

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 as a way to ensure that leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then, Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scouting leaders.

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

Why Attend?

Whether you are a new or longtime Scouting leader, this course is for you. Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for the adult leaders of Scouting America. Similar corporate-focused courses cost thousands of dollars per attendee and may not offer the same depth.

Wood Badge is a modern format of training that delivers the latest in leadership skills that will help you be the best leader possible. These are skills that will become part of your everyday life. You will use these skills at home, career, religious institution, and anywhere leadership is needed. The course is made to provide the highest quality training with a highly experienced staff to a diverse audience. We promise you friendship, camaraderie, knowledge, personal awareness, and, most of all, fun!

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

Who Should Attend?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit-level Scouters, such as Cub Scout leaders, scoutmasters and assistants, Venturing crew advisors, Sea Scout skippers and mates, and unit committee chairs and members. Also, Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge. To attend Wood Badge, individuals must:

1. Be registered members of Scouting America at least 18 years old. (Members ages 18-20 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. Everybody must complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form, parts A, B & C.



“Wood Badge opened my eyes to the vast diversity within Scouting and how Scouting helps all people.”

– Carson Holmes, Garland, TX

“Through Wood Badge my unit became more youth focused and youth led.”

– Jim Grossman, Chesterfield, MO

“I highly recommend taking Wood Badge and taking it earlier in your Scouting career, rather than later.”

– Chas Clifton, Port Neches, TX



WOOD BADGE

Course 10-640-25

Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

**October 11, 12 & 13 and
November 1-2, 2025**

(Both weekends required)



**TAKE YOUR UNIT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**

Application for WB 10-640-25

Full Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St. _____ ZIP _____
Phone #s (Home) _____
(with (Work) _____
area code) (Mobile) _____
E-Mail _____
Date of Birth _____ Unit _____
District _____ Council _____
Years in Scouting Youth _____ Adult _____
Primary Scouting Position _____
How long in this position? _____

Training for This Position	Completion Date	Name of Course
Basic Training		
Outdoor Skills		
Youth Protection		Gender:* <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F

* Your gender as registered with Scouting America

Special dietary or other needs _____

Men's T-shirt size: ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ XXXL

I understand that attendance at both weekends is required for certification. I have completed the basic training and outdoor skills training (if any) relevant for my position in Scouting. I am registered with Scouting America. I understand that my participation in Wood Badge is based on successful completion of a Scouting Annual Health & Medical Record, parts A, B & C.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$100 or my full payment of \$375 (\$350 Early Bird before August 1) to reserve my place. I will submit the balance by September 9, 2025. I understand that the fees can be refunded or transferred only if I notify the Course Director by confirmed email by September 9, 2025.

Signature _____

Registration and training certified – approved by:

Required
Signature _____
Council Scout Executive

Office Use: Rcv'd _____ Ent'd _____ Rcpt. _____
Acct: 1-6801-719-20 2/25 Route to Paul François

Course Information

Program: The Wood Badge program consists of two parts: Practical Training and the Application Phase.

The Practical Training is a five-day experience during which the Scouter lives as a member of a patrol, practices skills of leadership, and learns how these skills apply in the role of the adult leader in developing youth through the Scouting program. Through living in this setting for an extended period of time, they develop a Scouting spirit and zeal for the program that motivates them to do a better job in the Scouting position they have accepted.

During the Practical Training all participants develop a "Ticket." This Ticket will help you develop a vision for your contribution to the mission of Scouting, and then help you develop goals and execute a plan to achieve that vision.

A Ticket Counselor from your council will be appointed to provide assistance and guidance as this Ticket is worked. The "working of the ticket" is called the Application Phase of Wood Badge.

Living Arrangements & Equipment: On the first weekend of the course, meals and lodging will be provided. The second weekend will be in an outdoor setting where participants will sleep in their own tents and cook for themselves by patrol. Food will be provided as part of the course fee. An equipment list will be sent to you after receipt of your application.

Uniform: All participants must wear a Scouting America field uniform appropriate for their primary role in Scouting. An activity uniform will be optional during portions of the course.

Physical Requirements: Wood Badge has a fair amount of strenuous physical activity. If you have any questions or concerns on your ability to participate, contact the course director before applying. A Scouting America annual medical form, [#680-001_ABC](#), dated after November 2, 2024, is required for attendance; it should be submitted by September 9, 2025. (The form will be sent to you after receipt of your application.)

Recognition: Upon successful completion of the ticket, participants are entitled to receive recognition, which consists of the Wood Badge beads (two wooden beads on a leather thong), a tan neckerchief, a leather woggle (neckerchief slide), and a certificate. The recognition items not only identify a Scouter who has completed advanced training, but remind the wearer of an ongoing commitment to continued service to Scouting.

Course Details

Conducted By: Greater New York Councils

Location: Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

Dates: (Both weekends required.)

8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 11 to
5:00 p.m. Monday, October 13 **and**
8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 1 to
5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 2

Cost: The course costs \$375, with a special **Early Bird rate of \$350 if fully paid by August 1.** You can hold a place with a

deposit of \$100, with the \$275 balance due by September 9, 2025. The fee includes training materials, a T-shirt and hat, recognition materials, and all meals from Saturday breakfast through last-day lunch on both weekends.

If you are thinking of attending, please register soon as the course has room for only 48 participants.

Financial Assistance: Some scholarships may be available. Contact Dit Cheung or Paul François (see below) for details. Please apply early, as some scholarships have application deadlines.

For More Information

Contact Course Director Dit Cheung at [917-322-9988](tel:917-322-9988) or wb64025@gmail.com, or Staff Advisor Paul François at [347-920-0401](tel:347-920-0401) or paul.francois@scouting.org.

To Register

With a major credit card, use the QR code from a mobile device or register on-line through:



www.nycscouting.org/woodbadge

Or, mail the application portion of this flyer and your fees to:

Wood Badge 10-640-25
Greater N.Y. Councils, Scouting America
155 E. 56th Street, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10022-2703

Make checks or money orders payable to "Greater New York Councils, BSA" and put "1-6801-719-20" in the memo section.

Cut Here & Send the Form on the Left or Register On-line