Why Attend?

Cub Scout packs rely exclusively on the adult leaders to provide a successful program for the Scouts. One key to a smooth pack operation is ensuring the adults communicate effectively and operate as a team.

Scout troops not only rely on their adults but also include the youth in determining the operation of the unit. For the adult leaders, attending Wood Badge has two benefits. First, they will learn about effective communication and how to operate as a high-performance team. Second, when the youth leaders attend NYLT, they’re introduced to these very same concepts increasing unit efficiency.

Venturing crews are operated by the youth membership. The adult leaders serve as advisors and consultants but it’s still important that they communicate effectively and operate as a high-performance team in order to support the efforts of the youth. Venturing youth can also attend NYLT.

What is Wood Badge?

Established in 1919 by Scouting’s founder Robert Baden-Powell, Wood Badge has been the training ground for hundreds of thousands of Scouters around the world. As the challenges in the world have changed, Wood Badge has also evolved to give leaders the skills they need to strengthen Scouting in meaningful ways. The current course focuses on the leadership skills needed to help your unit operate as a “high-performance team.”

Questions?

Detailed information about the course can be found on the course website:

www.wmascouting.org/woodbadge

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Course Director Sam Everett at councilcommissioner@wmascouting.org or (413) 297-9830

September 6-8, 2019
October 12-14, 2019

Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation
Russell, MA
The Western Massachusetts Council invites you to attend Wood Badge - the ultimate leadership training program for adult leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. This course emphasizes leadership skills, not outdoor skills, and is the culmination of your training experience in our program.

Take the next step!

Completing Wood Badge will make a difference in your life. The skills you will learn benefit Scouting, other community organizations you are involved with, and your career.

Course Dates

Weekend 1: September 6-8
Friday 8 AM to Sunday 6 PM

Weekend 2: October 12-14
Saturday 8 AM to Monday 6 PM

Patrol meetings may be scheduled between weekend dates. All meetings are mandatory for completion of the course.

Eligibility

To attend a Wood Badge Course, Scouters must:

• Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. (There are no minimum tenure requirements.)

• Have completed the basic training courses for their current registered Scouting position(s).

• Have completed the outdoor skills training programs appropriate for their Scouting position(s).

• Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.

• Complete the Annual Health and Medical Record – Parts A, B, & C are required for all participants.

Cost

The course fee is $295 if paid in full by July 1, 2019. After July 1, the course fee is $320. A $50 deposit is due at registration.

The $50 is nonrefundable unless there is a waiting list at the time of cancellation.

Financial Assistance: Don’t let the cost keep you from attending. Need-based scholarships are available.

A letter entitled “Wood Badge for Employers” is available on the council website. Bring the letter to your employer as justification for getting time off or financial assistance for this leadership course.

Registration

Register online on the course webpage: www.wmascouting.org/woodbadge.

If you are unable to register online, you may register by contacting the Council Service Center at (413) 594-9196.