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What is Wood Badge?

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting’s adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world. Wood Badge is the advanced leadership and team-building training for adult leaders.

It teaches skills that are useful in Scouting and elsewhere. Wood Badge for the 21st Century focuses on leadership, not outdoor skills. The 21st Century Wood Badge course brings together leaders from all areas of Scouting— Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing, and all levels of BSA’s professional staff. Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, 21st Century Wood Badge also draws upon the most current leadership models being used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country. The Wood Badge course is designed to represent a month in the life of a Scout unit, with participants entering as Cub Scouts,

then bridging into Boy Scouts to form patrols for the remainder of the program. Selected staff members will interact with participants as a Venturing crew. Participants will take part in numerous presentations, discussions, and activities that explore and advance a wide range of leadership philosophies and tools. In addition to all the opportunities for learning at a Wood Badge course, participants will find a tremendous amount of fellowship, a keen sense of accomplishment, and plenty of fun. 21st Century Wood Badge should:

- ◆ Enhance leaders ability to train other leaders who can effectively lead their groups.
- ◆ Increase the number of units using small and large group models best defined by the patrol method.
- ◆ Increase the efficiency and effectiveness with which units operate.
- ◆ Leaders will be more effective working with large units comprised of many dens/patrols/ adults giving more individuals the opportunity to lead.
- ◆ Improve retention of adult leaders through increased personal satisfaction and fulfillment.



Course Dates (must attend all dates)

Join us at Jadel Training Center at Camp Sol R. Crown

- ◆ Pre-Course Meeting: August 3, 2013 10:00 am to Noon (Saturday)
- ◆ Weekend #1: August 22, 23, 24, 2013 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- ◆ Two Patrol Meetings, Determined by Patrol
- ◆ Weekend #2: September 19,20,21, 2013 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

Breakfast Agenda

- Fun and fellowship and sharing the Joy of Scouting
- Meet the C7-129-13 Staff
- Introduction of 21st Century Wood Badge
- Memorabilia sale (to support camperships to the course)
- Bead Presentations
- An opportunity to register for C7-129-13

Who Are The Geezers?

The Honorary Title of “Wood Badge Geezer” is bestowed on visionary men and women who have served Wood Badge Courses in the Northeast Illinois Council as Course Director.

Past NEIC Wood Badge Course Directors

- Bill Gregory—Ec-96 & EC-168
- Don Swanson—EC-376W
- Bob Mueller—EC-461W
- Don Martin—C-07-98
- Dixon Brandt—C-20-00
- Vickie Henderson—C-14-02
- Jim Lindemann—C48-03
- Earl Knodel—C48-04
- Felicia Brandt—C-27-05
- Dick Raup—C47-06
- Rich Zahnle—C22-07
- Bill Pepito—C-22-08
- Milt McDougald—C-18-09
- Joanne Osmond—C-03-10
- Tim McKeown—C7-129-11
- Chip Smith—C7-129-12



*The First Scoutmasters' Course at Gilwell Park, September, 1919
Baden-Powell is seated center in the front row.*

First Wood Badge Staff, 1919

In 1919, Mr. W. deBois Maclaren purchased an estate in Epping Forest, near London, called Gilwell Park and presented it to the Scouting movement. On the morning of September 8, 1919, the 61 year-old retired general of the British Army, General Baden-Powell, stepped out into the center of a clearing at Gilwell Park. He raised to his lips the horn of a greater Kudu, one of the largest of African antelopes. He blew a long sharp blast. Nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirt-sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell. The camp was designed and guided by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the World Scouting Movement.



What's the NEIC Wood Badge Website?

www.neic-woodbadge.org



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How do I register for Wood Badge? *The process is simple....*

Fill out an application and Pay the \$50 Deposit

Applications are available here at the Breakfast
You can also find applications at your District Roundtable or you can download from the NEIC website.

Complete the new BSA Medical Form

Everyone must complete the medical form Parts A, B & C to participate. The completed Medical form can be emailed to Mike Fries, our Staff Health & Safety Officer. You should also advise him of any special dietary needs or health concerns.

Mike Fries (firefighter/EMT)
Staff Health and Safety Officer
michaeljfries@hotmail.com
842 Stratford Ct.
Grayslake, IL 60030
847-276-5045

Complete the Participant PRQ

PRQ = Personal Resource Questionnaire
We want to get to know you

Attend the Pre-course Meeting

August 3, 2013 Jadel Center Camp Crown, Wilmot, WI

Be ready for a great time and to make lifelong friends!

