



*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.

WHO ARE THE GEEZERS?

The Honorary Title of "Wood Badge Geezer" is bestowed on visionary men and women who have served as Wood Badge Course Director for the Northeast Illinois Council. You can recognize them by their **FOUR** beads!

Check out all the ole Geezers at http://www.neic-woodbadge.org/p_courses.php



Dick Raup—C-47-06
 Rich Zahnle—C-22-07
 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
 Ron Peterson—C7-129-13
 Bill Covington—C7-129-14
 Rick Ryan—C7-129-15
 Buff Hoffberg—C7-129-16

Past NEIC Wood Badge Course Directors

Wood Badge Fee Information

\$260 _____ Full Price
 \$245 _____ Early Bird Discount
**must be paid in full by March 6, 2017*

\$260 _____ Paid in full by June 1, 2017

Payment Schedule Available*

\$50 _____ Deposit submitted with application
 \$110 _____ May 1, 2017
 \$100 _____ June 1, 2017

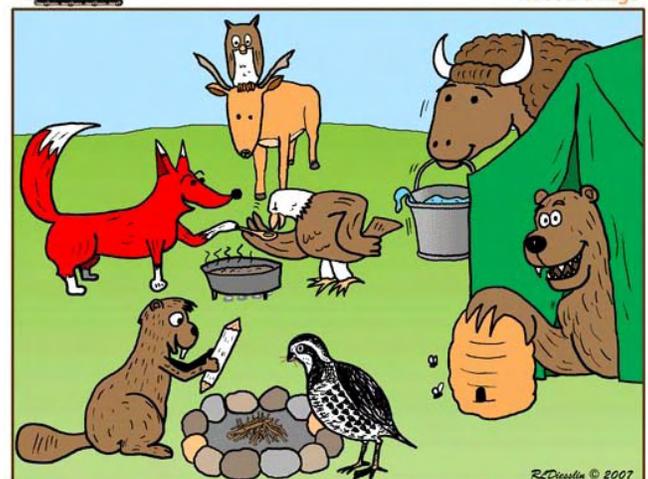
All fees must be paid in full by June 1, 2017

**All prices shown are per-person.*

Scholarships are available — see *Wood Badge Savings* on page 4. Also, many organizations such as the VFW, trade Unions, Knights of Columbus, etc. will pay for members to attend. Your company may also pay for part or all of the course, or provide paid time off. A letter is available on the NEIC Wood Badge website.

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Wood Badge



CRITTERS TO WATCH FOR IN THE WOODS



What's the NEIC Wood Badge Website?
www.neic-woodbadge.org



How Do I Register for Wood Badge?

The process is simple...

1. 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](#).

2. Complete the BSA Medical Form

Everyone must complete the medical form Parts A, B & C to participate. The completed form will be turned in to our Staff Health & Safety Officer. You should also advise the HSO of any special dietary needs or health concerns.

3. Complete the Participant PRQ

PRQ = Personal Resource Questionnaire

We want to get to know you!

4. Attend the Pre-course Meeting

August 5 or August 8, 2017
Holy Cross Church, Libertyville

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



A LETTER FROM THE COURSE DIRECTOR

Once again, the Wood Badge drum is beating throughout the North-east Illinois Council. Those who have been to Wood Badge and earned their beads are encouraging those who have not been to the course to attend. Your Staff members are constantly recruiting to offer this great Course to a full complement of participants (56).

Why?

Most of the Leadership lessons taught at Wood Badge can be found in the self-help section of your local library. But those books lack the values of the Scout Oath and Law, and they don't include Scouting specific connections that help convert the abstract into something useful. Unlike those awkward team building seminars your employer sponsors, you'll find that everyone at Wood Badge wants to be there.

Wood Badge is the final local step in your training as a Boy Scout Leader. It is six days of intensive training mixed with multiple opportunities to practice what you've been taught. Wood Badge is designed to take you on the same emotional roller coaster we put our Scouts on as they advance in the program. You will get to know Scouters from across the Council, each of whom can be a ready resource when you have questions. Wood Badge will result in new life-long friendships with your patrol members.

Most of all, Wood Badge is **fun**.

Whether you are a new Cub Scout Leader or a seasoned Boy Scout Leader, the lessons learned at Wood Badge will make you a better Leader. You will be better prepared to offer your Scouts the best program you possibly can. Ask yourself if you are delivering the promise of Scouting to the youth in your unit.

The training you'll experience at Wood Badge will let you answer that question with a confident "Yes!"

Yours In Scouting,

STEVE CHODASH
COURSE DIRECTOR
C7-129-17



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 this year! If you were to take seminars covering the same subjects, it could cost you or your employer thousands of dollars! Compare our price with a popular training company, shown on the right. In addition to providing all meals for the first weekend (you'll cook with your patrol on the second weekend), you'll also get a course t-shirt and a hat, AND you'll get to spend six days and four nights at beautiful Camp Sol R. Crown and the premier Jadel Training Center playing Scout games in the process!

So where does your money go for Wood Badge? The fee covers all of 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 career!

That being said, we do realize that \$260 is still a big chunk of change for many people. Assistance is available, however:

- ◆ Your chartering organization may be willing to fund your Wood Badge experience. Ask your chartering organization representative about options.
- ◆ The American Legion, VFW, and AFL/CIO offer scholarship opportunities for members specifically for Wood Badge. You may download an application from our course website.
- ◆ Your employer may be willing to help pay for a portion or all of your Wood Badge training. Some companies may also offer the time off as a paid training day. If you need help convincing the boss, download the **Letter to Employer** from our course website. You can give that to your boss; it hardly mentions that this is a Boy Scout event!
- ◆ Northeast Illinois Council Wood Badge Scholarship Application is also available on the website. Download the application and send it to the address on the form.

For all of the forms listed above, visit our course website at <http://www.neic-woodbadge.org>.

- ◆ For the **Letter to Employer**, select **Forms-Links > Forms > Letter to Employer**.
- ◆ For the Scholarship forms, select **Forms-Links > Forms > Scholarship Forms**.

Our course website also contains additional resources, 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 847-634-2377. You can also email me at chodash@cboc.com.

Yours in Scouting

Steve

| Course | Pryor Seminars ⁷ | Wood Badge |
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| 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 |

Anatomy of a Course

C Northeast Illinois Council is located in the Central Region. For administrative purposes, the BSA is divided into four regions—Western, Central, Southern, and Northeast.

129 NEIC's Council number. Each council in the U.S. has its own number.

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7 Each region is subdivided into areas. Within the Central Region, NEIC is set in Area 7.

17 Represents the year of our Wood Badge Course

*In 2011, BSA established new course numbering guidelines based on regional changes and renaming. ScoutingMagazine.com has some guidance on older course numbers at <http://bit.ly/wbnums>.