

Why Attend Wood Badge?

- “Wood Badge is not just a Scouting leadership training. **It’s life training at its best.**” – David D.
- “As a Scout, I always wondered where the great adult Scouters came from. Now I know, **they’re made at Wood Badge.**” – Robert W.
- “It **puts the whole of Scouting into perspective.**” – Lee T.
- “Wood Badge is **a lot of fun!** I’ve met some great friends during the course.” – Anthony S.
- “It ... **improved my ability to manage work and family balance overall** and made me a better leader.” – Alan S.

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FOR THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE GETTING TRAINED!



Wood Badge

2026 Course

September 25-27 &
October 10-11

Registration

<https://scoutingevent.com/047-104538>

For More Information Contact
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Course cost

Now until September 14, 2026

\$200.00

September 15 to 22, 2026

\$275.00

Golden Empire Council Wood Badge 2026



*Leadership Training for
All Scout Leaders*

Course Dates
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Course Number 3-47-26





What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge leadership training was originally presented by Lord Baden-Powell for Scouters throughout the world. It completes Scouting's Basic Leadership Training program for all levels of Scouting and consists of two parts.

Part 1:

LEARNING & PRACTICAL TRAINING (5 DAYS)

- First 3 days of leadership instruction are held either indoors or outdoors.
- Final 2 days are an outdoor experience.
- Interim Patrol meeting(s) will be held as planned by patrol members.
- Attendance at all 5 days is required to complete the course.

Part 2:

APPLYING YOUR NEW SKILLS IN YOUR HOME UNIT AND DISTRICT (12-18 MONTHS)

- After the practical phase, you will fulfill a contract with yourself through your "ticket": Five Scouting goals which you will establish and complete over the next 12-18 months.
- Upon completion, you will be awarded your Wood Badge beads in a special ceremony and become a permanent member of Wood Badge Troop 1.

Location

The 2026 Wood Badge course will be held at the NorCal Adventure Area – Leadership Training Center

The address is:
NorCal Adventure Area
15356 Oregon Hill RD
Camptonville CA 95922



Prerequisites

- Be a registered BSA adult leader
- **Complete Leader Specific Training for your registered position (including appropriate Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, if required for your position) and Youth Protection Training.**
- Must be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.
- **Have completed on-line Weather Hazard course**
- **Provide the Annual Health & Medical Record Parts A, B and C, with C signed and dated on or after January 1, 2026**

Recognition

Upon successful completion of the five days of practical training and completion of the Wood Badge ticket, participants are entitled to receive recognition, consisting of the Wood Badge beads (two wooden beads on a leather thong), a mauve neckerchief, a leather woggle, and a certificate. The recognition items identify a Scouter who has completed advanced leadership training and more importantly, they remind the wearer of their on-going commitment of service to Scouting.

Costs and Equipment

- Registration fee: Now until September 14, 2026, \$200.00. After September 14, 2026, \$275.00. All course fees are paid in full at time of registration.
- The course fee covers the cost of training materials, food for session 1, insurance, t-shirt, hat, and course patch. Items to bring are your own personal gear, official Scout uniform and clothing. A detailed packing list will be provided prior to the course.
- Meals for session 2 (lunch day 4 through breakfast day 5), will be prepared by each patrol.
- Each Wood Badge course is limited to 48 participants.
- Wood Badge consists of five days of on-site training (session 1 is 3 days, session 2 is 2 days).
- Session 1 begins on Friday. Session 2 begins on Saturday. Each session begins at approximately 7:30 AM and ends at approximately 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is mandatory to attend the course in its entirety, all hours and days, to complete the Wood Badge leadership training.

