

Wood Badge Training Prerequisites

To attend a Wood Badge course, individuals must:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. (Youth older than 18 may attend as long as the appropriate Youth Protection 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. (see below)
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to successfully complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form.

Summarized below are the training requirements from the Wood Badge Administrative Guide:

- o "This is Scouting" **is recommended for all adult leaders**
- o Leader Specific Training for:
 - Cubmasters
 - Cub Scout, Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leaders
 - Pack Committee Members
 - Troop Committee Members
 - Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters
 - Varsity Scout Coaches and Assistant Coaches
 - Venturing Leaders
- o Commissioner Basic Training for Commissioners
- o District Committee Training for District Committee Members
- o Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) for:
 - Required for Scoutmasters/Assistant Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors/Assistant Advisors and Varsity Coaches/Assistants of units with outdoor programs.
 - Recommended for all!
- o **Note:** Previous versions of leader training courses are acceptable prerequisites.

In addition, Unit Committee Training is recommended for Institution Head and Chartered Organization Representatives.

Districts typically offer IOLS and "position specific training" in the Spring and Fall. Check your district's website for dates, times and locations. If you have a conflict with your district's scheduled training, check nearby districts. You may attend any district training to meet these requirements. Committee training may be taken in the district or at BSA's online learning center.

BSA's online training is available here:
<http://olc.scouting.org>

District websites within Circle Ten Council are available here:
http://www.circle10.org/site/c.owL1KgN4LxH/b.1656437/k.8DE6/District_Sites.htm

You may also visit the BSA website for "What makes a trained leader? at:
http://scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/What_makes_a_trained_leader.pdf