

Advanced Training Opportunities

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here.

Why do you want to go?

You want to participate in a Wood Badge course because of things you will learn and do. Here are some of the benefits:

- Stronger units. You will make your Scouting unit — and your sons' and daughters' units — stronger.
- What and why of Scouting. You will have a deeper understanding of what Scouting is and why we do it.
- Experience. You will learn and experience things that will stay with you in Scouting and the rest of your life.
- Fun. You will have fun and you will meet interesting people.
- Other groups. You will make your other groups, like work, church, even family, stronger.

Wood Badge is Scouting's advanced leadership training.

Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders. The first Wood Badge training was held in 1919 at Gilwell Park, near London. Since then, Wood Badge has continued to evolve to meet Scouting's needs. Wood Badge focuses on preparing adults to deliver the mission of Scouting. As a result of attending Wood Badge training you will:

- Learn contemporary leadership concepts and discover how these apply to our value-based program
- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age appropriate activities for youth
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting, sharing in a mountaintop experience

Wood Badge is more than a leadership training course. People who have completed Wood Badge make friendships that last a lifetime. They experience personal growth and expand their understanding of Scouting and what it can offer youth. And, let's not forget, they have a tremendous amount of fun!

What are the Themes of Wood Badge?

- Living the Values
- Bringing the Vision to Life
- Models for Success
- Tools of the Trade
- Leading to Make a Difference

How is Wood Badge Presented?

Wood Badge is presented in two phases. The first part of the program is the practical phase. This consists of six days over two full weekends (all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday) at camp plus one patrol meetings between the weekends.

The second part of the program, the application phase, occurs after the weekends and consists of applying the skills you learn at Wood Badge to your position in Scouting. This phase is also referred to as “working your ticket.”

Who Should Participate?

Wood Badge is designed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, Sea Scout, at the unit level, as well as district and council leaders. The course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters in all leadership positions. These skills provide common a leadership foundation that is beneficial for all program areas. To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

- Be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. (There is no minimum tenure requirement.)
- All adult leaders must complete the Leader Specific Training for their primary registered position. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is required for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Crew Leaders.
- Successful completion of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record is required for all participants (parts A, B and C only). No exceptions.

How are Scouters Recognized?

Upon completion of your Wood Badge Ticket (your five goals), as certified by your assigned Ticket Counselor, you will be presented with the Wood Badge Training Award: neckerchief, woggle, beads, and Wood Badge certificate at an appropriate ceremony of your choosing.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be one of the highlights of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands of Scout leaders. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively influenced the lives of millions of America's youth.

Where is Wood Badge Held?

The course location is Camp Twin Echo near Ligonier, PA. Each weekend session begins 7:30 AM on Friday morning and ends 4:30 PM on Sunday. The first weekend in 2019 is **Friday through Sunday, August 23-25**, and the second weekend is also **Friday through Sunday, September 20-22**. Participation and attendance at both weekends, a total of six full days, is required for the successful completion of the Wood Badge course. The course is limited to 48 participants. Registrations received after the course is full will be placed on a waiting list and used in the order in which they were received.

National Youth Leadership Training (Twin Arrow)

June 16 - 22, 2019 - Camp Twin Echo

National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT) is a council training provided to supplement leadership development provided by the home Scoutmaster.

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

National Youth Leadership Training incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

General Principles:

- The principle responsibility and privilege of a Scoutmaster is to TRAIN YOUTH LEADERS, therefore the National Youth Leadership Training is a “supplement” to the Scoutmaster’s training.
- The participants represent their home troops. They must have a Scouts, BSA or Venturing, BSA shirt with their home troop insignia on it; the uniform should conform to the BSA Insignia Guide.

Who should attend the National Youth Leadership Training?

- The National Youth Leadership Training is designed for troop/crew youth leaders.
- It is important that the attendees do not attend prematurely EITHER BY AGE OR RANK
- All participants must be 14 years old or 13 years old and have completed 8th grade; there cannot be any exceptions. Scouts, BSA members must be at least First Class Rank. The only exception will be granted for girls registered in Scouts BSA to attend NYLT without first achieving the First Class rank; they must still meet age requirements and first attend Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST.) This will allow new troops to have trained youth leaders. Girls who are registered Venturers do not need to achieve the First Class rank, but must attend Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) prior to participating in NYLT.
- All participants must be experienced Scout campers. They must already know how to set up camp, prepare meals, maintain personal and campsite cleanliness, and generally work in a patrol camping situation.
- It is not appropriate to send a Scout who has never camped without a parent to Twin Arrow

In summary, the National Youth Leadership Training experience integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Check the council calendar for registration details.