



**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
- Ronald Peterson—C7-129-13



*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](http://www.neic-woodbadge.org)



Site at :  
**Wood Badge C7 129 14**



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**How do I register for Wood Badge?**

*The process is simple...*

*You need to be Leader Specific trained for your scouting position and be current on your YPT training.*

**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 Chris Fardoux, our Staff Health & Safety Officer. You should also advise him of any special dietary needs or health concerns.

Chris Fardoux  
Staff Health and Safety Officer  
[Chris.fardoux@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Chris.fardoux@sbcglobal.net)

**Complete the Participant PRQ**

PRQ = Personal Resource Questionnaire  
Fill out the PRQ found online at the Wood Badge Website. [www.neic-woodbadge.org](http://www.neic-woodbadge.org)

**Attend the Pre-course Meeting**

August 9, 2014 Jadel Center Camp Crown, Wilmot, WI

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

**A letter from the Course Director**

Course Theme :  
“A History of Leadership...A Future of Leaders”

The theme of this year’s Wood Badge Course was chosen to illustrate the evolution of Wood Badge Training from its inception in 1919 England, to the first course in the U. S. in the 1930’s—from Cub Trainer Wood Badge and Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge that emphasized training, leadership, and scouting skills, to 21st Century Wood Badge (2001-2013) - and now to this year’s course, simply titled Wood Badge.

To its core, Wood Badge has always prepared scouting’s leaders for leadership—preparing our youth for success. This vision has never waivered. In 2014, we continue the legacy of preparing leaders for the future.

We will take you on a journey that will help you grow and develop. You will take something away from the course. What you take away is as unique and personal as each of you. One Wood Badge participant said, the course helped my unit. A great testament.

**Our message to you:**

- Leadership skills
- Scouting knowledge
- Fun (Only a rumor....you have to attend the course to find out)

**Help us to help you deliver the promise of scouting to today’s youth. Will you join us?**

**Wood Badge Fee Information**

Registration can be made with a \$50.00 deposit for all fees.

**NEW THIS YEAR**

**Pay in Full today \$225 (10% discount)**

**Two Additional Options:**

1. “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. By June 1st.

2. **Regular Fee** \$250.00 payment in Full by June 1st.