



WOOD BADGE COURSE N5-347-16 MONMOUTH COUNCIL, BSA Quail Hill Scout Reservation

**September 17 - 19 *and*
November 5 - 7, 2016**

Course Overview

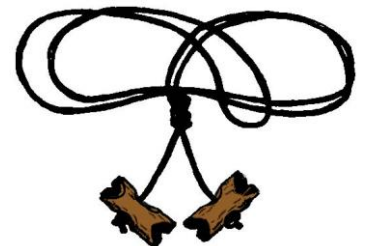
Wood Badge is Scouting's most advanced training in leadership development for all adult Scouting leaders. It has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders and professional Scouters. The focus of Wood Badge is on learning **leadership skills**, not outdoor skills.



The course reflects the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, and draws upon the most current leadership models used in corporate America, academia, and successful outdoor leadership programs throughout the country. Wood Badge teaches skills that are useful in Scouting, work, family, and other community service activities.

Baden-Powell took the first steps in the training of Scouters by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters in 1911. He made great strides by devising and instituting Wood Badge training in 1919. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 throughout the world.

Upon successful completion of both the practical and application phases of the course, you will receive a Wood Badge certificate, neckerchief, woggle, and the Wood Badge – two wooden beads worn on a leather thong around the neck.



These beads replicate those found by Baden-Powell during a campaign in Africa in 1888. They belonged to Dinizulu, an African chieftain. In searching for a suitable recognition for those who completed the first course in 1919, Baden-Powell remembered the beads and decided to present one to each participant. At that time, the course became known as "Wood Badge".

Learning Objectives

As a result of attending Wood Badge, you will:

- Acquire a global view of Scouting as a family of interrelated, value-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 program.

Course Delivery

Wood Badge training requires a significant time commitment, usually between 6 and 18 months. The course consists of a practical phase, followed by an application phase. Successful completion of both phases is required to earn the Wood Badge beads.

The *practical* phase of Wood Badge N5-347-16 will be delivered over two three-day weekends (Saturday through Monday) at Quail Hill Scout Reservation. Participants and staff will be formed into a model Boy Scout Troop, which will serve as a laboratory for training purposes. A full course will consist of 8 patrols of 6 participants each.

The first weekend reflects troop meetings that would be held over a typical program month to plan for a camping activity at the end of that month. The second weekend uses that troop camping activity as its delivery model. Two patrol meetings will be held between the course weekends. Attendance at all sessions and meetings is required.

The Wood Badge course content and principles apply to Scouters of all leadership positions, but the model Boy Scout troop is used for several reasons:

- The Boy Scout troop simulation provides a good framework in which to practice the leadership skills introduced in the course;
- Boy Scouting provides a natural bridge between the various Scouting programs; and
- It would be difficult and most likely confusing to simultaneously model all Scouting programs in one course.

During the *practical* phase, participants live as members of a Wood Badge patrol, practicing the skills of leadership and learning how those skills apply in the role of the adult leader in developing youth through the Scouting program. Each participant will develop a Wood Badge Ticket, which is a written plan for the application of the skills and knowledge gained during the practical phase. The Ticket describes your personal vision of accomplishment, with a list of your specific goals to achieve that vision.

During the *application* phase of the course you will “work your Ticket,” i.e., apply, in your specific Scouting job, the leadership skills that you learned during the practical phase. A Ticket Counselor from your council will be appointed to provide guidance. When you demonstrate mastery of the leadership skills by accomplishing your goals (no later than 18 months after completion of the practical phase), to your Ticket Counselor your Ticket will be complete. Your Wood Badge will be presented at an appropriate public ceremony of your choice.

Wood Badge Value

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils. The "Ticket" represents your commitment to complete a set of personal goals relating to your Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which you are involved. In addition, the ticket gives you an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership skills presented during the course.

For most participants, the Wood Badge experience is the embodiment of everything that is Scouting: fun, fellowship, leadership, spirit, and teamwork. Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the highlights of their Scouting careers. Wood Badge has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands of Scouters. In return, these Scouters have had a profound, positive influence on the lives of millions of America’s youth.

Are YOU ready to make the commitment to take Wood Badge training?

Registration Information

Applications for N5-347-16 are available on-line at <http://mcbsa-gilwell.org/> and at the Monmouth Council Service Center:

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**If you're serious about your involvement in Scouting,
sooner or later you'll take Wood Badge training.
Sooner is better than later.**

