

# WOOD BADGE

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.



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## 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 cord.

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 along side many other Scouters, and will have a great deal of fun along the way.

The application part of Wood Badge is a period of up to 18 months 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?

Today's Wood Badge is for all leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. It has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as Council and District leaders. 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 invited to participate in Wood Badge training must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and have completed the *basic training* courses for their current Scouting position. They must be physically cleared by a physician and present a completed BSA medical form.



**Mail To:** Northeastern PA Council, BSA  
72 Montage Mountain Rd  
Moosic, PA 18507  
ATTN: Wood Badge N5-501-18

Enclosed is my deposit of \$50.00 to hold my reservation. Payment schedule will be enclosed in the invitation letter.

I meet the criteria for Wood Badge and would like an invitation. **(Please Print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Position \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Home Council \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Training completed for your position \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

## Information on Wood Badge Cluster Course N5-501-18

### Course Limit:

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

### Location:

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend – Goose Pond Scout Res.  
Lake Ariel, PA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend – Camp Acahela  
Blakeslee, PA

### Course Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend – August 17-19, 2018  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend – September 8-10, 2018  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday

**Note:** The weekends begin in the morning and end early evening on the last day.

### Weekend Course consists of:

Two required weekends in camp.  
Two required Patrol Meetings between weekends.

Cost: \$270.00, however...

All participants registered in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council will receive a **\$75.00** scholarship from the Wood Badge Fund making their **cost only \$195 if the fee is paid in full by July 15, 2018**. Monies for the Wood Badge Fund are raised at the Northeastern PA Council's annual Wood Badge Gathering. *(Fee is non refundable after August 1, 2018)*

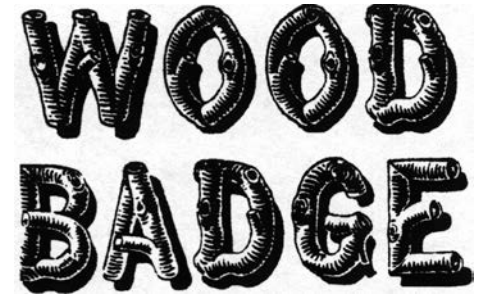
### Medical Examination:

Wood Badge is a Scouting event which requires a full medical examination within one year of the course start date. Use the BSA Medical Form (#680-001, 2014 printing)

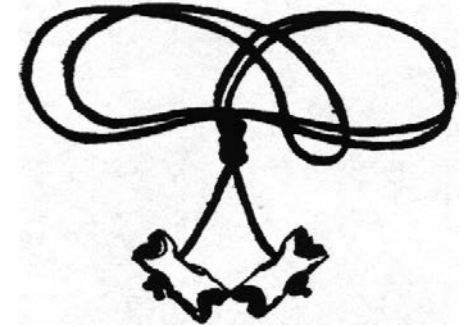
### Course Director:

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## WEEKEND COURSE

August 17-19, 2018  
September 8-10, 2018

**(Both weekends are required)**

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