



Dear Wood Badge Participant,

I am pleased to welcome you to the upcoming Wood Badge Course 10-592-25 and to acknowledge your registration for this life-changing and impactful training. Thank you for investing this time and energy in yourself and the youth we serve. Below is an overview to help you prepare for the course.

First, please do the following before August 6, 2025:

1. Email your completed personal resource questionnaire to the Course Director.
2. At check-in for the course, you will hand carry your printed and **complete** medical form, signed by a physician, with you. Do not email or mail this. **We cannot allow you to participate in this course without a current, complete medical form with parts A, B, and C.**
3. For planning purposes, at least one month before the course begins, please tell the course director of any special dietary needs or physical limitations.
4. Complete the required Pre Course Modules (information below) BEFORE arriving at Wood Badge Weekend 1.
5. Complete the [pre-course assignment](#). This is for your benefit, and only you will see your answers. But please do take the time to thoughtfully consider the questions – you are already making an important investment in yourself and the youth in Scouting and this is part of being prepared.
6. Pay all fees directly to GMC as soon as possible (at the latest by August 6, 2025).
7. Recruit a fellow Scouter to join you on this course (not mandatory but encouraged)!

Our course will begin with registration at 7 a.m. on SATURDAY, September 6, 2025 at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation. I have also included a suggested equipment list to assist you in planning (found at the end of this letter).

Attendance for all five days of the course is required.

The required pre-course component will help remove concerns for participants before arriving on Day 1. They are approximately 30 minutes in total to complete.

To access the modules:

1. Go to training.scouting.org/home. You will be asked to log in to your my.Scouting account, and then you will be taken to the Learn Center.
2. Click Catalog, then click Courses, then type Wood Badge in the Search field.
3. The Wood Badge Pre-Course Orientation will appear below the Search field.
4. Click the course to launch it and complete the prerequisite eLearning course.

The first three days of the course will be held at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation. Most of that time will be filled with instruction in various leadership development skills. All your meals will be prepared by staff members. The final two days of the course will take place in the backcountry, where you will camp and cook as a member of your patrol using the principles of Leave No Trace. The hike to the campsites will be relatively short and easy; however, we will provide alternative transportation for anyone who requires it.

During the Wood Badge course, please wear the uniform of your position in Scouting. If you serve in more than one capacity, wear the uniform representing the position in which you are most active. Please refer to the uniform inspection sheet if you have any questions. Please inspect your uniform before coming to the Wood Badge course and make any corrections. Should you have any questions, refer to the current Scouting America *Guide to Awards and Insignia*. In addition to your official field uniform, you may at times during the course wear an “activity uniform” consisting of uniform pants (short or long) and the Wood Badge t-shirt that you will receive upon arrival Day 1. Other clothing is not approved.

During course activities, we ask that you keep your phone silent / no vibration, so as to avoid interruptions. For emergencies only, you may be reached during the course on this cell number: 802-363-5059 (Course Director’s cell at Mt. Norris).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (802-495-1120) during the day or in the evening. We have a highly committed, talented, and motivated Staff gearing up and getting ready for this course. On behalf of the entire Wood Badge Staff, I welcome you to the upcoming course 10-592-25. I am certain it will be a mountaintop experience for all of us.

Yours in Scouting,



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10-592-25
Mt. Norris Scout Reservation
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Personal Equipment List (Weekend 1)

Wood Badge will run rain or shine or early snow, so be prepared.

Required:

- Full official Scout uniform(s) for your current Scouting position
- Shoes or boots appropriate for Mt. Norris and walking
- Multiple pairs of appropriate socks (no cotton please)
- Scout cap, if desired, or other sun hat
- Windbreaker or jacket
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Underwear / base layers if cooler weather
- Sleeping clothes
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Sleeping bag appropriate for temperatures
- Flashlight or headlamp with spare batteries
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (no fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in labeled containers
- Toiletries
- Towel and shower supplies
- Pens, pencils
- Refillable water bottle
- Daypack for carrying your gear during the day
- Handbook for your Scouting program
- If you prefer to camp in a personal tent, you are welcome to bring one
- Most importantly – your sense of adventure, desire to learn, and Scout Spirit!

Wood Badge Weekend 2 will have a more extensive packing list (you will get this plus much more information during the first weekend).



Personal Resource Questionnaire

(There is a longer fillable version of this on the Course Webpage if you prefer that)

Name: _____

Current primary Scouting position: _____

Scouting awards you have received:

An interfaith service or services will be held. If you have religious needs, please specify them here, or otherwise inform the course director.

Camping: How much experience have you had, and how comfortable are you with it?

List your training experience in Scouting. (**Note:** You must have completed the basic and outdoor training required for the position in which you are registered.)

Have you taken a Wood Badge course prior to this one? _____ If so, when? _____

Where? _____ Course Number: _____ Patrol: _____

List of others and their email addresses who should be contacted as recruits for Wood Badge

Were you recruited to attend by someone? _____

Why did you sign up for this course? _____

First aid training, including CPR: _____

You can email your completed form to Alison Hampson at alisonvt12@gmail.com or mail to

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