Scouting America

WOOD BADGE

LEADERSHIP FOR A LIFETIME

FAR EAST COUNCIL – WOOD BADGE 1-803-27

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ARE YOU READY FOR WOOD BADGE?

Participants must be fully trained (position-trained) for their current registered Scouting position ***before attending*** the course.

WOOD BADGE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Current Registration

Be a registered member of Scouting America, generally age 18 or older.

Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)

Have current required youth protection training.

Position-Specific Training

Complete the required training for the position in which you are registered.

Outdoor Training (IOLS)

Complete IOLS if required for your registered position (e.g., Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster).

Medical Requirements

Complete the Annual Health and Medical Record required by the course.

Physical Readiness

Be capable of safely participating in an outdoor training environment.

POSITION-SPECIFIC TRAINING BY LEADERSHIP ROLE

Registered Position	Required Training (to be Position-Trained)
Cubmaster / Assistant Cubmaster	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training
Den Leader / Assistant Den Leader	Den Leader Position-Specific Training
Pack Committee Chair / Member	Pack Committee Challenge
Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training **and IOLS**
Troop Committee Chair / Member	Troop Committee Challenge
Venturing Advisor / Associate Advisor	Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training
Crew Committee	Venturing Committee Position-Specific Training
District / Council Committee	Applicable district or council training requirements for the registered position.

ABOUT IOLS

IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) is NOT required for every **Wood Badge participant.**

- **Required:** Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must complete IOLS to be position-trained.
- **Not required:** Cub Scout leaders, committee members, and district/council leaders generally do not need IOLS solely to attend Wood Badge.
- **Encouraged:** IOLS is encouraged for leaders who want additional outdoor Scouting experience.

OFFICIAL REFERENCE

Scouting America Position-Trained Requirements

scouting.org/training/position-trained-requirements/

(Links to the October 2025 *Training Requirements* document, the latest version available.)

BEFORE THE COURSE

- Complete your required position-specific training (and IOLS, if required).
- Ensure your Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) is current.
- Bring a copy of your Scouting America training record showing your position-trained status.