WOOD BADGE Advanced Training for all Scout Leaders

WHAT IS WOOD BADGE

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting Experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development. April 12-14 & April 27-28, 2024 LETTER FROM THE COURSE DIRECTOR

Dear Registered Scout Leader(s),

I am humbled and honored to be the course director for 3-59-24 Wood Badge training for the Greater Yosemite Council. I would like to invite you to attend this leadership training opportunity. I have chosen the theme, *"Today's Youth-Tomorrow's Leaders."* Our focus as leaders is to prepare our youth to be successful adults in society. To do this, we must prepare ourselves to offer them a strong scouting program, positive role models, leadership skills and opportunities to grow and develop to their full potential.

Wood Badge is a National Training course that will challenge participants both mentally and physically to become the best leaders that they can be! The course is like no other scout training course you have ever taken. It is the goal of our training staff to offer you an experience that will be rewarding in all you do and one that will never be forgotten. The lessons learned will reach far beyond Scouting and will be useful in all aspects of your life. The friends you will make, the fun you will have, and living the Scouting program first hand will be a life changing experience. I encourage you to ask any fellow Scouters that have completed Wood Badge to share their experience with you. Their testimonials will be very powerful as to the value of this course.

Participants will be taught skills such as effective listening, conflict management, communication skills, and how to lead positive change. The course offers time to practice these skills in a fun and yet an effective way.I invite you to register for this course and accept my challenge of becoming the "BEST LEADER YOU CAN BE!". Thank you in advance for serving in this most rewarding goal to prepare "Today's youth to become Tomorrow's leaders."

Sincerely, Mary Ann Bloom 3-59-24 Wood Badge Course Director



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit level Scouters, such as Cub leaders, Scoutmasters and assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and additional members serving Scouters at the district and council levels.

To attend a Wood Badge course, individuals must:

- Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.
 (Youth 18 and older may attend as long as the appropriate Youth Protection guidelines are followed. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role)
- 2. Have completed the basic training courses for their scouting position.
- 3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the annual Health and Medical record form.



5 Full Days April 12-14, 2024 - Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 27-28, 2024 - Saturday & Sunday



The 3-59-24 Wood Badge course is limited to 48 participants, so do not wait, REGISTER TODAY to avail the below Early Bird Discounts. <u>First 10 to register and PAY IN FULL - \$250</u> <u>Next 20 to register and PAY IN FULL - \$295</u> <u>Course Fee Regular Price - \$330</u> A deposit of \$50 is required to hold your spot and full payment is due before end of the the day Mar 15th, 2024. Please go to www.yosemitescouting.org to register or use the QR code on the left for registration/more information. Options are available online or by calling GYC Council office at (209) 545-6320



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