

What is Wood Badge?

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to insure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Scouting America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present that latest in leadership theory and team development



Scouting America
Laurel Highlands Council

Course Dates:

August 28-30, 2026 &
September 26-27 2026

Register:

[https://scoutingevent.com/
527-Woodbadge2026](https://scoutingevent.com/527-Woodbadge2026)



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WOOD BADGE

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EMPOWERING LEADERS OF TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Who Should Attend?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit level Scouters, such as Cub leaders, Scoutmasters, and assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and members. Additionally Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge.

To attend a Wood Badge course, individuals must:

1. Be registered members of the Scouting America. (Youth 18 and older may attend as long as the appropriate Safeguarding Youth guidelines are followed. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.)
2. Have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record Form.



"Wood Badge opened my eyes to the vast diversity within Scouting and how Scouting helps all people"

- Carson H.

"Through Wood Badge my unit became more youth focused and youth led."

- Jim G..

"I highly recommend taking Wood Badge and taking it earlier rather than later."

- Chase C.

Why Attend?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leaders. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting services.

By attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalized the 5 themes of Wood Badge:

- Living the Values
- Growing
- Connecting
- Guiding
- Empowering

