course.

Multi-media presentations delivered by Scouting's most dynamic trainers, hands-on activities, learning experiences, and games bring the concepts to life and demonstrate how you can bring those concepts home to your Scouting position.

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Lord Baden-Powell wanted his volunteer leaders to experience leadership by looking at it from the perspective of the youth. Wood Badge for the 21st Century was developed to help volunteers, like yourself, learn the skills you need to provide leadership to your youth.

In October 2008, a record number of 60 dedicated volunteers from Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturing came together to live and learn. These dedicated volunteers spent 6 days over 2 weekends living and learning the leadership skills taught during this outstanding course.

What they learned was:

What they lived was:

- Valuing, recognizing, and applying different forms of leadership
- Recognizing, appreciating, and using diversity
- Managing Conflict
- Building a personal vision of Scouting for the youth
- Meaning of the Scout Oaths and Laws
- The patrol method
- Games with a purpose

How Will Wood Badge Help Me?

Learn and practice skills that will help you in Scouting, at home, at work, anywhere!

Skills like:

- Effective listening
- Identifying stages of team development
- Effective leadership styles based on stages of team development
- Project planning
- Leading change

- Managing conflict
- Problem solving
- Coaching and mentoring
- Team & self assessment

Learning skills isn't all there is to Wood Badge. You will experience the Wood Badge magic. The magic is all of those unforgettable moments you experience with your patrol. Those moments that inspire and motivate you; that light a truly long-lasting fire of Scouting spirit that you can share with your Scouts to make the program better than you ever imagined it could be. The magic is what makes Wood Badge the life changing experience it is for hundreds of thousands of Scouters around the world.

This program is a Tri-Council venture and is a National course overseen by the western region.

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