

## Recognition:

Although Wood Badge is a training course, not a recognition program, completion of Wood Badge does serve to recognize leadership. Recognition for the successful completion of Wood Badge consists of a parchment certificate, a distinctive Wood Badge neckerchief with a woggle and the Wood Badge (two wooden beads worn on a thong around the neck.) The Wood Badge is recognized worldwide as a symbol of practical training and leadership experience. There are two parts to a Wood Badge Training Course in the Boy Scouts of America, the practical course and the application period.

## The Practical Course:

For two 3-day weekends, you will live, learn and work with other Scouters while being exposed to the leadership skills applicable to the development of both adults and youth. Through this living and working experience, you will develop knowledge and practical understanding of these leadership skills. During this time you will develop a set of goals to be completed in the next 6 to 18 months called a "Ticket."

## The Application Period:

During the application period you will apply the leadership skills that you have learned by working towards the goals (your "Ticket") established during the practical portion of the course. Throughout this period, each person is assigned a Ticket Adviser who acts as a resource, a counselor and a Scouting Friend. Your adviser will help you complete your Ticket and accomplish your goals in Scouting by applying what you have learned. A maximum of 18 months is allowed between the practical experience and final certification.

## Uniforms:

The Wood Badge Course is a uniformed activity. The uniform you wear will be that which is required for your primary registered position in your unit, District or Council and will include shirt, pants (or shorts,) belt and socks.

## Registration:

The total cost of the course is **\$300**. **EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS** will be given to those who register and pay the course fees in full, by this schedule:

- Register and pay in full by Dec. 31, 2016, receive a **\$50 discount** for a total fee of **\$250**.
- Register and pay in full by April 1, 2017 receive a **\$30 discount** for a total fee of **\$270**.

The course fee includes training materials, food and recognition items. In addition, you will need to provide personal camping gear and complete uniforms. Details will be made available on the web site: [www.scoutingvermont.org](http://www.scoutingvermont.org).

To accept this invitation, submit the completed registration form along with a **non-refundable** deposit of \$50 to the Green Mountain Council. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the course reaches capacity of 48 participants.

## Money a Question

Some dedicated Scouters find the financial obligation of training a true burden. Help is available through several sources. Be sure to check for this support from your unit, sponsoring organization or even your employer. A limited amount of scholarship funds are also available. If needed, please contact the Course Director.

## Tax Deductions:

Some costs related to participating in this course may be Federal Income Tax deductions such as costs of uniforms, transportation, course fees and meal costs away from home overnight. Please consult your tax advisor.

## **IN July of 2017**

**There will be a 30-day PRE-Course meeting (location TBD) to answer all of your questions and concerns; to explain uniforming; to take pictures and to give you an overview of the course.**

**Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged.**

**Attendance all six days of the course is required.**

# WOOD BADGE 2017



## COURSE DATES:

**August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

**September 29<sup>th</sup>-  
October 1<sup>st</sup>**

(Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

*All six sessions will be held at Camp  
Sunrise  
Benson, Vermont*

**Green Mountain Council #592  
Invitation / Application**

**Check us out on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/gmwoodbadge2017](http://www.facebook.com/groups/gmwoodbadge2017)**

## Objectives:

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interested, values-based programs that provide age appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts 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 to Scouting by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

The themes that encapsulate the course content:

### *Living the Values*

- Values, Mission and Vision
- Aims and Methods

### *Bringing the Vision to Life*

- Listening to Learn
- Communicating
- Giving and Receiving Feedback
- Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity
- Coaching and Mentoring

### *Models for Success*

- Team Development Model
- Situational Leadership

### *Tools of the Trade*

- Project Planning and Problem Solving
- Managing Conflict
- Assessing Team Performance
- Leading Change
- Celebrating Team Success

### *Leading to Make a Difference*

- Leaving a Legacy
- The Greatest Leadership Secret

## Who May Attend?

You qualify to participate in this exciting experience if you are a registered adult Scouter and have earned the "Trained" patch for your position. This includes Scouters who serve Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews, the District or the Council.

*(Scouters who attended under previous Wood Badge syllabi are welcome to attend as long as they don't take the slot away from a 1<sup>st</sup> time participant.*

*You may register on provision. Attendance confirmation will be given by June 1, 2017.)*

## Medical Form:

Participants need to be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. Completion of BSA Form 34605, parts A, B & C is required for all participants.

*Ultimately, the Wood Badge Course is experience-based learning through group dynamics where participation in the patrol is necessary, in both an indoor and campout setting.*

## Our Hope:

It is the GMC's sincere hope that you can and will make plans to attend Wood Badge Training. You will develop your leadership ability, acquire new skills and make memories, which will last a lifetime. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at: 802-578-8806 or [clint.buxton@gmail.com](mailto:clint.buxton@gmail.com)

## Clint Buxton, Scoutmaster



## Acceptance of Invitation:

I accept the invitation to attend the Green Mountain Council Wood Badge Course, to be held TBD (six full days from early AM thru late PM each weekend.) I understand that 100% attendance during these time periods is required for certification. I have, or will have, completed the Leader Specific Training appropriate for my registered Scouting position. TBD course fee is due by July 1, 2017 (See information on Early-bird discount pricing.)

A \$50 *non-refundable* deposit is enclosed.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please complete all lines.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Specific Training Completed (mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size S M L XL 2X 3X (circle one)

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Recruited by

***Submit application and payment to:***  
Green Mountain Council, BSA  
PO Box 557

Waterbury, VT. 05676  
802-244-5189 or 800-704-3089

Memo: Account #