

Welcome to Wood Badge 2021

Congratulations on taking the first steps towards bettering yourself and the youth you serve in your units. Please allow me give you a brief overview to help you prepare for the course.

1. There are 2 questionnaires as attachments on the registration page. Please fill these forms out and email them to brian.krizner@verizon.net or Charles.huse@scouting.org. This information will help us prepare for your arrival in August.
2. When you arrive for your first weekend in August you must have with you a completed medical form, including part C signed by your doctor. There will be youth on course, so a copy of your unexpired youth protection certificate must be attached with the medical forms. If you reside in the state of Pennsylvania, you must also attach a copy of all 3 of your state clearances. If you do not reside in PA, please provide any clearances required by your state for participation in Scouting.
3. Our course will begin with registration at **7:30 am on Friday August 27, 2021 at the OA Pavilion at Camp Seph Mack 1966 S Harmony Rd. Penn Run, PA 15765**. And our First weekend will **conclude around 5:00 pm on Sunday August 29, 2021**
4. Our second weekend will begin at **7:30 am on Saturday September 25, and conclude around 5:00 pm on Sunday September 26**. Attendance for all five days of the course is required.
5. Wood Badge will be held at camp Seph Mack, 1966 S Harmony Rd, Penn Run, PA 15765. We will be tent camping for both weekends. Unless directed otherwise, every individual needs to bring their own tent. There are showers in camp. A list of suggested equipment is below to assist you in planning for your stay.
6. If you have not done so yet, return to the <https://scoutingevent.com/527-WoodBadge2021> where you can pay the balance of any course fees.
7. As a part of the course fees you will receive a course hat to be worn as part of our official uniform, and an activity uniform t-shirt to be used when appropriate during the course. Please make sure you order these items while you are on the registration site. There will be an option to purchase additional shirts, hats, or a jacket, fleece, or fleece vest. These Items are optional. They will be available for order from this site in the future.
8. During the Wood Badge course, please wear the uniform of your position in Scouting. Should you have any questions on uniforms, please refer to the current BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I join with the rest of the Wood Badge staff in welcoming you to the upcoming course. I am certain it will be a mountaintop experience for all of us.

Yours in Scouting,

Brian Krizner
Wood Badge Course Director

Vision and 5 Goals

To help you begin, please consider the following issues that will be important during the course:

Vision

A vision is a picture of future success. If you look 1-2 years into the future, what could you do to better serve your youth in Scouting.

- The vision statement should be written as one or two complete and insightful sentences. It should not be too vague (e.g., "My vision is to improve my unit") nor be too specific (e.g., "My vision is to teach the first aid, citizenship, and lifesaving merit badges"). If your vision is to improve your unit, specify what aspects you want to improve upon, e.g., "*As Pack Committee Chairman, I want to improve the leadership and training opportunities for the adults in my Pack in an effort to plan a more exciting and complete program for our youth.*"

Goals

Goals are how you will achieve your vision.

- establish five significant goals for you to accomplish that will help you achieve your vision. Each of these goals should be designed to provide a positive impact for the youth in Scouting. Each of the five goals must clearly relate to your vision statement and be something you want to accomplish. If they don't, revise the goals to match your vision statement or revise your vision statement to include all of your goals.

This isn't a test. It is only to get you to start thinking about what you wish you could change and how you would change them.

List your vision and 5 goals below.

Personal Equipment List

Required

- Full official Scout uniform(s) for your current Scouting position. (**Note:** A complete uniform includes the official shirt; shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; socks; dark colored shoes or boots appropriate for camp and belt. A neckerchief, slide and a hat will be provided.)
- Scout activity uniform(s). Official pants, skirt, or culottes; socks; belt; and a Scouting t-shirt. One course t-shirt will be provided upon registration and payment.
- Jackets, vests, and fleeces are available for purchase on the registration page. It is not necessary to purchase one. Your own black jacket will be acceptable.
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Tent (Each participant will be expected to stay in their own tent) (COVID REQUIREMENTS)
- Ground pad, air mattress, or cot
- Sleeping bag
- Medication in labeled containers
- Toiletries, towels, and washcloths (There is a shower house available, please plan accordingly)
- Face covering (COVID REQUIREMENTS)
- Flashlight
- Water bottle. A coffee cup will be provided.
- Day pack

Optional

- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife
- Pens, pencils
- Backpack for carrying your gear to and from your car.
- Handbook for your Scouting program
- Underwear
- Sleeping clothes
- Handkerchief or bandana
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Pillow
- Shower footwear
- Sunglasses
- Religious book(s)
- Books of camp songs, skits, etc.
- Camp chair