

What is Wood Badge?

Reflecting the best of over a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was begun by Baden-Powell in 1919 to ensure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then, Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of Scouting America, also drawing from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

"I was promised leadership training I could use in Scouting and my professional life, along with new lifelong friends. I can say Wood Badge over-delivered."

– Kimberly A.

"Wood Badge challenged me to think more intentionally about my role in Scouting and in working with youth in general." – Charlie W.

"Best training I've ever taken! I use the info for both Scouting and in my job as a teacher." – Erinn O.



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**TAKE YOUR UNIT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit level Scouters, such as Cub leaders, Scoutmasters and assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and members. Additionally, Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge. To attend a Wood Badge course, individuals must:

1. Be registered members of the Scouting America. (Youth 18 and older may attend as long as the appropriate Youth Protection guidelines are followed. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.)
2. Have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form.



COURSE INFORMATION



WOOD BADGE

April 17-19, 2026 &
May 2-3, 2026

Camp Teetonkah

3710 Burkhart Rd, Jackson, MI

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Use QR code or link to Register:
<https://scoutingevent.com/272-SpringWoodbadge>

WHY ATTEND?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

By attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalize the 5 themes of Wood Badge: Living the Values, Growing, Connecting, Guiding, and Empowering.

