



WOOD BADGE

Although the Course for the Wood Badge has a rich history going back more than 100 years, there are many reasons why an adult volunteer should consider registering for the course. The purpose of the course is to help participants to gain additional or new skills in topics that include:

Listening

Managing conflict

Leading change

Team development

Coaching & Mentoring

Leadership for different stages

Servant leadership

Project planning



Learning Format and Staffing

The five days of a Wood Badge course are filled with activities. There is a mix of experiential and hands-on learning and presentations from volunteer leaders who started as participants in previous Wood Badge courses. Wood Badge staff are individuals who have completed the onsite portion of the program, and the practical phase as the participants work on projects that include their scout units.

Learning Groups

Like Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews, BSA Ships, or Explorer Posts, Wood Badge participants work in patrols (small groups) during their course experience. Between course weekends one and two, patrols have supplemental meetings in mutually agreed upon locations or online to accomplish team tasks.



The Great Outdoors

Like much of scouting, Wood Badge takes place in a setting that supports and provides access to the outdoors, with themes that leaders might use to encourage and motivate their scouts. The course leaders will make every effort to accommodate physical mobility needs.

The Baltimore Area Council's Spring 2023 Course for the Wood Badge will take place at the Broad Creek Scout Reservation in Camp Oest. The terrain is slightly hilly, and the facilities are communal.



There's No Place Like Your Home Tent

Bring your favorite tent, sleeping bag, camp chair, camp cot, or almost anything else you need to be restful and comfortable during your personal time.

If you have a medical need for electricity, let the appropriate Wood Badge Staff know during orientation (or before). Charge laptops, cell phones, hotspots, and other devices in common areas, but portable batteries are helpful.





Appropriate Attire

Participants will need a BSA Field uniform. If your unit has “Activity” shirts, they will be appropriate during nonuniform portions of the day.

The spring season at Camp Oest can provide unpredictable weather conditions. Participants should plan for a wide range of day and night time temperatures. Since a Scout is prepared, rain gear is always helpful. Closed shoes will be necessary. Please save your flip-flops for the showers.

Celebration Time

After completing the application phase (often referenced as The Ticket), participants are honored when and where they choose at a ceremony. The course leadership and many staff members come together to present the Wood Badge Certificate and other program symbols/awards to the participant(s). Some patrols enjoy being together so much during the journey that they have their completion ceremony together.



Registration Logistic

Orientation is held at the Baltimore Area Council Office on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Weekend 1 is May 5-7, 2023 (7 AM Friday – 5 PM Sunday). Weekend 2 is June 3 & 4, 2023 (7 AM Saturday – 5 PM Sunday). Participants must attend both weekends. The course will take place at Camp Oest, 1800 Robinson Mill Rd, Darlington, MD 21034.

The cost is \$295 (Only \$275 if full payment is made by 2/1/2023). Ask your employer if your time or expense can be covered as professional development. Since this is an investment in your unit, check with your chartered organization to find out if they have funds to help.

Click or scan to register – <https://scoutingevent.com/220-WB231>

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