

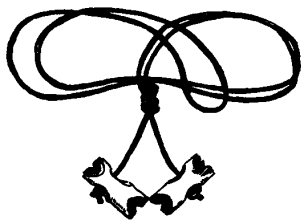


## Why Wood Badge? Why Now?

Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is the premier and most advanced training program for leaders in **all** programs of The Boy Scouts of America.

Based on proven team development and leadership models - but with a clear orientation to Scouting - Wood Badge provides leaders with the training necessary to really lead their pack, troop, crew, team, or district. It teaches contemporary leadership and team building skills in a comfortable outdoor setting, where participants become friends as members of Gilwell Troop #1.

**Wood Badge is simply the best investment of time any Scouter can make to help them create the best possible program for Scouts.**



## Key Information

### Course Dates

Friday, September 11 (7:30 AM) to  
Sunday, September 13, 2009 (6:00PM)

### And

Saturday, October 10 (8:00 AM) to  
Monday, October 12, 2009 (5:00 PM)  
(Columbus Day)

### Course Location

J.N. Webster Scout Reservation  
231 Ashford Center Road  
Ashford, Connecticut 06278

### Course Cost

\$225

### COURSE DIRECTOR

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Windsor, CT 06095

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## Wood Badge Course NE-11-189



Connecticut Rivers Council  
J.N. Webster Scout Reservation  
Ashford, CT

September 11-13, 2009  
and  
October 10-12, 2009

# 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 the '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 for adult Scouters to teach leadership development and program delivery.

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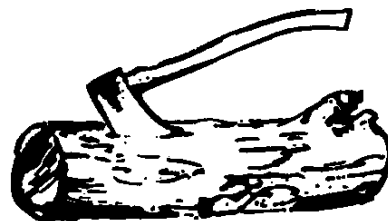
## WHO MAY ATTEND

To attend a Wood Badge course, Scouters must:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. **There is no minimum tenure.**
2. Have completed the basic training course for their scouting position.
3. Have completed the outdoor skills training program appropriate for their scouting position.
4. Have a current BSA class 3 physical. **Disabilities are not, however, a barrier to full participation.**

## EXPECTATIONS

You will have the opportunity to join with other Scouters to learn, share ideas, discuss challenges, and locate resources. Attendees always form new and lasting friendships during the Wood Badge experience as Scouting spirit spreads. For six days, you will learn and apply principals of leadership using the aims and methods of Scouting. You will live and work in comfortable outdoor settings with fellow Scouters under the guidance of an experienced, volunteer, Wood Badge staff.



I meet the criteria for Wood Badge and would like an invitation.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUTING POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN SCOUTING: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE/WILL COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING BASIC LEADER COURSES:

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail request for invitation to:

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Or call for more information:  
860-688-3951

Email: [woodbadge2009@snet.net](mailto:woodbadge2009@snet.net)

**Please do not send money until you receive the course invitation and registration form.**