

Wood Badge



Great Rivers Council
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Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation

September 15-17 2017

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September 29 - October 1, 2017

**Save \$50 if submitted by July 1, 2017.
Applications Must Be Received by August 10, 2017.**

What is Wood Badge?

You are invited to experience the ultimate in Scout Leadership Training. Organized by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Wood Badge is training in group leadership skills and unit operations. There are two parts to Wood Badge. The practical six-day experience consists of living the patrol method with a group of Scouters in a Scouting environment while being taught leadership and life skills applicable to Scouting, business, and family. After the practical experience, you follow through on the commitment you made during the instructional phase of the course to apply the principles you learned through practical experience. This takes a minimum of six months. During this period you will develop a knowledge and understanding of leadership skills; what they are, how to use them, when each is appropriate, plus an intense personal motivation to apply these skills in the best way in your Scouting job.

Who can attend?

You can participate in this exciting training experience if you:

- Are currently registered as an adult Scouter and active in a Scout unit, a district or council level position or as a commissioner,
- Are at least 21 years of age or older (except assistant Scoutmasters who may be 18),
- Completed New Leader Essentials and Position Specific Training. Let Lisa Wehmeyer know if you want to attend Wood Badge and need this basic training. (Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters also need Outdoor Skill Training).
- **Submit a completed application and, upon acceptance and approval, pay the balance of \$175.00 prior to July 1, 2017. Cost increases to \$225.00 after July 1. All applications due by August 10, 2017,**
- Supply a current BSA Health and Medical Record form at the start of the program,
- Are interested in having LOTS of fun!!!!

Purpose of Wood Badge

Wood Badge is the advanced training course for ALL Scouters. It is training in Scouting leadership skills and operation. The course is intended to develop appropriate Scouting knowledge, skills and attitude in adult leaders involved directly with the operation of ALL Scout units.

Program Dates and Location

The dates and times of the 2017 Wood Badge training program are:

- 8:00 AM, Friday, September 15, to 4:00 PM, Sunday, September 17 and 8:00 AM, Friday, September 29, to 4:00 PM, Sunday October 1, 2017, at Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation, 525 Camp Hohn Drive Gravois Mills, MO 65037.
- Due to the nature of the Wood Badge Course, attendance both weekends is required to complete the course.

Cost

Fee for the course is \$175.00, which increases to \$225 after July 1. This covers supplies, and training materials for the entire course and food for the first weekend. Your patrol will be responsible for providing food for the second weekend – 2 breakfast, 2 lunch, and 2 dinners. The only equipment you will need to bring will be your personal camping gear, mess kit, clothing, and patrol cooking gear for the second weekend. A detailed list will be provided prior to the start of the course. A \$50.00 deposit will hold your place; however the entire fee must be paid prior to August 10, 2017. In the event, you have registered and cannot attend the course; refunds (deposit and fee) will be made ONLY IF the course is filled before your

registration was received. **The course is limited to 48 participants – so sign up early!!!**

The Objectives of Wood Badge

The overall objective of Wood Badge training is to provide participants with a meaningful experience in Scouting that will enhance their knowledge and create a deeper understanding of their roles and responsibilities as leaders. Wood Badge specifically focuses on five objectives:

- Acquire a global view of Scouting as a family of interrelated values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth
- Become familiar with contemporary team leadership concepts
- Experience the stages of team development and practice leadership approaches appropriate for those stages
- Have a great deal of fun in the company of interesting, like-minded individuals
- Develop a renewed commitment to provide Scouting with the best possible leadership

History of Wood Badge

In 1911, 4 years after Scouting began in Great Britain, General Baden-Powell began training Scouters through a series of lectures. In 1919, Mr. W. de Bois Maclaren purchased an estate in Epping Forest, near London, called Gilwell Park and presented it to the Scouting movement. On the morning of September 8, 1919, the 61 year-old retired general of the British Army stepped out into the center of a clearing at Gilwell Park. He raised to his lips the horn of a Greater Kudu, one of the largest of African antelopes. He blew a long sharp blast. Nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirtsleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell. The camp was designed and guided by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the World Scouting Movement. When they had finished their training together on September 19, 1919, Baden-Powell gave each man a wooden bead from a necklace he had found in a deserted hut of Zulu chieftain Dinizulu when on campaign in South Africa in 1888. The Scoutmasters' training course was a great success and continues to be held year-after-year. At the end of each course the wooden beads are used to recognize the completion of training. When the original beads ran out, new ones were whittled to maintain the tradition established Lord Baden-Powell. Because of these beads, the course came to be known as the Wood Badge Course. It continues to this day in England and around the world as the advanced training course for leaders in Scouting.

In 1936, an experimental Wood Badge Course was conducted in the United States at the Schiff Scout Reservation. Then in 1948, the first American Wood Badge Course was introduced in the United States as advanced training for trainers of Boy Scout leaders. Later, the program was extended to include troop committee members, commissioners, and Explorer leaders. Now, it has been revised again to include all members of the Scouting family so that we can become better leaders in the Twenty First Century.

Ever since it was begun by Baden-Powell in England in 1919, Wood Badge training has represented the finest tradition of the founder and carries with it great prestige. Wood Badge is a great force for the world brotherhood of Scouting and the heritage of Baden-Powell and Gilwell Park.

For further information contact:

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Personal Resource Questionnaire

Name _____

I would like to be called _____

Address _____

Phone number (H) _____ (B) _____

E-mail _____

Fax _____

Occupation _____ Date of birth _____

District _____

Council name _____

Years in Scouting: Adult _____ Youth _____ Rank _____

Current registered position _____

Adult position(s) held and for how long? (examples: Den leader for 3 yrs.; Scoutmaster for 4 yrs.; etc.)

Scouting awards received _____

State what you feel is a fair evaluation of your physical condition. _____

List any special needs. _____

Camping: How much experience have you had and how comfortable are you with it?

Training experiences in Scouting: (You must have completed the basic training and outdoor leader skills training for the position in which you are registered.) _____

Religious preference _____

An interfaith service or services will be held. If you have particular religious needs, please specify them here, or otherwise inform the course director. _____

First aid training (including CPR) _____