

# What is Wood Badge?



Wood Badge is the final segment in the BSA Training Continuum for all adult leadership training event for adult Scouters.

Wood Badge is a multi-faceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory. Along the way, participants have a great deal of fun.

Wood Badge is your opportunity to:  
Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.

- Learn about contemporary leadership concepts and discover how those concepts are relevant to Scouting.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspired experience.
- Provide Scouting with renewed, mission driven leadership.
- Meet and share with a diverse group of leaders from across the council and beyond.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be the peak experience of their Scouting careers. Wood Badge has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands.

In return, Wood Badge participants have had a profound, positive influence on the lives of millions of America's youth.

***Wood Badge is Outdoor, Experience Based***

## Leadership Training

Being “best in class” is the dream of many organizations. Policies, procedures, flow charts, and programs all contribute to success, but leadership is the defining factor.

Although the demand is great, opportunities for individuals to learn leadership skills are scarce because of cost and ineffective techniques that don't transfer learning from the “classroom” to “the real world.” The Boy Scouts of America have found a way to bridge

this gap with an upgraded and state-of-the-art curriculum called Wood Badge for the 21st Century.

This professionally developed course is used throughout the nation and spans either one full week or two three-day weekends and addresses the core competencies and skills needed to be an effective leader, and these skills apply to leading in most organizations. By utilizing interactivity, small group learning, structured experiences, role playing, goal setting, individual and team project assignments, and hands-on exercises, the following topics are addressed in-depth and through a combination of classroom and outdoor experiences.

- **Values, Mission, Vision**
- **Listening Skills**
- **Communication Skills**
- **Inclusiveness**
- **Valuing People & Leveraging Diversity**
- **Coaching and Mentoring**
- **Stages of Team Development**
- **The Leading EDGE/The Teaching EDGE Methods**
- **Project Planning and Experience**
- **Recognizing and Leading Change**
- **Problem Solving & Decision Making**
- **Managing Conflict**
- **Self-Assessment – Personal and Teams**
- **Leaving a Legacy**

As a not-for-profit organization, the Boy Scouts of America offer this training to their adult leaders at a fraction of the cost that outdoor corporate training companies charge. Each training day begins early in the morning and is structured until late evening.

Participants need not worry about what they will do with their “free” moments because the days are fully scheduled to provide the highest impact training possible.

Let your organization feel the power of a well-trained leader that knows what to do. Not only is your organization a benefactor, but this investment will ultimately result in youth with stronger character to face today’s pressing issues.