Purpose and Program

The first Wood Badge course was presented in England by Baden-Powell in 1919 as a means of strengthening and preserving the Scouting movement in each country throughout the world.

Wood Badge for the 21 Century

Participants will learn:

Listening and communication skills

Decision making and problem solving

Leading change

Team leadership models

Coaching and mentoring others

Managing and resolving conflict

Leadership styles

Leveraging diversity

Self-assessment

Wood Badge for the 21st Century is a course that will offer you the opportunity to learn leadership skills that will serve you extremely well in Scouting, your job, and your life. Some have referred to Wood Badge as a "weekend MBA course"! I can assure you that it will be time very well spent. st Century is intended to provide leadership skills needed in all phases of the Scouting program (i.e., Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, and Varsity). The course is a comprehensive presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory.

Information: The ***Practical*** *portion usually involves two 3-day weekends at camp and a minimum of one in-between weekend meeting (time & date to be set by participants) with all members present. Full attendance at both weekends and the meeting is mandatory.*

Wood Badge training has two phases:

The ***Application*** *phase requires completing a "Ticket" (a set of goals written during the course) within 18 months of the end of the course with the assistance of a counselor.*

Eligibility Requirements:

Registered member of the BSA

Have not previously attended a Wood Badge course

Completed Basic Training or New Leader Essentials and Leader Specific for your Scouting position

Outdoor Leadership Skills (SM, SA, VC, VA)

Successful completion of a BSA class 3 medical exam.