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## It's Almost Time!

It's almost time for our Wood Badge experience to begin. Each of us — staff and attendees — comes to this course with our own unique life and Scouting experiences and knowledge. As leaders, parents, and employees, we face challenges and opportunities each day in our lives. Hopefully we make choices to improve our results, to learn from the experience and to enjoy each day. As you start this journey you will each face and be introduced to new information, new challenges, new ideas and you will have the opportunity to make decisions and choices on what action to take.

So as you begin Wood Badge, will you embrace change or resist it?

We would ask that you think like a new Cub Scout, as they are excited to join a Pack and get ready for the first meeting. Be the curious Cub Scout again and go in with your eyes open and ready to learn new things, go on new adventures, try new activities and be ready to have some fun!

Think like a Tiger Cub for a moment. Trust that you are going to have fun. Be open to embracing new ideas. Learn from the experience of others on the course. Be open to the content you are about to hear. Most of all -- be open to embracing change and having fun.

As your staff, we are glad you have decided to join us and we are ready to guide you and help you along this path. We are looking forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you better during our time together.

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## Course Dates & Location

- ◆ Pre-Course Meeting—August 5, 2017
  - ◆ Alternate Meeting—August 8, 2017
  - ◆ Holy Cross Church, Libertyville, IL
- ◆ Weekend #1—August 18, 19, 20, 2017
  - ◆ Friday, Saturday & Sunday
  - ◆ Jadel Training Center, Camp Crown
  - ◆ Wilmot, WI
- ◆ Up to two Patrol Meetings
  - ◆ Determined by Patrol
- ◆ Weekend #2—September 15, 16, 17, 2017
  - ◆ Friday, Saturday & Sunday
  - ◆ Jadel Training Center, Camp Crown
  - ◆ Wilmot, WI

## Pre-Course Agenda

- ◆ Check-In
  - ◆ Medical Checks
  - ◆ Individual Photos
- ◆ Welcome
  - ◆ Leadership Compass
- ◆ Course Overview
- ◆ Camp Logistics
  - ◆ Tents
  - ◆ Equipment List
  - ◆ Packing Suggestions
- ◆ Questions/Answers
- ◆ Overview of Leave No Trace/  
Model Camp- site



## WHEN DOES WOOD BADGE START?

On Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, check in begins promptly at 7:30am. Please do not arrive much earlier than scheduled, but you must be checked in and ready to begin by 8am. Program activities continue non-stop until Sunday at 5:00 pm. There are no opportunities to leave the camp during the program, so **Be Prepared**.

You should be in Full Field (Class A) uniform when you arrive in camp. You will be in your full field uniform (Class A) during much of the course, so you should bring more than one uniform if you have them (or borrow). It is okay to wear your uniforms from multiple Scouting positions and programs.

On Sunday morning of each course weekend, all participants and Staff members will be invited to participate in an Interfaith Service. During the service a collection will be taken for the World Friendship Fund, should you wish to contribute.

## TRADING POST

We will have a Wood Badge Trading Post on course to allow you to purchase your favorite Wood Badge paraphernalia. Credit cards accepted.

Sample jackets and shirts will be available in the Trading post to try-on for size, and orders will be delivered to you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> course weekend.

Course Photo Packages will also be available for purchase.



## WHAT FOOD IS BEING SERVED?

If you have food allergies or special diet concerns, please speak with Scott Smith, ASM for Support Staff several days prior to the course beginning so we can address your special needs.

## Questions About Wood Badge?

### TWENTY QUESTIONS

Please complete the pre-course assignment of “Twenty Questions” and bring it with you for your personal use at the course. No one will see it but you. Completing this will be of immense help in writing your ticket. These questions are designed to help you formulate your thoughts as you begin to write your ticket. They will help you sort out what is important to you, what roles you play in Scouting and your life, and where you see yourself in the future.

Remember that your ticket is a very personal commitment that you write for yourself—a set of goals that you will pursue with the Scouting group that you work with. Begin thinking about where you see that group in the future, how the group can make a greater impact in the lives of youth, and how you can make that same impact.

## DO I HAVE TO CARRY MY CAMPING GEAR?

No. This is a Leadership Training Course, not a back packing trip. Please neatly pack your camping gear into one bag or container and label your name on your gear. At check-in, your gear will be collected by the Staff and hauled to the campsite for you. Remember to keep your personal daily items with you at all times. These include: water bottle, medication, snacks, note pad, etc. Bring a daypack to carry your personal daily items with you. There is not time to “go back to the tent to get something I forgot...”



