

## What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership training program for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team development skills in an outdoor setting.

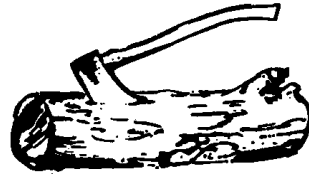
## What's in it for me?

Wood Badge will help you improve your role in Scouting. It will help you focus on your responsibilities, identify a goal, help you work toward that goal—and give you the tools to reach it. But, Wood Badge is more than that. It teaches how a group develops and how the leader can assist in that process. It is about the interrelationship of all members of the Scouting family. It helps identify the connections between the districts, the council, and the individual unit. It shows you how to tie Scouting's values into unit meetings. Wood Badge is more than a classroom—it is games and hand-on projects. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage as well as a dream for the role you will play in its future—the impact you will make on a youth in your own unit at home.

## What is taught in Wood Badge?

Wood Badge has always taught leadership skills. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Wood Badge focuses on contemporary leadership skills and issues and integrates Scouting's value-based philosophy. A variety of learning opportunities, including lecture, demonstration, group discussion and hands-on exercises offer participants insight into contemporary leadership theory while providing them with specific skill that will enable them to put what they learn to use immediately in their units. Many participants have found they can apply what they've learned in their personal and professional lives equally effectively. And while learning is the focus of Wood Badge, fun is an important component.

## WOOD BADGE TRADITION



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 sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell.



The benefits of advanced leadership training can be seen throughout the Council. Tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of young lives have been influenced by the leaders who have experienced Wood Badge.



Whether you are a Scoutmaster with years of experience or a brand new Den Leader just starting out, Wood Badge can help you learn new leadership skills and further develop the skills you already have. Become a part of the tradition. Add your mark to Scouting's legacy.

# Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



**Leadership training at its best!**

**Taught by experienced Leaders  
in an outdoor setting.**

**Personal Growth.  
Fun.  
Fellowship.**

**Open to ALL leaders:  
Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts,  
Varsity and Venturing.**

**Alamo Area Council**

### Course Prerequisites:

Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is open to ALL registered adult leaders who have completed the basic training requirement for their primary position. Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Assistants must complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills in addition to the above requirements. Outdoor training is not required of other leaders but it is highly recommended. Additional training details can be obtained from your District training Team.

### Outdoor Skills:

Since overnight camping and outdoor cooking will be part of this course, some basic camping skills will be helpful but not essential. Both the staff and experienced participants will help participants new to the outdoors have a safe and enjoyable Wood Badge experience.

### Advance Preparation:

Prior to arrival at the Wood Badge training site at McGimsey Scout Park, participants will receive a packet containing details that will help them prepare for the course.

### Health and Safety:

The Wood Badge training team adheres to the Guide to Safe Scouting. Each participant must have a current medical form (parts a&c) before they can attend Wood Badge. And they must be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. There will be a staff medical officer who will administer first aid and assist with any health issues that may arise.

### Refunds will be given for medical reasons only.

Requests need to be submitted in writing no later than 14 days after the start of the course. All refunds will be debited a \$10.00 readiness fee.

### Cost:

The cost fee for the Wood Badge courses is \$180. A \$90 deposit is required to hold your reservation. This fee covers all instructional materials and food. Each participant will also receive a course hat and cup. Monetary issues should never prevent anyone from attending. Alamo Area Council does provide partial scholarships for those who qualify and apply. Write a letter addressed to Jim Matthews (Wood Badge Staff Advisor) describing your circumstances which might prevent you from attending the Wood Badge Course. Attach the letter to the application.

**This course is a first come first serve, so make your reservations as soon as possible. For the course to be held, 30 participants must be fully paid 30 days prior to the start of the course**

### Dates:

**Must attend both weekends.**

**Spring: March 18 -20 and April 8-10,  
2011**

**Director- Chris Moore**

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**Email: [chrismoore@satx.rr.com](mailto:chrismoore@satx.rr.com)**

**Fall: October 28-30 and November 18-  
20, 2011**

**Director- Andy Foster**

**PH: 210-219-0681**

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## Wood Badge Application

Spring 2011

Fall 2011

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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

Sex: M / F (circle one)

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Years BSA Leader

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Youth Rank Attained

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Years as a Youth in BSA / GSA

**T-shirts can be only be ordered no later than the  
Wednesday before your first weekend.**

T-shirts SM-2XL =\$10.00 3Xl and larger \$11.00

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Size

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Quantity

**Return Application with Deposit to:**

**Alamo Area Council  
2226 N.W Military Hwy.  
San Antonio, TX. 78213**