Wood Badge Fee Information

Total Fee—\$250.00
(\$50 with application; \$100 June 1, \$100 July 1)

Scholarships are available. Please see page 4.

NEW THIS YEAR

“BUDDY” discount if two or more participants from the same unit sign up together paying the full course fee at registration. The discount is 5% for a fee of \$237.50 each.

Also, many organizations like the VFW, trade Unions, Knights of Columbus will pay for members to attend.

A LETTER FROM THE COURSE DIRECTOR

Does anyone ever have enough tools?

The song written by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays in 1949 included the following lyrics:

*If I had a hammer
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening
All over this land.*

A hammer is one of many tools and almost every tool ever invented had a simple purpose—to aid in the accomplishment of a task. Those of us involved in Wood Badge are all about accomplishing a task and our singular purpose is to provide you with the tools you need to fulfill the mission of the Boy Scouts of America at every level of the program—Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews.

But more than the Boy Scouts, the tools and techniques included in NEIC's Wood Badge course will equip you skills and abilities that can improve your work life, relationships at your place of worship and possibly even at home with your family. While the focus remains helping Scouters become better equipped to help the youth of northeast Illinois, we are more than happy to help out in all phases of life.

Legend has it that a woman approached a Course Director of Wood Badge in another part of the country and asked this question “I understand you can make my husband listen?” The Course Director assured the woman that Wood Badge included a session (think “tool”) entitled “Listening to Learn” and that if her husband took the course he might, indeed, become a more attentive listener. The woman immediately pulled out her checkbook and paid for her husband to take Wood Badge.

We can help you listen too. And build teams, and plan projects, and solve problems, and coach & mentor, and leverage diversity, etc. etc. Come join us for the most exciting, fun filled learning environment available within NEIC. We've got hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches.....

Add tools to your tool box this summer.

Row

Wood Badge Savings

Have you ever wondered why Wood Badge is so expensive? After all, isn't Thrifty one of the twelve points of the Scout Law? What you may not realize is that being thrifty is exactly why you SHOULD take Wood Badge C7-129-13 this summer! If you were to take seminars covering the same subjects, it would cost you or your employer thousands of dollars! Compare these prices with a popular training company:

Course	Pryor Seminars ⁷	Wood Badge
Conflict Management	\$99.00	Included
Managing Multiple Priorities	\$99.00	Included
Leadership (2 day seminar)	\$399.00	Included
Ethical Leadership	\$199.00	Included
Project Management	\$299.00	Included
Problem Solving	\$199.00	Included
Coaching and Mentoring	\$199.00	Included
Communication	\$149.00	Included
Diversity	\$199.00	Included
Totals:	\$1,841.00 over 10 days	\$250.00 over 6 days

And I'll bet you have to provide your own meals for those other seminars. At Wood Badge, meals are included along with a T-shirt and a hat! Besides, how many seminars allow you to spend six days and four nights at beautiful Camp Sol R. Crown and the premier Jadel Training Center playing Scout games? So where does your money go for Wood Badge? The fee covers all your training materials, plus the aforementioned perks, plus your neckerchief, woggle and beads, plus licensing for access to top-of-the-line training information, plus an excellent menu for you to feast upon. Realistically speaking, Wood Badge could be the best investment you make in your Scouting and professional careers!

That being said, we do realize that \$250 is still a big chunk of change. Assistance is available:

The American Legion and VFW offer scholarship opportunities for members specifically for Wood Badge. You may download an application from our website (look under Forms/Links and select forms) <http://www.neic-woodbadge.org>

Your chartering organization may be willing to fund your Wood Badge experience. Ask your chartering organization representative about options.

Your employer may be willing to help pay for a portion or all of your Wood Badge training. If you need help convincing the boss, go to <http://www.neic-woodbadge.org> and download the Letter to Employer. You can give that to your boss; it hardly mentions that this is a Boy Scout event!

Northeast Illinois Council Wood Badge Scholarship Application: on the website (look under Forms/Links and select forms) <http://www.neic-woodbadge.org>

Download the application and send it to the address on the form.

Speaking of our course website, (say it with me now: <http://www.neic-woodbadge.org>), there are a lot of resources available to you on that site including some of the frequently asked questions about Wood Badge. Please take a few minutes and review the site and as always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 847-295-9212. You can also email me at rpeter-son@jenner.com.

Yours in Scouting

Ron

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