

WOOD BADGE ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF GUIDES

What's New in 2016

Here are the significant changes to the Wood Badge *Administrative Guide* and *Staff Guide*. Also, there are some minor changes and some of the forms on the DVD have been updated.

Administrative Guide

This version clarifies that it is recommended, though not required, for the assistant Scoutmaster for Program to be the backup course director. Page 17

The *Guide* suggests that scholarships not be more than 50% of the fee. Page 25.

The “media usage” form is not used. Page 39.

The Request for Authorization has been changed. Pages A-4 & A-5.

The roster forms are now easier to use. Also, there is just one for staff and one for participants. A-6, A-15.

The staff project needs to illustrate all the requirements of a patrol project. Page B-4.

Staff Guide (Syllabus)

Youth Protection is now mentioned in the Day One leadership training section. Page 21.

Page 46 now lists the Aims of Scouting.

The *Wood Badge Game Show* on Day Two reflects the recent program changes in Cub Scouts and Venturing. The session begins on page 151.

The answer for question 9 in the Day Three activity “Have You Seen the Light” has been corrected. The question had been changed but not the answer. Page 178.

The Day Four *Generations* presentation has been modified. It begins on page 239.

The time for the Day Six *Summary Session* has been increased to 45 minutes to allow for more involvement of the participants. Page 330.

There are references to both the *Scoutmaster Handbook* and the *Troop Leader Guide*. Use the *Troop Leader Guide* if it is available.

Movie Licensing for Wood Badge and NYLT

As an organization we need to be mindful of federal laws concerning presentation of videos and video clips at Wood Badge and NYLT. Beginning November 1, 2016, we will be utilizing an umbrella license instead of a limited location/date license. This change will provide several positive outcomes:

- Eliminate the liability exposure for the local Council and National Service Center concerning the presentation of movie and movie clips in connection with Wood Badge, NYLT, and other activities.
- Diminish or reduce the workload of processing movie licenses for local Councils and the National Service Center.
- Decrease the cost of presenting the movies required to present at Wood Badge and NYLT for the local Council by 50%.

All local Council facilities and camps will be included under the “Umbrella License” from November 1 which will allow presentation of movies at other activities besides National Training Courses. In October, councils will be invoiced based on the number of Wood Badge and NYLT courses they will hold in 2016.

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