

What is Wood Badge?

Reflecting the best of nearly 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 the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then, Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.



Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of 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.

"I waited 3 years to attend ... absolutely worth it. A Scouter network that I have available for questions or support!"

– Constanza Hanford, NAPLES, ITALY

"As a Scout leader who was not, in my youth a Scout, WOOD BADGE was an immersion into Scouting values, culture and traditions that I really appreciated."

- Mark Burges, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

"Many of us have had extensive leadership training - through the military, our faith community, non-profit work, or corporate leadership - but how often do we get to immerse ourselves in a week of leadership training with fellow Scouters? That's the real value of Wood Badge, especially here in TAC where so much Scouting leadership is online and remote. We get to dive in, in person. It is well worth the time."

- A.J. Boyd, ROME, ITALY



WOOD BADGE



Quest. Learn. Lead

**TAKE YOUR UNIT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**

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, Committee Chairs, and members. Additionally, Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge.



To attend a Wood Badge course, individuals must:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. (Youth 18 and older may attend as long as the appropriate Youth Protection guidelines are followed. They 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. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form.

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COURSE INFORMATION

Transatlantic Council is offering a 1-week Wood Badge Course from August 9-15, 2026 at Camp Freedom near Oberdachstetten in beautiful Bavaria, Germany. Check-in is required on Aug. 8 after 1500 CET.

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Course Cost: (tentative)

\$325 until May 31, 2026,
then it will increase to \$350.
\$100 deposit reserves your spot!

Scan the QR code for registration details



<https://scoutingevent.com/802-WB2026>

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WHY ATTEND?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, and leading change.

Participants in the course will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.

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, the participants will internalize the five themes of Wood Badge:

