



# The Gilwell Gazette

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## From the Course Director



Welcome to Wood Badge. Thank you for taking time to join us on this life-changing adventure. You are taking the first step on a journey that will last well beyond the time we are together for the course. The lessons and laughter from the weekends will become a part of you as you increase your understanding of leadership and expand your Scouting network. Our mission in Wood Badge is to strengthen units so that every youth has the best opportunities to learn and grow through the Scouting America's programs.

Over the five days we are together you will experience 14 different leadership tools that you will be able to apply in your unit, work, and daily life. The lessons will stick with you because they are presented through discussions, activities, and games wrapped up in a framework of Scouting fun.

When you arrive at Lost Pines in November, I hope you will be open to the magic of Wood Badge. Embrace the experience and enjoy your time on course. The youth of today are counting on you to help them make the world a better place one person at a time. On behalf of the entire staff, we can't wait to hear the story of your leadership journey. How will you make a difference in the lives of our youth?

Yours in Scouting,

*Heather*

Want to know more? Try the Wood Badge Pre-Course...

Go to My.Scouting.Org and login  
Click My Training  
Navigate to the Catalog  
Search for Wood Badge Pre-Course Orientation

### Wood Badge Pre-Course Orientation

Course

Total time: 30m

Last Completion: 08/27/2024

Description ▾

Visit

Bring your completed Pre-Course Assignment to Wood Badge:





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## Scouting by the numbers



Capitol Area  
Council  
begins



First Wood  
Badge course  
held



*Wood Badge  
for the 21st  
Century  
curriculum  
revision*



*Centennial  
revision  
rolls out  
nationwide*



You are  
here!

## Schedule of Events

Sep 29, 2:00 PM – Participant Orientation – Public Safety  
Training Campus

Nov 1, 7:30 AM – Nov 3, 5:00 PM – Weekend 1

Nov 16, 7:30 AM – Nov 17, 4:30 PM – Weekend 2

***“The real way to gain happiness is  
to give it to others.” ~ Baden Powell***



## Pre-Course Checklist

- Fill out and bring the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) form and include a copy of your insurance card. <https://bit.ly/3VBHuRu>
- Complete training to be “Fully Trained” for your position.
- **Complete paying your registration fees by October 30th.**



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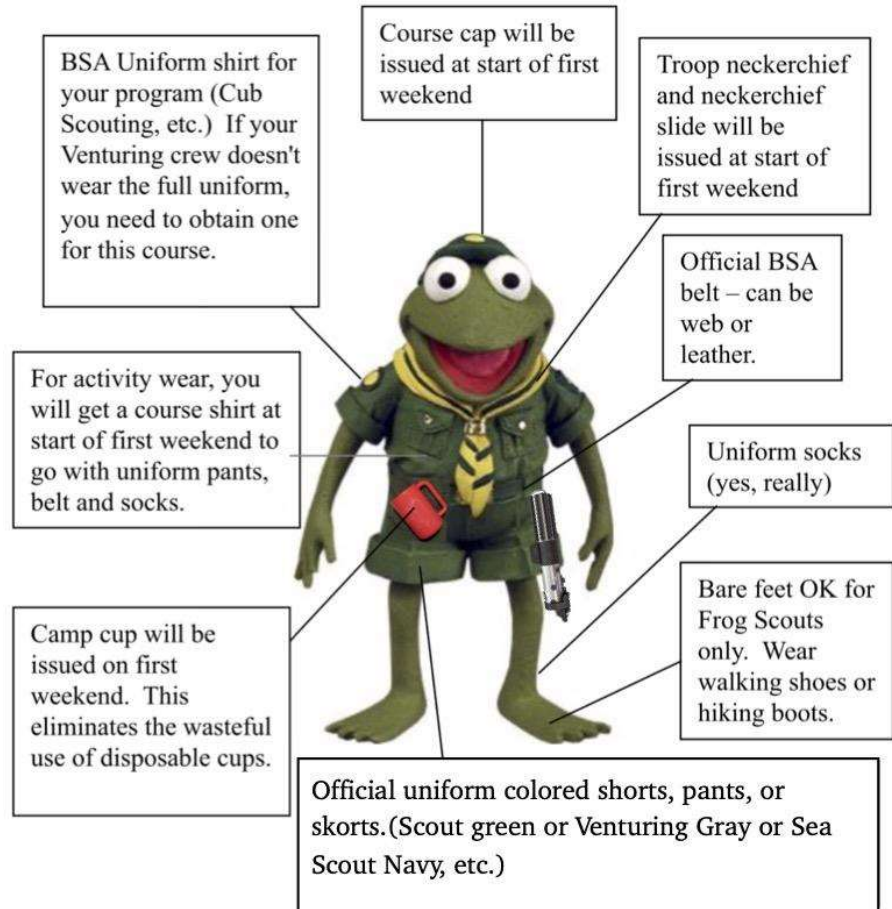
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## The Wood Badge Uniform

For Wood Badge, you should have the full BSA field uniform for your program.

If you don't have some of the uniform components, feel free to borrow what you can and consider lower-cost sources such as Craig's List, Goodwill Stores or eBay for anything you need to purchase.

Please show up for both weekends in your full field uniform. There will be no laundry facilities at Lost Pines.





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## From the Senior Patrol Leader

Welcome to Troop 1 and the Great Experiment of Wood Badge!

