Purpose of Wood Badge

The purpose of Wood Badge is simple:

- It gives men and women the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen the entire Scouting program from Cub Scouts through Venturing.
- It provides dedicated Scouters with the concepts, tools and methods needed to be effective leaders.
- It creates a structured opportunity to develop and apply these leadership skills.

Wood Badge is not an award. It confers no special status or membership. Wearing the beads simply means that you understand the value of training, you've tried your best to become an outstanding leader and you have implemented your new ideals of Scouting.

The Rewards of Wood Badge

The benefits of Wood Badge are both tangible and intangible:

- It will help make your activities easier. By your leadership and example, others will share more of the load.
- Form new and lasting friendships. Join with other Scouters to share ideas, discuss challenges and locate resources.
- Better understand the skill of leadership. Apply these skills to scouting, to your career, to your family and to your community life.
- Realize great personal satisfaction. See your skills improve. Inspire confidence and respect in both youth and adults.

Is Wood Badge for me?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the training needs of all Scouting Leaders regardless of their position in Scouting. It is open to all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venture, District and Council Volunteers and Professionals. Scouting needs skilled leaders in every aspect of the program.

Am I qualified to attend?

Each Scouter must complete Basic Leader Training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing prior to the start of Wood Badge.

Proficiency in outdoor skills is not required. There is no scouting tenure requirement. The course is open to all qualified men and women, including those with special needs.

The number of participants is limited and will represent a cross section from all the programs leaders who are involved. Return the Wood Badge application form quickly to reserve a space.

What to Expect?

A Wood badge course consists of two parts: the practical phase and the application phase.

Practical- For six days you will learn and apply the principles of leadership using the skills and method of Scouting. You will be living and working in the outdoors with fellow Scouters under the guidance of the Wood Badge staff. Lasting friendships are formed, as the spirit of Scouting spreads. Wood Badge is FUN! "A Game with a Purpose."

Application- By the time the practical phase is over, you will have set some personal goals that will strengthen both you and Scouting. You have up to 18 months practicing your new knowledge and skills, you will become a more effective leader and others will follow your example.

When your goals are met, you will be presented with the symbols of Wood Badge (Beads, Neckerchief and Woggle) in a personal ceremony with your unit or at your Council's chosen time and place.

How Much Time?

Wood Badge takes two 3-day weekends and one follow up meeting for the practical phase.

For More Details, Here's Who to Contact Within PacSky:

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