

History of Wood Badge

Lord Robert Baden-

Powell founded Scouting early in the 20th century, and in just a few short years, the movement exploded. Baden-Powell quickly recognized the need for adult leaders to complete training in a hands-on outdoor environment. On Monday, September 8, 1919, 20 men clad in shorts and knee socks gathered around a flagpole at Gilwell Field near London. Organized into three Patrols, these men launched the precursor for what eventually has become Wood Badge for the 21st Century.



Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys and Aids to Scoutmastership were 'textbooks' for this outdoor classroom, and during the 11 day course, the Scouters learned the skills to pass on to their eager Scouts: Troop organization, campcraft, pioneering, woodcraft, signcraft, games, fieldwork, study circle work and pathfinding.

Upon completion of the course, Baden-Powell awarded each of the Scouters a hand-carved bead tied to a leather thong, the beads a prize he collected from Zulu Chief Dinizulu during the British' Ashanti Campaign in 1888. The Boy Scouts of America conducted its first official Wood Badge course in the United States in 1948. Since that time, training professionals and volunteers have updated the Wood Badge syllabus to provide the best methods to adult Scouters for teaching leadership and program delivery.

Source: www.woodbadge.org

What is Wood Badge for the 21st Century?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership develop course for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team-building skills in a comfortable outdoor setting, where learners become members of their own Troop. Wood Badge's effectiveness as an effective leadership development experience has been applauded by industry training professionals. Its positive influence on graduates' individual unit-level program is unparalleled.

Take a look inside for more information!

For more information on the upcoming Wood Badge Course please contact:

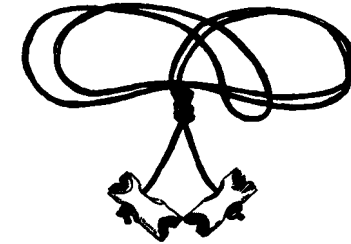
Mary Garcia at 361-814-4300 x 10

**South Texas Council, BSA
700 Everhart Terrace, Building A
Corpus Christi, TX 78411**

WWW.STXBSA.ORG

WOOD BADGE

**ADULT LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
COURSE**



**The Boy Scouts of America's
Premiere Leadership Training
for all adult leaders**



**October 8 - 10, 2010 (F-S-S)
and
November 6 - 8, 2010 (S-S-M)**

What is the purpose of Wood Badge?

The ultimate purpose of Wood Badge is to help adult leaders deliver the highest quality Scouting program to young people to help them achieve their highest potential.

Wood Badge is a leadership development course that will teach you how to lead a group of individuals towards a common goal.

How much time will Wood Badge take?

Wood Badge is conducted over two, three-day weekends scheduled about four weeks apart. Each weekend begins at 8AM. Your patrol will have one or two meetings scheduled at your convenience between weekend sessions.

When and where is Wood Badge?

The South Texas Council's next Wood Badge course will be October 8 - 10, 2010 (F-S-S) and November 6 - 8, 2010 (S-S-M). You must attend all six days of the course.

The Wood Badge course will be conducted at Camp Karankawa on beautiful Lake Corpus Christi.

How will Wood Badge help me?

Wood Badge will teach you outdoor skills and leadership techniques in a 'living,' hands-on environment, and you will be able to apply all you learn to your Scouting involvement and your personal life.

You'll develop a Ticket, which is a written agreement outlining how you will apply your newly learned skills as you continue your involvement in Scouting. Development of your Ticket is an exercise in goal-setting and includes creating a personal vision and mission statement and outlining individual steps to personal success.

How do I get my beads?

You've probably seen other Scouters wearing their Wood Badge beads. When you success-fully complete your Ticket, some of your Wood Badge staff members will present you with your Wood Badge beads, a tan neckerchief with the famed MacLaren tartan, a leather 'woggle' (neckerchief slide) and a special Wood Badge certificate.

What are the qualifications?

Wood Badge is not just for Scoutmasters. It's for adult Scouters at all levels: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity, Venture, District and Council. Here are the qualifications:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Complete basic training courses for your primary Scouting position (see Scouting's Basic Leader Training Courses atright).
- Complete the outdoor skills training program appropriate

to your Scouting position.

- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.

- Successfully pass the BSA physical.

Graduates of previous Wood Badge for the 21st Century courses are not eligible to participate.

What!? Indoor facilities?

Camp Karankawa now offers multiple, private showers, dressing rooms (with electricity and mirrors!) and indoor restrooms with flush toilets. And you'll be able to enjoy air-conditioned Gilwell Hall, our indoor learning facility over looking Lake Corpus Christi.

To help keep you in the Scouting spirit, you'll be sleeping in tents provided by the Council or you may provide your own.

What do I eat?

You'll be welcomed the first weekend with a delectable outdoor spread prepared by our friendly quartermaster staff. The following weekend, your patrol will prepare most of your meals in your campsite from a menu you prepare as part of the learning experience.

If you have any dietary restrictions, please tell your Wood Badge Course Director before the first weekend, and we'll be happy to accommodate your needs.

What do I wear?

Participants are encouraged to wear a full uniform and weather appropriate outerwear.

What is the course registration fee?

The individual fee for attending Wood Badge is \$195, which includes all your meals (14), cracker barrels (4) course materials, and those coveted Wood Badge beads, neckerchiefs and Woggle.

How do I register?

Visit the South Texas Council website at www.stxbsa.org and download the Wood Badge application OR contact Mary Garcia at the Scout Service Center and she will mail or fax you an application. Then complete the application and return it with your registration fee to the Scout Service Center.

To help ensure a quality learning experience the course is limited to 48 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

What about refunds?

Be sure to check the course application for the refund schedule. Early cancellations will result in a full refund less a \$35 transaction/handling fee. A \$125 refund will be given after the early sign-up deadline and up to 30 days before the first day of the course. No refunds will be given

after 30 days prior to the first day of the Wood Badge Course. In the unlikely event the course is cancelled all prepaid fees will be refunded!

What are the Training Prerequisites?

- **This is Scouting:** an on-line training course is required for all participants prior to attending Wood Badge.
- Leaders in Packs, Troops, Teams and Crews must also complete **Fast Start Training** and **Leader Specific Training** for their position prior to attending Wood Badge.
- **Outdoors Skill Training** is required for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Webelos Scout Den Leaders prior to attending Wood Badge. It is highly encouraged for all others planning to attend.
- Commissioners of all types are required to complete **Commissioner Basic Training** prior to attending Wood Badge.
- District Committee Members are required to complete **District Committee Orientation** prior to attending Wood Badge.
- Executive Board Members are required to complete **Executive Board Orientation** prior to attending Wood Badge.

Additional Information

All registered Wood Badge participants will be receiving additional course information through a special newsletter about sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the course.

You may also contact the Scout Service Center at anytime for additional information about Wood Badge or contact your district's training staff.



South Texas Council Boy Scouts of America

700 Everhart Terrace, Building A
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

361-814-4300
www.stxbsa.org