## BSA MEDICAL FORMS

Part A—B—C **MUST** be completed and submitted in advance (preferably) or no later than during check-in on the morning of August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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The Wood Badge course schedule is very structured, but we have included “copious free time” for you in our planning. That said, we still ask that you please arrive on time and be prepared to start your adventure.

Wood Badge is for all Scout leaders. Our course is a very diverse group representing all levels of Scout leaders from all over our Council. The staff is looking forward to the unique perspectives each of you will bring to our course and to Scouting.

Thank you for taking the time away from you families and work to join us. We promise it will be fun and time well spent!

Finally, thank you for all that you do for the youth in Scouting.



## What to Expect from Wood Badge Training

**An experienced, helpful, and friendly staff.**

*Comfortable, safe surroundings for learning and growth.*

**High quality training materials and presentation methods.**

*New friends and acquaintances.*

**A new leadership method that is applicable to all Scouters in all parts of their life.**

*A once in a lifetime learning experience.*

**Scouting ceremonies you have not seen before!**



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

## THE OBJECTIVES OF WOOD BADGE

### Wood Badge Five Central Themes

- 1) Living the Values
  - Values, Mission, and Vision
- 2) Bringing the Vision to Life
  - Listening to Learn
  - Communicating
  - Leveraging Diversity Through Inclusiveness
  - Coaching and Mentoring
- 3) Models for Success
  - Stages of Team Development
  - Leading EDGE™/Teaching EDGE™
  - Generations in Scouting
- 4) Tools of the Trade
  - Project Planning
  - Leading Change
  - Decision Making and Problem Solving
  - Managing Conflict
  - Self-Assessment
- 5) Leading to Make a Difference
  - Leaving a Legacy

### Gilwell Gazette

The Gilwell Gazette will be part of your learning experience during Wood Badge.

Hot off the press every morning for the duration of the course, the Gilwell Gazette is your source of C7-129-17 news and insight. The daily course schedule will be found here as well as stories and pictures (interesting and otherwise) about the people and places of Wood Badge.

Patrol scribes will provide articles for the Gazette and the course scribes will make sure that a lot of course related material finds its way on to these pages.

The Gilwell Gazette is also part of the tradition of Wood Badge as it has been used throughout the years at Gilwell Park. Wood Badge philosophy maintains that teams develop most effectively when they have full access to resources. As the course progresses, you will find that one of the best resources at your team’s disposal is the Gilwell Gazette.

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## Patrol Projects

Each Patrol is challenged to produce a project/presentation on Day Five using tools such as the Project Overview and Work Breakdown Schedule.

## Wood Badge Ticket

The goals on the Wood Badge Ticket put in practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of leadership skills presented during the Wood Badge Course.



## Wood Badge Critters

Every Patrol needs a mascot, and the Wood Badge critters represent each of the eight Wood Badge Patrols:

Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox,  
Owl, Bear, Buffalo, and Antelope.



Patrols will be assigned during our Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony held on Day One of the course.

You'll find that there is pride in patrol critters,

## REQUIRED ITEMS TO BRING

- Complete official Scout field uniform(s) for your current Scouting position. NOTE: A complete field uniform includes the official shirt for your program; uniform shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; uniform socks; and scout belt. A troop neckerchief, slide, and cap will be provided.
- Scout activity uniform(s) NOTE: An activity uniform includes a Scouting-related T-shirt or knit shirt, and uniform Scout shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes.
- Shoes suitable for walking over park like terrain.
- Windbreaker or jacket appropriate to outdoor weather.
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit).
- Tent
- Sleeping bag or bed roll and sleeping mat
- Underwear (does not have to be BSA issued)
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (No fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in original labeled containers (Keep medication on you)
- Toiletries and other personal items
- Towels and washcloths
- Pen, pencils, pocket notebook
- Daypack to carry personal gear
- Water bottle** or canteen and cup
- Personal calendar to plan interim patrol meeting

## Optional Items to Bring

- Change of shoes
- Footwear for shower
- Clothes hangers for uniform and jacket
- Religious Book(s)
- Books of camp songs and skits
- Camera
- Pillow
- Earplugs (in case of snorers!)
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunglasses, Sunscreen , Insect repellent
- Handbook for your Scouting program

## WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE COURSE?

- One activity shirt
- One ball-style cap
- Notebook & Pen
- Leadership Training
- Networking With Leaders
- FUN

## WHAT NOT TO BRING!

Electronic devices may interrupt Wood Badge presentations and activities. Please ensure that all cellular telephones and pagers are set to silent and only used during breaks. Radios, televisions, iPods, iPads, laptops and other devices of this nature are strongly discouraged on site and certainly during sessions.

