Scouting America

# WOOD BADGE

LEADERSHIP FOR A LIFETIME

## FAR EAST COUNCIL – WOOD BADGE 1-803-27

**JANUARY 18–22, 2027 • TAMA HILLS, JAPAN**

# UNIFORM & GEAR REQUIREMENTS

## PROPER SCOUTING AMERICA UNIFORM

**All participants and staff will wear the official Scouting America uniform during Wood Badge.**



### UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- ✔ Official Scouting America uniform shirt (tan)
- ✔ Scouting America shoulder loops
- ✔ Council shoulder patch (Far East Council)
- ✔ World Crest emblem
- ✔ Current position patches (as appropriate)
- ✔ Official uniform pants or shorts (Scout green/olive)
- ✔ Official Scout socks
- ✔ Scouting belt (Scout belt or web belt with approved buckle)

### NOT AUTHORIZED

- Non-Scouting shirts (T-shirts, polos, etc.)
- Blue jeans, athletic pants, or leggings
- Civilian or military camouflage
- Open-toe shoes, sandals, or Crocs®

## CAMPING GEAR LIST – COLD WEATHER

Be prepared for cold, wet, and windy conditions in Japan. Layers, waterproof gear, and a warm sleep system are essential.

### SLEEPING & SHELTER

- ☐ Cold-weather sleeping bag (rated 0–20°F / –18 to –7°C)
- ☐ Sleeping pad (insulated, R-value ≥ 3)
- ☐ Tent (4-season capable or cold-weather rated)
- ☐ Tent footprint or ground tarp
- ☐ Pillow (optional)

### CLOTHING – LAYERED SYSTEM

- ☐ Base layers (moisture-wicking top & bottom)
- ☐ Insulating layer (fleece or puffy jacket)
- ☐ Weatherproof outer layer (waterproof/windproof jacket & pants)
- ☐ Warm hat (beanie)
- ☐ Gloves (insulated, waterproof preferred)
- ☐ Neck gaiter / scarf
- ☐ Warm socks (wool or synthetic; multiple pairs)

### FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Broken-in hiking boots (waterproof preferred)
- ☐ Camp shoes (closed-toe, lightweight)

### CAMP & PERSONAL GEAR

- ☐ Headlamp (with extra batteries)
- ☐ Camp chair (optional, compact)
- ☐ Personal toiletries (incl. towel & wash cloth)
- ☐ Mess kit (bowl, plate, cup, utensils)
- ☐ Water bottle or hydration system (1–2 liters)
- ☐ Small daypack
- ☐ Notebook & pens

### FOOD & HYDRATION

- ☐ Reusable water bottle / hydration system (1–2 liters minimum)
- ☐ Coffee/tea mug (optional)

### RECOMMENDED EXTRAS

- ☐ Gaiters (wet or rainy conditions)
- ☐ Trekking poles (optional)
- ☐ Hand & foot warmers
- ☐ Camp tarp / rain fly (extra shelter)
- ☐ Waterproof stuff sacks / dry bags
- ☐ Power bank (for personal devices)

### HEALTH & SAFETY

- ☐ Personal first aid items (blister care, medications, etc.)
- ☐ Personal medications (with instructions)
- ☐ Sunscreen & lip balm
- ☐ Insect repellent (seasonal)

## EXPECTED WEATHER

**January in Tama Hills, Japan**

- Morning: 28–40°F (–2 to 4°C)
- Daytime: 40–55°F (4 to 13°C)
- Cold, windy, and occasionally wet

## REMINDERS

- ✔ Arrive in full, correct Scouting America uniform.
- ✔ Be prepared for cold-weather camping for the full course.
- ✔ Pack for outdoor training, patrol activities, and all-weather conditions.
- ✔ Label your gear and keep it organized and packed for quick access.