

### 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.



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

Times have changed since Lord Robert Baden-Powell assembled the first Wood Badge course in 1919. Over the years, the teaching methods and instructional tools have been updated to meet the needs of contemporary leaders. What has not changed is the primary focus of Wood Badge, which is leadership training.

### Why should I go to Wood Badge and how will I benefit from this training?

Wood Badge helps you to be a better leader, and it's a lot of fun. You will make new friends that will last a lifetime, and you will complete the course with a new appreciation and enthusiasm for the opportunities of Scouting. Here are a few comments from recent Wood Badge participants:

*"I learned a great deal about myself..."*

*"I feel the program has given me the tools to make positive changes at my pack."*

*"The experience was beyond words."*

*"The leadership information presented was priceless."*

*"I learned how important my role is and how much influence I have on the boys."*

*"It challenged me to give my best..."*

### WOOD BADGE TRADITION



On the morning of September 8, 1919, the 61 year-old retired general of the British Army, Lord Robert Baden Powell, stepped out into the center of a clearing at Gilwell Park.

He raised to his

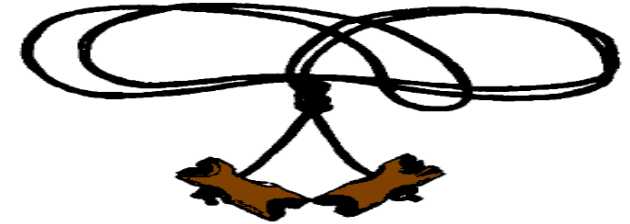
lips the horn of a Greater Kudu, one of the largest of the African antelopes. He blew a long, sharp blast. Nineteen men dressed in short pants and knee socks, their shirt sleeves rolled up, assembled by patrols for the first Scoutmasters' training camp held at Gilwell.

Since 1954, over 2,000 volunteers and professional Scouters have participated in fifty-one Wood Badge courses offered by the Middle Tennessee Council. The benefits of the half-century of advanced leadership training can be seen throughout the Council. Hundreds of thousands of young lives have been influenced by leaders who have earned the 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 develop the skills you already have. Become apart of this grand tradition. Add your mark to the legacy of Scouting.



## 2009 WOOD BADGE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY



Leadership training at its best!

Taught by experienced Scouting leaders in an outdoor setting.

**FOR LEADERS IN CUB SCOUTS,  
BOY SCOUTS, VENTURING  
& THE DISTRICT**

**SR-1013**

**August 28 - 30, 2009**  
(Friday, 7:30 am – Sunday, 5:00 pm)

**September 25-27, 2009**  
(Friday, 7:30 am – Sunday, 5:00 pm)

**Middle Tennessee Council**

### What exactly is taught in Wood Badge?

Wood Badge has always taught leadership skills. Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century focuses on contemporary leadership skills and issues, integrated with Scouting's value-based philosophy. A variety of learning opportunities including lecture, demonstration, group discussion and hands-on exercise offer participants insight into contemporary leadership theory, while providing them with specific skills that they can put to use immediately in their units. Many participants have found that they can apply what they have learned in their personal and business lives as well. While learning is the primary goal of Wood Badge, fun is also an important component.

### Course Prerequisites:

Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is open to all registered adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, District and Council leaders who have completed the basic training requirements generally consist of Fast Start, New Leader Essentials and Position Specific Training. Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must complete Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills ("OLS") in addition to the above requirements.

### Outdoor Skills:

Since overnight camping and outdoor cooking will be part of the 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:

After course applicants have been accepted, participants will be mailed a packet containing information that will help them prepare for the course. This packet will include an equipment list, a personal resource survey, and a Class 3 medical form.

### Health and Safety:

The Wood Badge course will be conducted in compliance with the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

Each participant must have a current Class 3 medical form before he or she can attend Wood Badge, and must be able to function safely in an outdoor environment. There will be a staff medical officer who will administer first aid and assist with any medical issues that may arise.

### Cost:

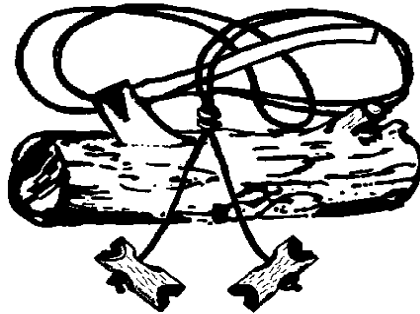
The course fee for the 2009 Wood Badge course is \$185, which covers all instructional materials and all food for the two weekends (except two meals during the second weekend that are furnished by the patrols). In addition, each participant will receive 2 course shirts, cap and training neckerchief. The fee also includes the Wood Badge training award that is presented following completion of the Wood Badge ticket. A fee deposit of \$75.00 is due with the course application, and the balance of the course fee is due by July 28, 2009.

### When and where is Wood Badge offered?

The 2009 Wood Badge course in the Middle Tennessee Council will be offered over two three-day weekends in August and September at Boxwell Reservation. The course is limited to 48 participants.

### What if I need more information?

You may contact the Course Director, Tommy Martin, at (615) 646-8310 (home) or (615) 397-4345 (cell). In addition, you can call the Wood Badge Staff Advisor at (615) 383-9724 or 1-800-899-7268.



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Council \_\_\_\_\_

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Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

By completing this, I certify that I have completed the required prerequisite training for my position in Scouting. Please hold a place for me in his 2009 Wood Badge course. Enclosed is my \$75.00 deposit.

Please mail this completed form and fee deposit to:

Middle Tennessee Council, BSA Wood Badge

PO Box 150409, Nashville, TN 37215