



Wood Badge

2026 Participant Information & Guidelines



Purpose of Wood Badge

The primary purpose of the Wood Badge experience is simple: To strengthen Scouting in our units, districts, and council. Every scout deserves a trained leader! It provides dedicated Scouters with the concepts, tools and methods needed to be effective leaders.

Wood Badge creates a structured opportunity to develop and apply critical leadership skills. Leadership is a skill that is used everywhere, on a daily basis.

Attending Wood Badge will make your Scouting job easier. Attendees gain an in-depth understanding of the skills of leadership. The skills acquired will help participants become a more effective leader, in Scouting, in your career, and in your daily life.

When will Wood Badge be Offered?

The Black Warrior Council will conduct an Wood Badge course on the following weekends at Camp Horne.

Weekend #1

Friday, February 20 – Sunday, February 22, 2026
(7:30 a.m. on Friday until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday)

Weekend #2

Saturday, March 7 – Sunday, March 8, 2026
(7:00 a.m. on Saturday until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday)

Participants must be in attendance for the entire course, arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the weekend in order to complete the course. No exceptions may be made to attendance requirements.

What are the Participant Requirements?

In order to participate, a leader must have the following qualifications by the beginning of the course:

- Be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, Sea Scout or Committee).
- Have Completed the basic Leader Specific 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 camping environment.
- Provide a medical form (parts A, B, & C) that is current within one year

Course Leadership

The Scoutmaster/Course Director for the Wood Badge course will be Mr. Charlie Plasters. The Asst. Scoutmaster (Back-Up Course Director) will be Mr. John Sims. An excellent, and experienced, staff of Scouters have been assembled to provide an outstanding training experience.

Course Fee & Payment Schedule

The total cost for the course will be **\$300**. The fee will cover the following items.

- Food for both weekends
- Program materials
- Troop 1 Neckerchief, Tartan Neckerchief, Coin, Pen, T-Shirt, Cap, and final Certificate of Completion, Wood Badge Beads, and Woggle
- Miscellaneous supplies required to conduct the course.

Payment Schedule

- A \$50 transferable, but not refundable, fee is due when the application is submitted.
- \$100 payment due by December 3, 2025.
- Balance of course fee due no later than January 30, 2026.

So that supplies and food may be ordered, the final registration deadline will be January 14, 2026. Payments may be made online through the Wood Badge course section or at the Scout Service Center.

How do I Submit My Application?

A participant may submit an application online from the Council web page (<http://www.bwc-bsa.org>) – use the 'Training' tab on the menu and scroll down to the Wood Badge section -OR- he/she may download and print a paper copy to mail or bring in person to the Scout Service Center.

QUESTIONS??

Contact the Course Director using the email below.

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