

## The History of Wood Badge

Lord Robert Baden-Powell founded Scouting early in the 20th century, and in 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 in Gilwell Field near London. Organized into three Patrols, these men launched the precursor to what has eventually become known as Wood Badge .

Baden-Powell's "Scouting for Boys" and "Aids to Scoutmastership" were the textbooks for this outdoor classroom. During the eleven days of the course, the Scouters learned skills to pass on to their eager Scouts: Troop organization, campercraft, pioneering, woodcraft, sign-craft, games, fieldwork, study circle work and path-finding.

Upon completion of the course, Baden-Powell awarded each of the Scouters a hand-carved bead tied to a leather thong, the beads 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 syllabus to provide the best methods to adult Scouters for teaching leadership and program delivery.

Source:

[www.woodbadge.org](http://www.woodbadge.org)



**Course Dates:  
August 1-6, 2016**

**Registration now open!**

**Location:  
S.O.A.R.  
Dotsero, CO**



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**Registration Closes  
July 24, 2016!**

# Western Colorado Council

## WOOD BADGE W2-64-16



The Boy Scouts of America's

**LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT**

For All Adult Scouters

## WHAT IS WOOD BADGE?

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership development course for the Boy Scouts of America. Contemporary leadership and teambuilding skills are taught in a comfortable outdoor setting, where learners become members of their own troop.

The leadership development experience of Wood Badge has been applauded by industry training professionals. Its positive influence on graduates' individual unit-level Program is unparalleled.



### What is the purpose of Wood Badge?

The ultimate goal is to train leaders to deliver the highest quality Scouting program to young people, enabling them to achieve their greatest potential.

The program models the best techniques for developing leadership and teamwork among young people and adults.

### What are the qualifications?

Wood Badge is NOT just for Scoutmasters! Leaders of all levels of the Scouting program are welcome: Cub Leaders, Scout Leaders, Varsity and Venture leaders, and District and Council volunteers. The qualifications for attendance are:

- Be a registered leader
- Complete Basic Training
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment
- Complete the BSA Class physical: A,B,C.

## What are the Training Prerequisites?

All leaders planning to attend should be fully "trained" in their primary registered Position, including:

- Fast Start
- This is Scouting
- Youth Protection



Position Specific Training:

- Cub Leader Specific
- Scout Leader Specific
- Varsity Scout Coach Leader
- Venture Advisor Training
- Commissioner Basic Training

Outdoor Skills Training:

- Scoutmasters
- Assistant Scoutmasters
- Varsity Coaches
- Assistant Coaches
- Venture Advisors
- Assistant Advisors

### How much time will Wood Badge take?

The Wood Badge course will take place over one week: August 1-6, 2016. Following the course, you have up to 18 months to complete your ticket.

### When and where is the course?

Dates for the WCC course for 2016 are August 1-6. The week will begin at 8:00 am on Monday and continue through Saturday afternoon.

## What is the course registration fee?

**Fee** for attending the course is \$235.00, which includes all your meals, course materials, and those coveted Wood Badge beads. (Registration fee after 24 July 2016, will be \$250.00.) A minimum \$50.00 (non-refundable) deposit is due at the time of application. The first 48 fully paid participants who meet the course requirements will be confirmed for the course.

For further information you can contact M Pingree at: [bobwhitebrit@msn.com](mailto:bobwhitebrit@msn.com) or you can go to the council web site for sign-up info at [www.wccbsa.org](http://www.wccbsa.org)

### What do I wear for the course?

**All** Wood Badge participants are strongly encouraged to wear a full Scouting uniform that reflects their Scouting position.

### How will Wood Badge help me?

Wood Badge will teach you outdoor skills and leadership techniques in a hands-on environment. You will be able to apply the skills you learn on a daily basis during the course.

You'll develop a "Ticket", which is a written agreement outlining how your newly learned skills will be used as you continue your involvement in Scouting.

Ticket development is a practical exercise in goal-setting and includes creating a personal vision and mission statement and outlining individual steps to personal success.

