

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

Upon completion of Leader Specific Training, an adult is eligible to attend Wood Badge for the 21st Century. As the core leadership skills training course for the BSA, Wood Badge focuses on strengthening every volunteer's ability to work with groups of youth and adults and is less focused on outdoor skills, which are more effectively addressed in other training courses.

The task force that developed Wood Badge for the 21st Century was charged with developing an adult training course that was on the cutting edge of training for the 21st century. They created a highly user-friendly course that would encourage BSA local councils to offer more courses and, ultimately, train more Scouters. The Wood Badge course has made significant accomplishments in both areas. Incorporating leadership concepts that are used in corporate America, the course teaches participants the basics of listening, communicating, valuing people, team development, situational leadership, problem solving, and managing conflict. Once the skill is learned, each member is given the opportunity to use the skill as a member of a successful working team. At the conclusion of the course, each participant develops a set of personal goals related to his or her Scouting role. Working toward these goals allows each participant to practice and demonstrate new skills.

Nationwide over the past two years, Wood Badge courses have increased more than 30 percent. The course is for all Scouters—Boy Scout leaders, Cub Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and district and council leaders. This has increased communication to allow for a more seamless connection among all BSA programs.

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August 24-26, 2007 And September 28-30, 2007
Camp Sequassen

What is Wood Badge?

Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures. The first Wood Badge training was held in 1919. Since then, Wood Badge has continued to evolve to meet Scouting's needs. Wood Badge for the 21st Century focuses on preparing adults to deliver the mission of Scouting. As a result of attending Wood Badge training you will:

- Acquire contemporary leadership concepts and [discover](#) how these apply to value-based program!
- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age appropriate activities for youth!
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting sharing in an inspirational experience!

What are the themes of Wood Badge for the 21st Century?

- Living the Values
- Bringing the Vision to Life
- Models for Success
- Tools of the Trade
- Leading to Make a Difference

How is Wood Badge Presented?

Badge consists of two phases. The first phase is the practical phase. This consists of two full weekends at camp plus two mid-week patrol meetings between the weekends. The second phase, the application phase, occurs after the weekends and consists of "working your ticket."

What is a Ticket?

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils. The Wood Badge "ticket" represents your commitment to complete a set of personal goals related to your Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. In addition, the ticket gives you an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership skills presented during the course. You should complete your Wood Badge ticket no later than 18 months after the course.

Recognition

Upon completion of the Wood Badge ticket, as certified by a ticket counselor, you will be presented with the Wood Badge training award: Wood Badge certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and beads at an appropriate ceremony. Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the highlights of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively influenced the lives of millions of America's youth.

Who Should Participate?

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and Varsity Leaders, as well as Council and District Leaders. The course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters in all leadership positions. These skills provide common a leadership foundation that beneficial for all program areas. To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. (There is no minimum tenure requirement.)
- All adult leaders must complete New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific Training for their registered positions. Commissioner Basic Training is required for District and Council volunteers. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is required for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity coaches and assistants.
- Successful completion of the BSA Class III physical is required for all participants.

What's the date and location?

The first weekend will be held on August 24, 25, and 26 at Camp Sequassen, beginning on Friday morning and ending late afternoon on Sunday. The second weekend will be held on September 28, 29, and 30 at Camp Sequassen, beginning on Friday morning and ending late afternoon on Sunday. There will also be two mid-course patrol meetings.

Where can we get more information?

Additional information can be found at the Connecticut Yankee Council Service Center in Milford. You can also [contact](#) Jeff Garrand, Staff Adviser, at (203) 876-6868 ext. 237 or garrand@ctyankee.org.

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**September 7-9, 2007 And October 6-8, 2007
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