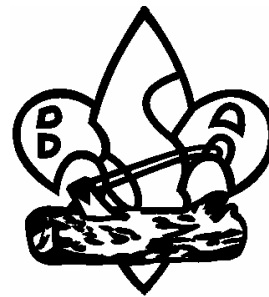


# Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



## WHY ME?

Have you been hearing about Wood Badge, but not sure what it's all about or whether it's for you?

Wood Badge is Boy Scouts of America's leadership course designed to help *all* adult leaders improve their personal role in Scouting, no matter what that role is – whether in a pack, troop, team, crew, or in a district or council position. The only pre-requisite is to complete basic training for your position. The course takes place over two three-day weekends with two weekends between them. Although participants come from all program areas, a troop structure is used as the framework of the course. Participants become part of a patrol, through which they experience the dynamics of teamwork.

Why should you attend Wood Badge? Maybe you're already a student of leadership through seminars taken through your employer or your school. Can an additional training course be worth your time? **United States Congressman Pete Sessions (Circle Ten Council – Dallas)** thinks so. He was recently presented his recognition for completion of Wood Badge.

Why would Congressman Sessions, Eagle Scout, former Scoutmaster, and Executive Board Member for Circle Ten Council take time to complete this program, including flying across country for the two weekends?

*"I think Wood Badge training is vital to the future of Scouting. I can think of no other program more important to secure Scouting's future."*

*"Wood Badge training is all about the future of Scouting and more. Building a diverse leadership, instilling the leave no trace ethic, building character and nurturing our Scouts for success; these are all things we intrinsically follow for our community's sake. Making our community stronger and better will make our country stronger and better. And Scouting, in turn, will be stronger"*

If you, like Congressman Sessions, believe in the future of Scouting and the impact it can have on our youth, our community, and our country, then the question is not *if* you will attend Wood Badge, but *when*. It is the goal of Boy Scouts of America that every leader attend Wood Badge within the first two years of registration. Contact a current course director for information on how you can sign up to be part of all the excitement that the future of Scouting holds.

### UPCOMING COURSES

*All courses will be conducted at Camp Strake in Conroe, Texas.*

#### SR-636

September 24-26 & October 15-17, 2004

Two weekends – Friday AM through Sunday PM

Course Director: Dan Ownby

713-728-2500

[dan@ownbyenergy.com](mailto:dan@ownbyenergy.com)

#### SR-637

October 8-10 & October 29-31, 2004

Two weekends – Friday AM through Sunday PM

Course Director: Bill Berry

281-362-1122 (H)

713-885-1397 (C)

[scoutmaster@SR637.org](mailto:scoutmaster@SR637.org)

#### REGISTRATION FEE: \$225

Financial assistance is available through the Sam Houston Area Council Wood Badge Scholarship Fund. Contact Mike Sheets at [mike.sheets@shac.org](mailto:mike.sheets@shac.org) or 713-756-3306.

Registration forms available via [www.shac.org/Home/Training/WoodBadge](http://www.shac.org/Home/Training/WoodBadge)



*It's not a destination...  
it's a journey.*

## FROM RECENT SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL PARTICIPANTS...

“Wood Badge reinforced and revitalized the Scouting values that I grew up with and try to live by daily. I think this should be the first training Scouters take when they start out on their journey to mentor children into well-rounded adults.”

*“Wood Badge gave me the vision for my part in Scouting along with the tools and motivation to accomplish it. The training and the contacts I established will benefit me and my troop for many years.”*



“The Wood Badge experience moved me and enabled me to be introduced to what I know are lifelong friends. We all seem to be striving for the one goal and that’s to help our children grow into the best people they can be. I would do it again in a heartbeat.”

*“The experience prepared me for my experience in Boy Scouts, helped me deal better with people and gave me the biggest opportunity of all – that is to give back to others.”*

“I left my Wood Badge course with more ideas than I can possibly implement, a broadened support network of incredibly resourceful people, and many new friends for life. Wood Badge training is the hardest work and the most fun you will ever have in Scouting. It’s a must do for every leader who wants to provide the best possible program for our boys. “

*“I was not really prepared for the Wood Badge experience. I went in thinking of it as supplemental leadership training for the “experienced” Scouter but what I got was a life-changing experience for my whole life. I learned more about myself and my life purpose than I ever felt possible.”*

“Wood Badge offers tools for each of us to lead any organization (Scouting, family or business) to success. It is the best bang-for-the-buck leader training available.”

*“Wood Badge was the best training and development class that I’ve ever taken. Lessons learned apply not only to Scouting, but to work situations also. I highly recommend that all Scout leaders attend Wood Badge training.”*

“By living the patrol method, and practicing the values outlined by the BSA program, Wood Badge taught me how to interact better with people. I also made valuable, lasting friendships with people from my own district, and other districts, that will make Scouting easier and more fun!”

*“Wood Badge renewed and refreshed the excitement I already had for Scouting.”*



“If I had realized the Wood Badge experience was this tremendous I would have gone before. It is truly life changing.”

“Wood Badge gives an individual the fuel and some very important tools to carry out their role both in Scouting and out of Scouting. Wood Badge also allows an adult to switch roles with the Scout so that they can see what they are teaching and the challenges that are created in molding new young leaders.”



*“I waited more than ten years to take Wood Badge training. By the time I decided to take Wood Badge, I had held many leadership positions from Cub Scouting through Venturing, as well as district and council positions. Despite all of that, I learned a lot at Wood Badge, and have wonderful memories of my course. Wood Badge training is both the most fun and the most challenging training I have ever taken. I urge every Scouter to take Wood Badge training, for the sake of the youth they serve.”*

“I knew that I would learn a lot when I attended Wood Badge, but I didn’t realize that I would also make life long friendships.”

*“Wood Badge ranks up there with a precious few experiences in my 50 years that I would call life-changing. The course helped me in Scouting and in all other aspects of my life.”*

“The biggest benefit of the course to me was reinforcement that the vision of Scouting begins and ends with the youth and that you as a sole person can make a difference in the life of kids.”