



# What to Expect from Wood Badge

What can you expect from Wood Badge? In short, exactly what you take with you. If you attend Wood Badge with an open mind, an interest in learning, a passion for Scouting and a desire for fun then you will get an awesome experience that can change your life. If you attend Wood Badge with a negative attitude, feel like someone is forcing you to attend and/or don't want to be there then your experience will not be as enjoyable.

So, what can you expect from Wood Badge if you go in with a good attitude? Great question! Let me try and answer that.

**You will be busy.** Wood Badge is non-stop. Your days will be full of activities, both classroom-style training and active exercises. You will attend meetings, campfire programs and more. There is a lot to do on a Wood Badge course.

**You will make life-long friends.** On your first day you will be placed into a patrol that will become a part of your identity where Wood Badge is concerned. You will do everything with your patrol; you will sit together, take classes together, camp together, cook and clean together, present a project together, celebrate successes together and overcome challenges together. Your patrol is the essence of the team experience you will have at Wood Badge.

**You will challenge yourself.** The challenges you face at Wood Badge will be of your own design, however. The camping isn't difficult and the physical expectations are minimal. During the two weekends of course you will be asked to set five goals for yourself. These goals are expected to be challenging, but they are set entirely by you. These goals will benefit you, your family and your Scouting community. You will have the next eighteen months to complete these goals. After completing these goals you will receive your Wood Badge beads in a ceremony conducted at a time and place of your choosing.

**You will have an opportunity to learn and grow.** The information presented at Wood Badge is some of the best leadership training out there. It's based on contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations. In addition to the classroom-style training, however, the experiences you have on course will give you a tremendous opportunity for personal reflection and growth. If you go back and serve on staff for a course you will learn even more. There is a lot to learn at Wood Badge if you allow yourself to learn it.

**You will have fun.** There is a lot of fun to be had at Wood Badge. The silliness of Scout songs and skits, the fun of a good campfire program, the camaraderie of your fellows and the celebration of successes are all part of the fun and excitement that you can expect at Wood Badge.

Yours in Wood Badge,

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