WOOD BADGE

As a result of attending Wood Badge training, participants will be able to do the following:

- Examine your own leadership skills by recognizing your own strengths.
- Practice and improve your leadership skills.
- Communicate effectively and build relationships and teams.
- Guide youth and other adults in the development of their leadership skills.
- Strengthen your commitment to living and teaching the Scout Oath and Law.

Wood Badge training consists of two parts - a practical phase and an application phase. The practical phase is conducted as a troop in a camping setting. Here leadership skills can be learned and practiced as part of life in a troop. The application phase happens at the conclusion of the practical phase for a period of not more than 18 months. During both phases of the Wood Badge course, five central themes are developed:

- Living the Values - about "being" the values, who you "are" personally, setting the example
- Growing - about knowing and growing thyself first - a commitment to continuous improvement and lifelong learning.
- Connecting - with other people
- Guiding - focusing on enabling and developing others
- Empowering - ultimately helping other people to become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, and more likely to "serve and to lead" other people themselves.

INFORMATION

https://michiganscouting.org/woodbadge/

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Some scholarships may be available.
Scholarship request form can be found here:
https://michiganscouting.org/camperships/

COURSE DATES

2027 Winter Wood Badge -C2-780-27-1
D-Bar-A Scout Ranch - February 5-6 & March 6-7, 2027

2027 Spring Wood Badge - C2-780-27-2
Gerber Scout Reservation - April 23-25 & May 15-16, 2027

2027 Fall Wood Badge - C2-780-27-3
Camp Hiawatha - September 10-12 & October 2-3, 2027

scoutingevent.com/272-WoodBadge2027
michiganscouting.org/woodbadge/

Attendance Requirements:

Since it is advanced training, though, there are some important requirements. You must:

- Be a registered as an adult leader of Scouting America and be active in a Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew, Sea Scout Ship, or a district or council position.
- Have not previously attended a Wood Badge course.
- Have completed basic training for the position you currently hold.
- Have completed the outdoor skills training programs appropriate to your Scouting position (BALOO or IOLS)
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment and have a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record - Parts A, B & C, valid through the beginning of the course. Use this link to download the fillable form: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

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Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course. It's the ultimate leadership training experience designed to meet the leadership needs for all Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Sea Scout, and Venturing leaders as well as council and district leaders and Scouting professionals. The object of the Wood Badge course is to demonstrate, as practically as possible, the aims and methods of Scouting. Upon successful completion of the course the participant receives a certificate and the Wood Badge - two wooden beads worn on a leather thong around the neck.

The course consists of five full days (five consecutive days OR a Friday-Sunday/ Saturday-Sunday) and is an immersive experience. You and your course patrol will navigate leadership knowledge, skill challenges, and other experiences that will strengthen you within and provide you with hands-on opportunities to take back to your units.

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How to sign up:
You will be required to register online for the course you choose to attend. You will need all of the info below when you register.

Full name
Full address
Home, work and/or cell phone
Occupation
Email
Date of Birth
Unit
District
Council
Years in Scouting: as youth & as adult
Primary Scouting position
Length of time in position
Course #
Course date(s)
Date training completed for position in Scouting
Dietary restrictions
Any special needs?
Emergency contact name
Emergency contact email
Emergency contact phone
Allergies



I understand that attendance for the full 5 days or both weekends is required for certification. I am registered with Scouting America as an adult leader. I have completed, or will complete before the start of the course, the Basic Skills training and Outdoor Leadership Training as required for my Scouting position. I understand that my participation in Wood Badge is based on successful completion of the BSA Health form A, B, and C.



"Great training for Cub Scout Leaders. It will prepare you for the road ahead."

"The interactions, presentations, and connections were incredibly powerful."

"Exceeded my expectations. The hype was real!!!"

PROGRAM

Wood Badge is the advanced training course for adult leaders: Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scout, District and Council volunteers, as well as professional Scouters. The program consists of two parts:

Practical Phase
The practical phase of the Wood Badge course reflects unit meetings and also uses a unit camping activity as its delivery model. During the course the model Scouts BSA troop will serve as the foundation for training purposes. This is done for several reasons.

- The Scouts BSA troop simulation provides a good framework in which to practice leadership skills introduced in the course.
- Scouts BSA provides a natural bridge between the various programs in Scouting and leaders should understand the importance of transition.
- It should be noted that although this foundation is utilized, the course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters in all leadership positions and will provide a common foundation of leadership skills to be used throughout all program areas.

Application Phase
At the close of the Practical Training you will have written your "Ticket", a set of goals designed by you to be accomplished by you. Now you will work your Ticket. Using aspects of what you learned during the Practical Training, accomplishing the goals will provide service to others, improve your Scouting unit program, or assist you in an area of personal growth. A Ticket Counselor will be assigned to provide assistance and encouragement as you work your Ticket.

The Application Phase begins at the end of the Practical Training and lasts up to eighteen months. During this time you must complete your Ticket - accomplish each of your goals. Then, on an occasion of your choice, you will be presented the neckerchief, woggle, and beads that distinguish a Wood Badger.

All leaders are encouraged to attend Wood Badge; there is no minimum tenure requirement.

"I am re-energized and found the guidance I was looking for" - 2025 MCC participant

Living Arrangements & Equipment
Course participants sleep in cabins or tents depending on the course location. All meals/food is provided for the course. Meals and food service method will vary by course.

Uniform
All participants shall wear the official BSA uniform appropriate for their primary role in Scouting.

Physical Requirements
There is a fair amount of physical activity in Wood Badge. However, most limitations can be accommodated. If there are any questions about your ability to take part, contact the Course Director before sending an application. A current Scouting America Health form Parts A, B, & C is required. (A copy should be submitted at least 60 days prior to the start of the course).

Recognition
Upon successful completion of the course the participant receives a certificate and the Wood Badge - two wooden beads worn on a leather thong around the neck. These beads replicate the beads found by Baden-Powell during a campaign in Africa in 1888. They belonged to Dinizulu, an African chieftain. In searching for a suitable recognition for those who completed the first course in 1919, Baden-Powell remembered the beads and decided to present a bead to each participant. At that time, the course was called Wood Badge.

Each course has room for only 48 participants.
Registration will close upon receipt of 48 paid registrations. Historically, the course fills and a standby list is established. If you are serious about taking Wood Badge pay your fees as soon as possible.