My name is BJ Bloodworth and I will be your Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) for this course. I am positively electrified for us to take this leadership journey together. Now, here is my hypothesis. The Wood Badge experience will have a direct impact on our youth.



So how do we test this hypothesis you ask? Through the Wood Badge Ticket and YOU, the members of Troop 1. I'll be sharing more about the ticket on course, but here is some of our initial data;

- **1 ticket** – your vision of what future success looks like
- **1 ticket** includes **5 goals** – these are the steps to achieve your vision
- Each goal will have a plan – the means of efficiently meeting your goals where you assess, plan, and ACT as you go

From the level one research scientist to a full-blown Victor Frankenstein, you will all be given everything you need to create a vision to make Scouting better. Through the Pre-Course Assessment (made up of 20 questions), systematic observation of phenomena on course, and the support of your Wood Badge staff, you will be able to craft your ticket and goals to leave a lasting mark on the Scouts in your units, district, and council. It's up to each of you to decide what drives you to help make Scouting stronger or how you can improve on the Scouting experience.

We have been analyzing and preparing for you to join Troop 1 for more than 10 months now, and we can't wait to share the experiment of Wood Badge with you!

As the saying goes, "Ask your SPL" if you have any questions!

*BJ Bloodworth*  
Senior Patrol Leader  
Wood Badge 2024



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## Equipment List

- Walking/Hiking shoes or boots
- Official BSA Uniform (see pg 2)
- Activity Uniform (see pg. 2)
- Jacket for cold weather
- Rain gear
- Undergarments
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Toiletries, towel, washcloth
- Pen, pencil, pocket notebook
- Watch with alarm
- Cot or ground pad
- Sleeping bag, pillow
- Flashlight with spare batteries
- Pocket Knife or multi-tool (no fixed blades)
- Medication in labeled containers
- Water bottle
- Backpack for carrying gear
- Small tent (1-2 Person)
- Camp chair for patrol site
- Your favorite skit to share
- Completed Pre-Course Assessment
- Medical Form (Parts A, B, and C) if you haven't turned those in.

## Optional Equipment

- Change of shoes/boots
- Shower footwear
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Religious book(s)
- Camera
- Clothes hangers for uniform, jacket
- Battery-powered fan



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## From the Troop Guides

Your Troop Guides have evolved into Mad Scientists! Our goal is to conquer the world with trained leaders. We have been sweating and preparing for our next crop of future Mad Scientists. From woggles to campsites and everything in between - we've got you covered. Come to our laboratory at Lost Pines and prepare yourselves to have your skills and knowledge taken to amazing heights. We have been working hard for months in our lab to perfect the processes necessary to take you to an amazing place called Gilwell. Are you ready? If you are strong in your heart and commitment to the youth in the program; if you are ready to work hard and see amazing results, we have the formula for you. Its formula is Wo2DbAdGe. Once you get a taste of it, you will be changed forever. Welcome to our laboratory!



WELCOME TO WOODBADGE!

### Scouting by the numbers



Number of Scouting participants worldwide



Number of Scouters Worldwide who have completed Wood Badge Training



Number of member countries in the World Organization of the Scout Movement



Number of years Wood Badge has been offered in the USA



Number of days until the first day of your course



Number of times you will be a Wood Badge participant. Enjoy!



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## Electronic Devices

Because Wood Badge is an intensive experience with many group activities, please be respectful with the use of cell phones and other electronic devices. Breaks and personal time are appropriate times for catching up with work or family, but please don't call or text during presentations or other group activities.

Cellular service at Lost Pines can be spotty depending on location, and Wi-Fi is not assured. Be Prepared to be out of electronic contact for extended periods of time.

## Dietary and Special Needs

Please make sure that staff are prepared to support your dietary needs plus any physical accommodations you require. Simply announcing these needs upon arrival will be too late. Please contact us with any questions.

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## A Note from the Wood Badge Scribes

On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to welcome you to Capitol Area Council's 2024 Wood Badge course! Our staff members have been preparing for your arrival for many months and you can look forward to an amazing, enlightening, and fun course filled with lifelong memories. As Scouters we strive to bring a mountain-top experience to our youth, and that is exactly what this staff are preparing for you.

In your hands (or emails) is the Gilwell Gazette, the official newsletter for our course. Each day you can look forward to a new copy full of fun and useful information as well as photos and memories of you and your fellow participants. You will also have opportunities to contribute articles to the Gazette.

We are your communication conduit for the course - please reach out with any questions, concerns, or just to say 'Hello'.

See you on Gilwell Field soon!

Yours in Scouting,

**Alicia Matt and Bobby Ray Williams**

The Wood Badge Scribes

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## Your 2024 Wood Badge Staff



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Unit Commissioner



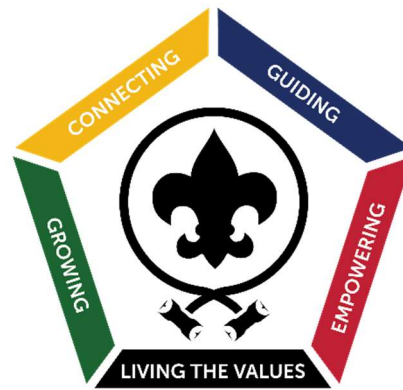
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**Kevin Stuart**  
Quartermaster



**Alicia Matt**  
Scribe



**Bobby Ray Williams**  
Scribe



**David Stroud**  
Troop Guide



**Greg Pryer**  
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**Michael Dial & Gunner**  
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