

Dear Scouter:

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 Scouters around the world.

Wood Badge is intended for all leaders in Scouting—Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The focus is on leadership, not out-of-door skills. The object is to demonstrate the aims and methods of Scouting through the presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and a variety of activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team-development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of sharing the experience with volunteer and professional Scouters while having a great deal of just plain fun.

Because of your commitment to Scouting, you have been nominated to participate in an upcoming Wood Badge course. This will be a tremendous opportunity for you to:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts used in America and discover how those concepts are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn from your participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize your commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that helps to provide Scouting with renewed leadership to accomplish its mission.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be a peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively affected the lives of millions of America's youth.

This course will be conducted at **Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center** in Lanexa, VA over two three-day sessions. The dates are **September 9-11, 2016 and October 8-10, 2016**. The cost of the course is **\$275.00**, submitted as follows: deposit with application, \$50.00; balance of \$225 **by August 5, 2016**. Limited scholarship assistance is available. Please contact me, if you have any hesitance about attending due to cost or would like to seek an alternative payment schedule.

Course enrollment is limited to 48 participants. I encourage you to return the attached Acceptance of Invitation as soon as possible to reserve your spot and consider bringing a Scouter friend to share in the experience.

I sincerely hope that you can participate. You will enjoy it fully and benefit from it immensely. You are to be commended for the work you are doing now in Scouting. The Wood Badge experience will enable you to make an even greater contribution as you help deliver the promise of Scouting.

Should you need more information, one of our Wood Badge Scouters will gladly visit you. Please feel free to contact me by e-mail (preferred) at CVC.WoodBadge.2016@gmail.com or by phone at (757) 593-9051. I urge you to return the enclosed Acceptance of Invitation to the council service center as soon as possible.

Yours in Scouting,



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