



WOOD BADGE

Sample Letter of Invitation

(Adjust to meet your course situation. Instructions and portions of the letter that may need to be tailored specifically are in italics.)

Dear *(Scouter's Name)*:

Wood Badge is intended for all adults in Scouting, as well as national, council, and district volunteers and professionals. It focuses on leadership. The objective 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. 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.

I invite you to participate in one of our upcoming Wood Badge courses *(or the upcoming Wood Badge course)* that our council is presenting *(along with the ABC Council)*. 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 leadership concepts used in America and discover how those concepts are relevant to our values-based movement.
- Apply the skills you learn to your Scouting role, at work, at home, and elsewhere.
- 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 the peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively affected the lives of millions of America's youth. Wood Badge will help you perform your Scouting functions more effectively and with less time and trouble, improving your unit for your child and all the other members.

The course(s) will be conducted at Camp _____ in *(two weekend sessions or one five-day session)*. The dates are _____ to _____. You must attend and participate for all five days, and after the course you will do some projects to help your unit and Scouting in general. You design the projects and complete them within the 18 months after the course.

The cost of the course is \$_____, submitted as follows:

Deposit of \$_____ with application.

Second payment of \$_____ by _____.

Balance by _____.



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Limited scholarship assistance is available. Please contact _____, our course director, if you have any concern about attending because of cost or would like to seek an alternative payment schedule.

Course enrollment is limited. I encourage you to register as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

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 be glad to visit with you. Please feel free to contact (*name, probably the course director*) at

(*phone number*) _____ or (*email*) _____.

I urge you to register right away using this link (*link to online registration page, if any*), or go to our council website at (*insert the URL*) to register.

Yours in Scouting,
