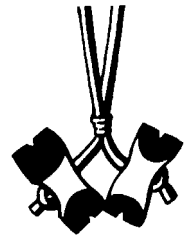




WOOD BADGE

Sam Houston Area Council



Acceptance of Invitation

I accept the invitation to attend one of the 21st Century Wood Badge courses being held the first weekend at Camp Strake (Friday thru Sunday) and the second weekend at Kuester Training Area – Camp Strake (Friday thru Sunday). I understand that I must select one of the courses and attend both weekends of that same course including interim patrol meetings. I also understand that I must complete basic training in my registered position to meet eligibility requirements.

- SR-635 July 26-31, 2004 (Strake Conference Center and Kuester Training Area), (begins Monday 7:30 AM, ends Saturday at 5:30 PM)**
- SR-636 September 24-26, (Strake Conference Center) and October 15-17, (Kuester Training Area), 2004 (begins Friday 7:30 AM, ends Sunday at 5:30 PM)**
- SR-637 October 8-10, (Strake Conference Center) and October 29-31, (Kuester Training Area), 2004 (begins Friday 7:30 AM, ends Sunday at 5:30 PM)**

Name (First-Initial-Last) _____ Gender _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ E-mail _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Council _____ District _____

Present Scouting Position _____ Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship # _____

Training Course completed for Position _____

Cost for the Course is \$225.00

Enclose a \$50.00 deposit and mail to:

**Sam Houston Area Council
Wood Badge Course
P.O. Box 924528
Houston, Texas 77292-4528**

Balance due 30 days before start of course

Signed _____ Date _____

Activity Code -- 1-6801-951-20 (900302)

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Sam Houston Area Council would like for all Scouters who desire to be able to attend Wood Badge. Regardless of your circumstances, scholarship monies and grants are available; please feel free to inquire (confidentially to Director of Program at 713-756-3306). Also, with Wood Badge being a premiere leadership course; units, chartered organizations and a number of employers will partially or completely underwrite necessary fees for a Scouter to attend. If you have any questions about Wood Badge training please call 713-756-3304/6.

21st Century Wood Badge

Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

The fresh smell of pine trees and smoke drifting from campfires. The sound of the kudu horn calling patrols to Gilwell Field. The taste of food prepared in the great outdoors. The unforgettable sights that will linger in your mind's eye for a lifetime. Wood Badge is very special for the participants and the staffers who touch each others lives. Come join in the adventure that is Wood Badge.

What Is Wood Badge?

21ST CENTURY WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge is the most advanced training available for all Scout Leaders who are involved in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America – Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, and Venturing, as well as council and district leaders, and professionals. This new contemporary training program focuses on leadership and “people” skills, and not Scoutcraft or outdoor skills. Participants will learn techniques to make them better leaders, and also how to lead groups to achieve objectives. The 21st Century Wood Badge incorporates the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience in addition to drawing upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country. Skills developed from Wood Badge training will help a volunteer leader do a better job in any BSA program or at any level of involvement.

ELIGIBILITY

To attend a Wood Badge Course, Scouters must:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America (There are no minimum tenure requirements.)
2. Have not previously attended a Wood Badge course.
3. Have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting positions.
4. Have completed the outdoor skills training programs appropriate for their Scouting positions.
5. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. Successful completion of the BSA Class 3 Physical is required for all participants.

COURSE FORMAT

SR-635

.Please note that the summer course, SR-635, is a week-long course, scheduled for Monday, July 26th thru Saturday, July 31st. The first three days will be held at the Strake Conference Center (housing in dormitories) and the last three days will be held at Kuester Training Area (housing in tents). The interim patrol meetings will take place on site during the course.

SR-636 & SR-637

The format for the Wood Badge Course is two 3-day weekends; two Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays separated by three to four weeks. In the Sam Houston Area Council, the first weekend is scheduled at the Camp Strake Conference Center. All meals will be served in the Dining Hall and participants will be housed in Conference Center Dorms. For the second weekend the course will move to the Kuester Training Area of Camp Strake where they will cook their own meals and sleep in wall tents. Participants will also be required to attend two interim patrol meetings during the time between the first and second weekends of the course (specific time and location to be determined by patrol members).

THE COURSE

Course participants begin their wood Badge experience as Cub Scouts, then bridge into Boy Scouting and form patrols for the remainder of the program. Selected staff members interact with participants in the role of a Venturing Crew. Representing a month in the life of a Scout unit, Wood Badge participants assume leadership roles to plan and carry out an extended outdoor experience. Within this framework, participants take part in numerous presentations, discussions, and activities that explore and advance a wide range of leadership philosophies and tools. A key area is the process of team development, where participants learn to apply appropriate leadership strategies at varying stages of team development. There are five central theme's of the 21st Century Wood Badge course: 1. Living the Values, 2. Bringing the Vision to Life, 3. Models for Success, 4. Tools of the Trade, and 5. Leading to Make a Difference. The first weekend of the course parallels three week's of a Scout units meetings and activities with the three day's of the second weekend paralleling the experiences of a scout unit setting out on the fourth week of a month for an exciting and challenging outdoor experience.

THE TICKET

One of the great traditions of Wood Badge is the “ticket.” During the course each participant will be asked to develop a contract or ticket – a list of goals that will allow them to use their newly-learned leadership skills in ways to strengthen Scouting in their home units, districts and councils. The ticket will include the participant's personal values, roles in Scouting, vision of success, and a mission of five significant goals that can be attained within 18 months. Overall the ticket will be meaningful and enable the participant to practice the skills learned in the course. Troop Guides (Ticket Counselors) will assist participants in writing their tickets and approve them when complete. The Troop Guide and the participant will mutually agree when all the items of the ticket have been fulfilled.

RECOGNITION

Recognition for the successful completion of Wood Badge (including the ticket) consists of the distinctive Wood Badge neckerchief, woggle, the Wood Badge – two wooden beads worn on a leather thong around the neck, and the certificate. This “Regalia” is recognized around the world as a symbol training and leadership experience.