

## History of Wood Badge

Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded Scouting early in the 20th century, and in just a few short years, the movement exploded. Baden-Powell quickly recognized the need for adult leaders to complete training in a hands-on outdoor environment.



On Monday, September 8, 1919, 20 men clad in shorts and knee socks gathered around a flagpole at Gilwell Field near London. Organized into patrols, these men launched the precursor for what eventually has become Centennial Wood Badge.

Baden-Powell's *Scouting for Boys* and *Aids to Scoutmastership* were 'textbooks' for this outdoor classroom, and during the 11-day course, the Scouters learned the skills to pass on to their eager Scouts: troop organization, campcraft, pioneering, woodcraft, sign craft, fieldwork, games and pathfinding.

Upon completion of the course, Baden-Powell awarded each of the Scouters a hand-carved bead tied to a leather thong. The beads were a prize he collected from Zulu Chief Dinizulu during the British' Ashanti Campaign in 1888.

The Boy Scouts of America conducted its first official Wood Badge course in the United States in 1948. Since that time, training professionals and volunteers have updated the Wood Badge syllabus to provide the best methods to adult Scouters for teaching leadership and program delivery.



## What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership development course for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team-building skills in a comfortable outdoor setting, where participants become members of their own troop.

Wood Badge's success as effective leadership development has been applauded by industry training professionals. Its positive influence on graduates' individual unit-level programs is unparalleled.

**Take a look inside for more information!**



### Tukabatchee Wood Badge

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# WOOD BADGE



The Boy Scouts of America's  
**LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT**

For All Adult Scouters

January 14 - 16, 2023  
January 21 - 22, 2023



Tukabatchee Area Council, BSA

## What Will You Get Out of Wood Badge?

As a result of attending Wood Badge, you will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

## How is Wood Badge Presented?

Wood Badge consists of two phases. The first is the practical phase. This consists of two full weekends at Camp Tukabatchee. The second, or application phase, occurs after the weekends and consists of "working your Ticket".

## Who Should Attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters in all unit positions and will provide a common foundation of leadership skills and tools to be used throughout all program areas.

To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. (There is no minimum tenure requirement)
- Have completed *Basic Leader Training* for your Scouting position.



- If you are a unit leader, OLS or BALOO is suggested but not required.
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.

All participants must successfully complete the BSA Medical Form, Parts A, B and C before attending Wood Badge.

## Wood Badge Course Details

**Location:** The Wood Badge course will be conducted at Camp Tukabatchee.

**Course Dates:** (two weekends required)

1st weekend: Jan. 14, 15 & 16 (Sat, Sun & Mon)

2nd weekend: Jan. 21 & 22 (Sat & Sun)

Detailed instructions, directions to camp, required forms, uniform requirements, personal equipment list, times, etc., will be provided by email upon registration.

**Cost: \$225.00 if paid on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, \$250 if paid after November 1<sup>st</sup>**- includes all food, instructional materials, and special equipment. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due with your application, and the total fee is due by Dec. 1st, 2022.

**Scholarships Available:** Please contact Denise Miller at the scout office for more details.

**Course Limit: 48 participants.** Applications with paid deposit or full payment will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis until the course reaches a capacity of 48. Alternates will be placed on a stand-by list.

**Refund Policy:** *Cancellations 30 days or more prior to the course will receive all but the deposit back; less than 30 days prior to the course and ALL money will be forfeited!*

Registration forms will be available online at [www.tukabatcheebsa.org](http://www.tukabatcheebsa.org), at the Tukabatchee Area Council Service Center, at District Roundtables, or from Staff Members.

## Wood Badge Application

Please Print Legibly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_

(eve): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Council: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Scouting: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Health, Dietary, or Medical special needs:

Make checks payable to: **Tukabatchee Area Council**

Mail to: 3067 Carter Hill Road, Montgomery, AL 36111

**I understand that attendance at all sessions is mandatory, and verify that I meet all qualifications required for Wood Badge:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_