



WOOD BADGE

2026 Adult Leadership Training

We invite you to challenge yourself at Wood Badge

To... **Inspire**

To... **Lead**

To... **Be the change**

Attend for the Scouts—

Leadership for Scouting

Attend for yourself—

Leadership for America

Purpose of Wood Badge

Wood Badge training was started over 100 years ago in 1919 by Baden Powell with the purpose of properly training adult leaders. Powell noticed that the youth joining the Scouting movement needed to have adult leaders familiar with leadership and therefore designed the Wood Badge course, which is taught worldwide to thousands of Scouters annually.

The combination of time-tested experiences by the Scouting movement along with current leadership theories and team development compose the Wood Badge curriculum. Current corporate America leadership models, academic research, and successful organizations significantly contribute to that curriculum.

Course Details

Weekend 1: 03/14/2026 - 03/16/2026 (3 days beginning at 8AM on Sat 03/14/26)

Weekend 2: 04/11/2026 - 04/12/2026 (2 days beginning at 8AM on Sat 04/11/26)

Note: The course starts promptly at 8 AM each weekend and participants are required to attend both complete weekends.

Location

Garland Scout Ranch at Kinsey Scout Reservation
3492 Hwy 171
Stonewall, LA

Course Breakdown

Part I: **The Practical Experience**

The Practical Experience consists of two Course weekends with interim Patrol meetings held in between these weekends. Attendance at both of the Course weekends and the Interim patrol meetings (the time, date and location of which are determined by patrol members) is **required**.

Part II: **The Application Phase**

After the Practical Experience, each participant will fulfill a contract with themselves called a "**Ticket**" - five Scouting goals that the participant establishes and completes over the next 18 months following the practical course weekends. Upon completion of a participant's ticket, the participant will be awarded their Wood Badge beads.

Course Themes

There are several themes woven into the course, including understanding how your **Values** relate to attitudes in your life, establishing a **Vision** to improve yourself and your Scouts, and building **Mission** goals to help you attain that **Vision**.

The course is designed to help participants to become leaders who will make a positive difference in their pack, troop, crew, ship, district, and council, **and in their own life**.

One of the goals is to help participants to understand the value of setting the **example** for those around them with an optimistic outlook by promoting fun and enjoyment in their Scouting community.

Course Objectives

- Recognize current leadership concepts that are relevant to Scouting
- Apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team
- Revitalize a Scouters commitment to Scouting
- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated, value-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth

How Will I Benefit?

You will learn to make a positive difference in the quality of your Scouting program and directly impact the lives of its members.

Highly trained and dedicated staff will guide you through the course and help you learn more about Scouting than you ever thought possible. You will create memories, make new friends, and it will change your life—just ask anyone who has taken the course.

Who Should Attend?

All registered adults in Scouting, whether a volunteer or a professional, in any of the program areas.

Cub Scout



Scouts BSA



Venturing



Exploring



Sea Scouts



Requirements

- Be registered as an adult in Scouting America
- Complete the training course specifically for your scouting position
- Provide Annual Health and Medical Record form (A/B/C) valid thru April 2026
- Bring to the course an eagerness to learn and a willingness to have a lot of fun!

Course Cost

The course fee is **\$280.00** and must be paid in full by **02/13/2026**. Covers food, instructional materials, and recognitions.

A **\$70.00** deposit reserves your spot, with \$70 due Dec/Jan/Feb. Sign-up today, because the course is limited to 48 participants—so don't delay!

Registration and Payment Methods

https://scoutingevent.com/215-2026_WoodBadge

For More Information

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