



How do I register?

Visit the Wood Badge webpage at our TAC site here:

<http://www.tac-bsa.org/Training/Woodbadge>

You will find news about the course along with a registration form, a Personal Resource Questionnaire (PRQ), a short personal assessment tool titled "20 Questions." and other important information. Your registration is complete when you have paid your full course fee (\$235) and submit your application and PRQ. To reserve your place on the course, visit the Wood Badge page and follow the link to make payment. You can choose to pay in full or you can make a \$100 deposit. All fees must be paid by 1 July 2014

Where can I find out more?

Visit the Wood Badge page in the training section of our web site often as more news information will be posted as we get closer to the course. There will also be a Facebook site setup for the course, search for N5-802-14!

Special Circumstances...

What happens in case of a PCS move or deployment?

Special rules apply in case you move or deploy depending on when it happens. If the move or deployment occurs before the course, we will process a refund in full upon presentation of official orders. See the course refund policy on the Wood Badge page for more details. If you move after the course but before you complete your ticket, we'll work with you to insure your success. If you deploy, you must notify the course director. Time will stop for the entire period of your deployment and resume once you return and contact the course director.

What about refunds?

We know that deployments, moves, and work requirements can override your plans. A course refund policy is provided on the Wood Badge page of the TAC web site.

I can't sing! Do I have too?

Neither can the Scoutmaster, so yes.

The Scoutmaster's Minute...

Thank you for your interest in the BSA's Wood Badge program. Your Scouting friends that have gone through the course will tell you that it is a mountain-top experience.

Transatlantic Council will only offer one Wood Badge course in 2014. BSA regulations limit us to only 48 participants. After the first 48 fully paid participants, applicants will be placed on a stand by reserve list. Preference for openings will be given to fully paid registrations.

If you have any interest in attending Wood Badge, now is the time to do it. The Wood Badge course is held at the Oberdachstetten facilities (Camp Freedom). The interest in this course is expected to be high and you must register early if you hope to beat the rush. N5-802-14's participants will greatly influence Scouting as we continue to move into the new century of leadership in service. Don't miss a chance to take your course while scouting in Europe, Freedom's Frontier since 1953.

Please join us in "The power of One – in Leadership and Legacy." Wood Badge training is an experience you'll never forget.

Yours in Scouting,

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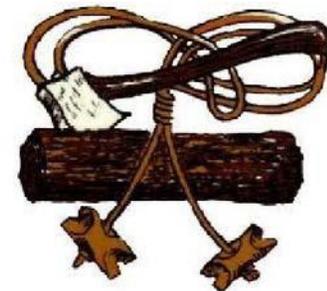
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N5-802-14 WOOD BADGE

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Wood Badge is the Premiere Adult
Leadership Training Program of the
Boy Scouts of America

What is Wood Badge?



What is the purpose of Wood Badge?

The ultimate purpose of Wood Badge is to help adult leaders deliver the highest quality Scouting program to young people and to help leaders achieve their highest potential. It models the best techniques for developing leadership and team-work among both young people and adults.

How much time will Wood Badge take?

Wood Badge consists of a practical phase and an application phase. The practical phase is a week long course taught at Camp Freedom. The application phase can last up to 18 months and is done in your unit at your own pace following an individual plan called a "Wood Badge Ticket" that you will write with help from the staff, during the practical phase. How long it takes to complete the application phase is up to you and you decide when you are done.



When and where is Wood Badge?

Transatlantic Council offers only one Wood Badge course each year. In 2014, the course will be held at Camp Freedom near beautiful Oberdachstetten in the German state of Bavaria. **The dates are 09-15 August 2014.**

Google Maps: <http://goo.gl/maps/tk2Bf>

How will Wood Badge help me?

Wood Badge will teach you leadership techniques in a "living" hands-on environment, and you will be able to apply all you learn to your Scouting involvement and your personal life.

What is a Ticket?

You'll develop your ticket as you go through the course and each session and lesson you attend will provide more ideas and more new skills. Development of your

Ticket is an exercise in goal-setting which includes creating a personal vision along with a mission statement outlining individual steps to personal success.



How do I get my beads?

When you successfully complete your ticket, you will receive your beads at a unique ceremony. In addition to your Wood Badge beads, you will receive a taupe neckerchief with the famed MacLaren tartan, leather "Woggle" for binding the neckerchief and a special Wood Badge certificate.

What are the qualifications?

Wood Badge is a leadership course and is open to all registered Scout leaders at all levels. You will find all programs represented at the course. The staff consists of leaders from Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venture, District and Council.

Here are the qualifications:

- ❖ A registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- ❖ Complete basic training courses for your primary Scouting position
- ❖ Youth older than 18 may attend. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.
- ❖ Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.
- ❖ Have a current Annual BSA Health and Medical Record. Part A, Part B and Part C are required.
- ❖ There is **NO** tenure requirement.



What are the facilities?

The course will be held at Transatlantic Council's own Camp Freedom. Participants and staff will use tents and cots belonging to the camp. Much of our training will be done in the main camp dining hall and vicinity. To help keep you in the Scouting spirit, you'll be sleeping in the finest accommodations, i.e., the great outdoors.



What do I wear?

Participants are encouraged to wear a full BSA uniform. Your fee includes a course shirt and a hat. August tends to be warm and dry, but if you follow the recommended clothing and equipment list, you'll be fine.



What is the food like?

During the first part of the course, meals and snacks will be prepared by the friendly Quartermasters of Troop 1. During the troops out-door experience; you'll be cooking in the patrol-fashion with recipes (with suggested variations) and ingredients provided. If you have any dietary restrictions, please tell the Wood Badge Course Director before the course, and we will be happy to meet your needs.

What is the course registration fee?

The individual fee for attending Wood Badge is \$235. This includes all your meals, course materials, and those coveted Wood Badge beads. There are a few scholarship programs, feel free to discuss this with the Course Director.



What about leave time for soldiers?

If you cannot afford to take leave for Wood Badge, it may be possible for your unit to grant permissive TDY. Please discuss this with your unit commander or supervisor.

What's all this critter stuff about?

A Wood Badge Scouter's critter is the mascot animal of the Scouter's original Wood Badge patrol. In the BSA, the mascot animals are Beavers, Bobwhites, Eagles, Foxes, Owls, Bears, Buffaloes, and Antelopes. In times when courses were larger than 48 participants, Ravens and Wolves were also used. The TAC tradition is to assign participants to patrols without regard to the patrol mascot. Your Course Director's critter is the Owl.



This is not a reference to the way she looks, walks or even acts, only that her Scoutmaster just happened to assign that mascot to her patrol. You'll have a critter too, and you'll find out what it is at the course.