

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



What’s the NEIC Wood Badge Website?

www.neic-woodbadge.org



NEIC Wood Badge



*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 Kudo, 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



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)
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Wood Badge Fee Information

Total Fee—\$260.00
(\$50 with application; \$100 June 1, \$100 July 1)

Scholarships are available. Please see page 4.

NEW THIS YEAR

A special “**Early Bird**” discount is available for Scouters who submit their applications with payment **in full** by the **March 06, 2018**. This will allow

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

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

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	\$260.00 over 6 days

you may not realize is that being thrifty is exactly why you SHOULD take Wood Badge C7-129-18 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:

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 \$260 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.