

WOOD BADGE

Orange County Council Invitation from the **Spring 2017** Course Director



Spring 2017 Course W4-39-17-1

*Dive into the Future
with Youth Leadership*

February 10-12 and
February 25-27, 2017

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you a personal invitation to participate in Wood Badge. Please join the Spring 2017 Wood Badge Staff in continuing Lord Baden-Powell's vision of leadership and service to the Scouting program by accepting this invitation. This is the ultimate leadership training experience designed to meet the leadership needs for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, District and Council leaders and will be a truly life changing experience. This course is a multifaceted, interactive presentation of leadership concepts not only relevant to our values-based Scouting movement, but also widely employed by corporate America and leading government organizations. You'll experience learning in a fun-filled way from volunteer Scouters.

The practical portion will be conducted over two three-day-weekends. Between these two weekends, you will be required to participate in patrol meetings, with the location and time to be determined by each patrol. Upon completion of the practical course, your work continues on an individual basis as you "Work your Ticket," a written agreement with yourself that must be completed within 18 months in order to earn your Wood Badge Beads.

The fee for the course is \$280 if received in full by January 9, 2017; after that date it will be \$300. A \$100 deposit is required to secure your course spot when you return the attached reservation form. (The fee is 100% refundable if Jorge Ruiz deSomocurcio at the OCC BSA office receives the cancellation by January 23, 2017.) Please check with your committee chairperson, as some units will help subsidize or pay outright for this training. Limited scholarships are also available; contact me for details. The course size is limited, so registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

I commend you for the job that you are now doing in Scouting, but I am sure that through Wood Badge training you will be able to make an even greater contribution in providing quality leadership that will benefit the Scouting program for our youth. It is my sincere hope that you can arrange your time and commitments to be able to join us on course. I am confident you will find the time well spent and thoroughly enjoyable.

Yours in Scouting,

Colleen Metzger

Spring 2017 Orange County Council Wood Badge Course Director

Location:

Outdoor Education Center
2 Irvine Park Rd, Orange, CA 92869

Cost:

\$280 (before 1/9/17)
\$300 (after 1/9/17)
\$100 Refundable Deposit*

Contact:

Colleen Metzger (714) 343-9362
rcctubamom@yahoo.com

Information:

<http://woodbadge.ocbsa.org>

Prerequisites*

- Registered BSA member
- Completed basic and position related outdoor training
- Capable of safely functioning in an outdoor environment.

Please Print Clearly (additional info on reverse side)

Full Name:		Nickname:
Address:		Date of Birth:
City, St, Zip:		Gender:
Council:	District:	Religious Pref:
Unit Type:	Unit #:	Current Position:
Phone Number:		Email:

In addition, please register electronically at:

<http://woodbadge.ocbsa.org/enroll>

Mail this form along with a \$100.00* check for the registration fee:

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Attn: Jorge Ruiz deSomocurcio
1211 East Dyer Rd
Santa Ana, CA 92705

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Goals of Wood Badge

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is to strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and local councils. The Wood Badge Ticket represents the participant's commitment to complete a set of personal goals relating to that individual's Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which the participant is involved. In addition, the Ticket gives participants an opportunity to practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership skills presented during the course. Participants complete their Wood Badge Ticket no later than 18 months after the course.

Purpose of Wood Badge

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants 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 they learn from their participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their 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

Full Requirements

I understand that attendance at the following sessions is required for completion and certification:

Session 1: Friday, Saturday, Sunday February 10-12, 2017, and
Session 2: Saturday, Sunday, Monday February 25-27, 2017.

Prerequisites for attending this course are:

- Be a currently registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have completed the basic training courses for your Scouting position.
- Have completed the outdoor skills training program appropriate to your position.
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. Successful completion of the outdoor essentials is required.

History of Wood Badge

In 1911, four years after Scouting began in Great Britain, Lord Baden-Powell began training Scouters through a series of lectures. This led to the first Wood Badge training course for Scoutmasters, held eight years later at Gilwell Park near London. In 1936, an experimental Wood Badge course was conducted in the United States at the Schiff Scout Reservation. Then, in 1948, the first American Wood Badge course was introduced in the United States as advanced training for trainers of Boy Scout leaders. Later, the program was extended to include troop committee members, commissioners, and Explorer leaders.

Experiments began in the late 1960s with a leadership development Wood Badge course emphasizing 11 leadership skills or "competencies." This program was launched in 1972 in support of a major revision of the Boy Scout phase of the program. In 1978, an evaluation of the Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge course revealed a need for greater emphasis on the practical aspects of good troop operation. The result was the development of a course that would provide a blend of Scoutcraft skills and practical troop operation, mixed with a variety of leadership exercises.

In 2001, the new Wood Badge for the 21st Century was introduced. It was developed for all Scouters: Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, and council and district leaders. The focus is on leadership skills, not outdoor skills. The first part of the new Wood Badge course reflects unit meetings, while the second part of the course uses a troop camping activity as its delivery model. The Boy Scout Division administers Wood Badge courses nationally.



Summary

Since 1948, the Wood Badge course has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands of leaders. These Scouters have affected the lives of millions of America's youth in a quality Boy Scout program of citizenship training, character development, and fitness.

Please Print Clearly (additional info on reverse side)

Secondary Phone:	Emergency Name / Phone:
Years as a Scouting Volunteer:	Years as a Youth Member:
Date/Type of Basic Training:	
Prior Wood Badge Course:	Critter (if applicable):

* The course fee covers all course materials, meals and lodging. A \$100.00 deposit must accompany this application. Please make checks payable to OCC BSA. Upon receipt of your application, additional information will be sent to you. Full payment must be received by January 23, 2017. If you are unable to attend the course, council must receive your refund request in writing by January 23, 2017, for a full refund. No refunds will be allowed after that date.