

Wood Badge - Troop 677

What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is the ultimate leadership training program for the adult leaders of the Boy Scouts of America. Established in 1919 by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Scouting's founder, Wood Badge has been the training ground for hundreds of thousands of Scouters around the world.

Wood Badge training is conducted throughout the United States using a national syllabus. The course is taught over six full days. The contemporary leadership skills taught in the course are: setting vision, mission, and values; high performance teams; the performance model; team development model; communication; project planning; team leadership model; leading change; valuing people and leveraging diversity; problem solving; decision making; managing conflict; coaching and mentoring; and self-assessment. These are skills that can improve the Packs, Troops, and Venture Crews for our youth. They are also leadership skills that can be used in one's profession, at church, and in the community. That is why Wood Badge is called leadership for America.

Wood Badge has been taught in the Greater St. Louis Area Council since 1957. The staff consists of experienced, trained adult Scouters who volunteer their time to conduct what participants rate as an outstanding course.

Who may attend Wood Badge?

Any adult Scouter in a Pack, Troop, or Venture Crew who is registered with the Boy Scouts of American and has completed Adult Leader Training.

When will the courses be taught in 2004? How do I register?

The Spring Course will be May 21-23 and June 4-6 at Beaumont. The Course Director is Fred Schaljo (314-831-3822). The Fall Course will be at Camp Lewallen on August 27-29 and September 10-12. The Course Director is Mike Rushing.

You are encouraged to attend the Promotion Dinner on January 26, 2004 at Wright Lodge at Beaumont. Applications for the course can be obtained from Council web site at <http://www.stlbsa.org/Training/Wood+Badge/>. For the past two years, the spring course fills the night of the Promotion Dinner, and the fall course fills by March. You are encouraged to registered now.

Who has attended from Troop 677?

Recent graduates include Robin Spence, Mike Strobl, John Schrottenboer, and Jim Ritts. Active adult leaders in the troop who have completed Wood Badge are: Ed Aderman, Barry Bingham (Course Director, 2002), Mike Esser, Jeff Graham, Ron Hartmann, Steve Koontz, Larry Lee, Gregg Peterson, Mike Rehn, and Cliff Weeks. In the history of Troop 677, twenty-seven Scouters have been trained in Wood Badge – one of the reasons Troop 677 is a strong and successful Troop. Ask any of them what they think of Wood Badge.

What do people say who have attended Wood Badge?

"I have attended leadership classes in college, at work and on a national level. This class was second to none! If I had my way, this course would be required for every Fire Officer promoted to Captain or above. The team building skills delivered in the context of this course could help anyone succeed." Denis Drozkowski, Captain, Fire Department in St. Charles County, Boone Trails District, 2002..

"Hours upon hours of corporate training doesn't hold a candle to this course." Brett Cayer, Boeing Engineer, Gravois Trails District, 2002.

"This course was one of the very best experiences of my life. I will work diligently to get all of my unit leaders to Wood Badge so that they too may be energized and be empowered beyond what I may be able to provide. It has changed my life." Michael Lohff, Senior Investment Analyst, Pathfinder District, 2002.