

Your invitation to attend

WOOD BADGE 2010



Dear Scouter:

It is my pleasure to extend a personal invitation to participate in the new Wood Badge outdoor experience, where you will develop your leadership and team-building management skills. It is my sincere hope you'll be able to arrange your time and other commitments so that you can become part of this great experience.

I can assure you that our staff is dedicated to providing you with the highest quality training and personal growth experiences. It is through trained, dedicated and enthusiastic Scouters that the Aims of Scouting are met to make a difference in the lives of our youth.

You will participate with Scouters of the South Coast Cluster, consisting of Pacific Skyline, Monterey Bay Area and Santa Clara County councils, with the possibility of Scouters from other areas, and for sharing ideas, situations and solutions to common Scouting concerns.

Dates of the Orientation meeting is noted inside which includes a morning-only event. Details and dates for each course are noted herein, and a meeting between the first and second weekends will be determined by your patrol.

I urge you to review the accompanying information, complete the attached application and return it with your deposit as soon as possible to the address indicated. Size of a Wood Badge course is restricted; as such, participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until we reach our course capacity.

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Yours in Scouting



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What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the culmination of basic leader training for all adult leaders in Scouting – from Cub Scouting and Boy Scouts, to Varsity and Venturing. The course emphasizes development of personal leadership and team-building management skills.

There are two parts to Wood Badge training: the *Practical* and *Application* phases. In the *Practical* phase, you will live the patrol method and experience the “seamless” Scout program from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts to Venturing. Along the way, you develop a better understanding of Scouting’s youth – and have lots of FUN in the process!

In the *Application* phase, you will put to use the skills learned during the *Practical* phase by working your “ticket” -- a personal plan you develop that should take at least six months and no more than 18 months to complete. Throughout the Wood Badge experience, you are mentored by a staff member.

A Little History...

Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, directed the first leader’s course in 1919, and presented each participant a small wooden bead. From this symbol of accomplishment, the course name was developed for it is literally a “badge of wood”.

A uniqueness of Scouting is the patrol method or small-group dynamic, which remains a cornerstone for Wood Badge - the “gang” who elect their own leader, and plan and carry out many of their own activities. To thoroughly understand the the patrol method, Wood Badge participants are formed into dens, patrols and crews and provided learning opportunities to apply leadership skills. Wood Badge is also the embodiment of Scout spirit. Like many intense training experiences, Wood Badge relies on a busy schedule forcing participants to work together, to organize and foster team spirit – all toward accomplishing challenges in the context of Scouting ideals and in service to our youth. If not for this common goal, it would be hard to get grown men and women to endure a program that runs from early morning to late at night.

Wood Badge is a “memorable experience” – developed with careful planning and strict attention-to-detail. There is little wonder that most Scouters returning from Wood Badge are inspired and well-prepared to provide a

Who Should Attend?

All currently registered adult Scouters are encouraged to attend

Cub Scout Leaders – Den Leaders, Webelos Leaders,

Cubmasters, assistants, pack committee members

Boy Scout Leaders – Scoutmasters, Assistant Scout-

Masters, and troop committee members

Venturing Leaders – Advisors and assistants, committee

Members, consultants, Sea Scout Skippers and Mates

District & Council Leaders – Committee & Board Members,

Commissioners and Chartered Organization Reps

Requirements for Attending:

- * Currently registered as an adult Scouter and have a good working knowledge of unit operations;
- * Have completed basic training for your current leadership position and the program-appropriate outdoor skills training;
- * Submit a current Class 3 Medical Form, No. 34605



What are the Dates? Locations?

Includes an Orientation meeting prior to the the three-day weekends, plus a follow-up reunion meeting. See below for dates and locations.

DATES & TIMES

Orientation Meeting *Boulder Creek Scout Camp*
Saturday, August 21, 2010, - * 9 a.m. to 12 noon

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

First Weekend *Boulder Creek Scout Camp*

Friday, Sept. 24, 2010 - * 8 a.m. opening thru

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010 5:30 p.m. Assembly **

Second Weekend *Boulder Creek Scout Camp*

Friday, Oct. 8, 2010 - * 8 a.m. opening thru

Sun day, Oct. 10, 2010 5:30 p.m. Closing **

Final Troop Meeting *Location TBD*

Saturday, January 23, 2011 - * 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(** time approximate)

A midweek patrol meeting may be held between the two weekends. Time/place determined by patrol members.

Personal Resource Questionnaire

Name _____

Years in Scouting (Youth) _____ Highest Rank Earned _____

Scouting positions held and for how long:

CUB SCOUTS

Den Leader / Assistant _____ Cubmaster _____

Den Leader Coach _____ Committee Chair _____

Webelos Leader / Assistant _____ Committee _____

BOY SCOUTS

Scoutmaster _____ Committee Chair _____

Assistant Scoutmaster _____ Committee _____

VENTURING / EXPLORING / SEA SCOUTS

Venturing Crew Advisor _____ Skipper or Mate _____

Venturing Committee _____ Unit Committee _____

DISTRICT & COUNCIL

Unit Commissioner _____ District Commissioner _____

District Committee _____ District Chair _____

Roundtable Commissioner _____ Order of the Arrow _____

Council Committee _____ Executive Board _____

Scouting Awards received _____

State what you feel is a fair evaluation of your physical condition

How much experience have you had with camping

And how comfortable are you with it

Training experience, and when completed

Religious preference

First Aid Training (year): ___ Basic ___ Advanced ___ CPR ___ EMT ___

Spouse's Name _____

State why you decided to participate in the 21st Century Wood Badge, and what you expect to gain from it:

Scoutcraft Skill Knowledge Level

<i>indicate with "X"</i>	<i>Can</i>	<i>Have</i>	<i>Need</i>
Scout Skills	<i>Teach</i>	<i>Knowledge</i>	<i>Help</i>
Aquatic Sports			
Backpacking			
Camp Sanitation			
Campfire Leadership			
Camping			
Citizenship			
Communications			
Cooking / Food Prep			
Crafts / Handicraft			
Emergency Prep			
Environment			
Firebuilding			
First Aid / CPR			
Games Leadership			
High Adventure			
Hiking / Treks			
Knots & Lashings			
Lifesaving			
Leave-no-Trace			
Map & Compass			
Nature			
Safe Swim Defense			
Safety Afloat			
Songleading			
Star Study			
Teambuilding			
Woods Tools			
Worship Service			

